

Status Report on the Regional Working  
Group on Environment  
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# RWGE meetings 2010-2011

- **April 2010, RWGE meeting back to back with the WGE meeting in Jukkasjärvi, Sweden. Participants from Norrbotten, Västerbotten, Finnmark, Troms, Lapland, Norht Ostrobothnia, Murmansk and Komi was present.**
- **December 2010, RWGE meeting back to back with the WGE meeting in Arkhangelsk, the Russian Federation. Participants from Norrbotten, Finnmark, Nordland, Lapland, Norht Ostrobothnia, Archangelsk and Komi was present. The chairmanship was rotated from Finnmark to Norrbotten.**
- **June 2011, RWGE meeting back to back with the WGE meeting in Komi, the Russian Federation. Participants from Norrbotten, Finnmark, Lapland, Norht Ostrobothnia, Archangelsk and Komi was present**
- **September 2011, RWGE meeting back to back with the WGE meeting in Piteå, Sweden. Participants from Norrbotten, Västerbotten, Finnmark, Troms, Lapland. No Russian region participated. Russia was present from the national level.**



# Projects and activities

## Bilateral cooperation

- Degradation on Permafrost in the Barents Region (Finland-Komi)
- Eco-efficient communities (Västerbotten-Karelia)
- Information Change on Water Management (WFD) issues and Water Laboratory cooperation (Fi-RF)
- Flood forecasting and modelling to meet with the challenges of climate change (Fi-RF)
- Climate change and airborne pollutants in the Pasvik River Basin (No-Fi-RF)
- Ground water supply in Sortavala district (Fi-RF)
- TRIWA III project "Forestry impact and water management in Torne International River Basin (Fi-Swe)
- Troms County Council cooperates with the secondary school in Murmans and also cooperate with the Agricultural training school in Arkhangelsk



### **Trilateral cooperation**

- Feasibility study on Treriksroset (Norrbotten, Metsähallitus (FI), Troms (No))
- Environmentally sustainable small enterprises in the Barents Region (Educational activity developed in Nordland)
- The Pasvikprogramme report (inter alia water monitoring, analysis of heavy metals, POPs and PAHs in fish are analyzed and reported. Border areas of (Finnmark (No), Lapland (Fi) and Murmansk (RF) participate)
- Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park (monitoring of inter alia the brown bear. Also a part of the Green Belt of Fennoscandia. See above members that participate)
- Kolarctic salmon 2011-2013 – Trilateral cooperation on our common resource; the Atlantic salmon in the Barents region

### **Multilateral cooperation**

- Green Package (Educational activity in cooperation between (Swe, Fi, No and Komi)
- Water Management Initiative in Arkhangelsk (Norrbotten, Finnmark, Troms, Lapland, North Ostrobothnia and Archangelsk)  
Status: unclear.



# Action Programme

- Updating the Action programme for the Regional working group
- Paragraphs on inter alia Mining Industry and Transfrontier Waste Shipments will be either updated or added



# Issues to be addressed

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- Lack of participation from our colleagues in the North West of the Russian Federation. More continuity of participation is asked for.
- Lack of financial resources.
- Lack of separate meetings

