



Arctic Award 2019

Guidance for Applicants

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1. Introduction

This is the 3rd year in which a collaboration of transnational and crossborder Interreg programmes from the high north of Europe are to introduce an Arctic Award.

The objective of the Arctic Award is to identify good practice, promote Arctic cross-border collaboration, and raise awareness among projects of each other. The awards are to highlight innovative projects with a clear Arctic dimension, which are viewed as inspirational in their participating regions as well as being seen as creating real, measurable impacts on the ground, and being of direct benefit to Arctic Communities.

All winners are invited to the Award Ceremony.

One main prize is awarded per category. This is a trophy.

The award ceremony is planned to be part of the Arctic Cooperation Conference: What can Cooperation Programmes do for the Arctic. The award ceremony will be on the evening of 17th September, at North Atlantic House (Nordatlantens Brygge), Strandgade 91, Copenhagen, Denmark. Publicity surrounding the Award, and winners, can be used as open source promotion.

2. General Rules

2.1 Award Categories

Each year the Award categories will promote two categories. For the Arctic Award 2019 these are:

Cat.1 Sustainable use of resources

Cat. 2 Arctic entrepreneurial spirit

2.2 Applicants

Projects funded by the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme 2014- 2020, Interreg Nord 2014-2020, Botnia-Atlantica 2014- 2020, Kolarctic CBC 2014-2020, and Karelia CBC are eligible to participate. Applications should be made by the project Lead Partner, on behalf of the partnership. Multiple Lead Partner applications are permissible, if the Lead Partner is responsible for a portfolio of funded projects.

2.3 How to Submit an Application Form

Applications should be submitted online via the application SurveyMonkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/arctic-awards2019>

Applications will be examined by a jury representative of all the participating programmes. All applications must be submitted in English Language.

2.4 Deadline

Applications should be submitted online **no later than 23:59 Central European Time on 26th April 2019**

2.5 Contact Information

All enquires should primarily be sent to: rachel.burn@npa-interreg.eu

If the main contact person isn't available enquiries can also be sent to michela.gaifami@interreg-npa.eu

3. Eligibility Criteria

- a) The application has been submitted via Survey Monkey no later than 23:59 CET on 26th April 2019
- b) The project has been co-financed by the programmes: Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme 2014- 2020, Interreg Nord 2014- 2020, Botnia-Atlantica 2014- 2020, Kolarctic CBC2014-2020, and Karelia CBC
- c) Applications should be submitted by the Lead Partner on behalf of the project partnership.
- d) Applications must be submitted in English Language
- e) The project description must clearly be related to the selected category.
- f) The project is finalised or is sufficiently advanced (i.e. can demonstrate progress in the achievement of the original objectives in the projects participating programme partner areas.
- g) The submitted project should not be for profit, and all results (outputs/ products and services) must be open source.

4. Award Criteria

- a) **INNOVATION:** The character of the project is innovative; the innovation is novel for the Arctic.
- b) **IMPACT:** The project will make a real and tangible impact (or expected impact) to Arctic Development.
- c) **FOCUS:** The focus of the project is on topics of particular relevance to the Arctic area.
- d) **HORIZONTAL:** *Direct benefits for the people living in the Arctic regions*
 - *solutions tailored for an Arctic lifestyle*
 - *the project makes a special effort to involve people in the design of the solutions*
 - *the project demonstrates excellence in promoting its (expected) results to the relevant target audiences*
 - *the project successfully involves underrepresented groups (women, young people, indigenous peoples)*

5. Supporting Guidance on the Award Categories

5.1 CATEGORY 1: Sustainable use of resources

Projects addressing harnessing of environmental protection opportunities appropriate for cold climates and Arctic economic development, including but not limited to preserving environmental quality and Arctic natural resources.

Examples of supported initiatives:

- Developing models to sustainably utilize by- products from economic activities as energy sources for Arctic communities.
- Promoting and facilitating the transfer and development of innovative energy efficiency concepts suitable for Arctic regions. Focus could also be placed on smart energy management concepts.
- Facilitating and developing delivery mechanisms supporting Arctic business investment in clean technology.

- Develop and transfer new organisational models, such as pooling of competences across regional and national borders, facilitating cross sector sustainable environmental management specific to the Arctic regions via efficiency methods as well as initiatives designed to protect and or preserve the environments in harsh or cold climates.

5.2 CATEGORY 2: Arctic entrepreneurial spirit

The project supports businesses based on Arctic opportunities and cultural heritage (food innovation, tourism, creative and cultural industries, indigenous cultural businesses; as well as the assisting of niche industries' move to commercialisation and achievement of critical mass.

Examples of supported initiatives:

- Collaboration for further development and growth of various industries, including diversified networks of businesses .
- Marketing of products based on Arctic natural resources or agriculture/aquaculture.
- Culture tourism based on the culture in the Arctic, including indigenous peoples of the north.

