The role of Arctic cooperation programmes

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The EU-Arctic Communication

• European Arctic suffering from underinvestment
• Enhancing collaboration and coordination between different EU funding programmes
• NPA shall lead a pilot activity
The NORD cbc Programme, 50 MEUR

Priorities:
- Strengthen innovation
- SME competitiveness
- Environment and sustainable use of resources
- Employment and mobility

Speciality:
- Sápmi peoples’ culture
Botnia-Atlantica cbc, 37 MEUR

Priorities:
- Innovation
- Entrepreneurship
- Natural an cultural heritage
- Transport
Kolarctic cbc/ENI, 44 MEUR

Priorities:
- Viability of Arctic economy, nature and environment.
- Fluent mobility of people, goods and knowledge

Speciality: Russia is partner, ENI instrument used
Northern Periphery and Arctic tnc, 56 MEUR

Priorities:
- Innovation
- Entrepreneurship
- Energy efficiency
- Natural and cultural heritage

Speciality: Canada & Russia “associated”, the Arctic dimension
Commonalities

- Overlapping areas (N-FI, SE, & NO)
- Overlapping priorities (innovation, SMEs, environment)
- Overlapping partners (Universities, regional & local authorities in N-FI, SE, NO)
- Several bi-lateral overlaps
Stakeholder representatives & experts

- Marek Maciejowski, ND, PP Public Health
- Tomas Hallberg, BEAC Secretariat
- Tom Barry, Arctic Council, WG Biodiversity
- Elle Merete Omma, Indigenous Peoples’ Secretariat
- Anu Fredrikson, Arctic Economic Council, Secretariat
- Rasmus Ole Rasmussen, Nordregio, Nordic Council of Ministers
- Chris McDonald, OECD
- Irene McMaster, EPRC
Questions to the panel

• Should the programmes be more streamlined?
• What topics or types of projects would make the biggest impact?
• Are the programmes overlooking specific target groups?
• Do the programmes make sense in a business perspective?
Representatives from Programmes

- Lena Anttila, NORD cbc, MA
- Päivi Ekdahl, Kolarctic cbc & ENI, MA
- Irene McMaster, EPRC
- Katerina Kring, INTERACT
Questions to the programmes

- Could the programmes get better results by working together?
- What kind of simple and smart steps could be taken?
- Post-2020?
Barents Cooperation

• Charter

Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC)

Committee of Senior Officials (CSO)

Working Group on Economic Cooperation (WGE)

Barents Forest Sector Task Force (BFSF)

Working Group on Environment (WGE)

Steering Committee for the Barents Euro-Arctic Pan-European Transport Area (BEATA)

International Barents Secretariat (IBS)

Working Group of Indigenous Peoples (WGIP)

Joint Committee on Rescue Cooperation

Barents Regional Council (BRC)

Barents Regional Committee (RC)

Joint Working Group on Health and Related Social Issues (JWGRSH)

Joint Working Group on Education and Research (JWGER)

Joint Working Group on Energy (JWEG)

Joint Working Group on Culture (JWGC)

Joint Working Group on Tourism (JWGT)

Joint Working Group on Youth (JWGY)

Joint Working Group on Environment (JWGE)

Joint Working Group on Transport and Logistics

Joint Working Group on Investments and Economic Cooperation

• Barents Map

THE BARENTS EURO-ARCTIC REGION

Map: Arctic Centre, University of Lapland
Thank you for listening

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