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**Do you wish to work in an international organization in the European North?
Check out the open position of a Youth, Education and Culture Adviser at the
International Barents Secretariat!**

The International Barents Secretariat in Kirkenes, Norway, is seeking a candidate for the position of a Youth, Education and Culture Adviser for a two-year period, starting in April 2021.

The main function of the International Barents Secretariat (IBS) is to support the multilateral activities within the Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC) and the Barents Regional Council (BRC).

The IBS aims to increase and secure the coherence and efficiency of the Barents co-operation. To this end, the IBS assists the biennially rotating governmental and regional Chairs in their tasks. In addition, the IBS supports the Barents Working Groups. The IBS maintains the archives of the official cooperation and serves as an information database, as well as maintains contacts with other organisations and stakeholders operating in the Barents and Arctic regions, the national and regional authorities of the Member States and the media. [Link to Founding documents of the IBS.](#)

Within a team of 4 staff members under the supervision of the Head of the Secretariat, the position of a **Youth, Education and Culture Adviser** at the IBS offers challenging and interesting tasks in multilateral international co-operation in the quickly developing Arctic region. **The main responsibilities of the Adviser are:**

- To co-ordinate the work in the field of youth issues education and culture within the Barents co-operation
- To assist *the IBS in providing support the Joint Working Group on Youth, the Joint Working Group on Education and Research and the Joint Working Group on Culture.*
- To assist the IBS in providing support to the Working Group of Indigenous Peoples, when necessary
- To maintain contacts and information exchange between relevant stakeholders in the region

Other tasks as instructed by the Head of the IBS

The candidates should have:

- First level university degree in related field;
- Experience in multilateral co-operation, preferably Barents cooperation structures;
- Excellent communication skills, both written and spoken;
- Demonstrated knowledge of the project management cycle;
- A good knowledge of education, youth and cultural issues in the Northern/Barents regions, and of cross-cutting issues, such as climate change and sustainable development;
- A good command of English (oral and written), knowledge of either Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian, Russian or Sami knowledge is an additional asset;
- Readiness to enhance gender awareness and sensitivity, and an ability to integrate a gender perspective into tasks and activities.

The IBS highlights the candidate's ability to take independent responsibility, take initiative and work proactively and flexibly as part of the team. The candidate should have experience in intergovernmental co-operation and an interest in the regional co-operation in the European North.

The work will involve travelling (around both the Nordic countries and Russia) and a valid driving license is therefore a prerequisite.

Please note that the vacancy is open for competition only amongst nationals of participating States of the Barents co-operation, please see [About Us - Beac \(barentscooperation.org\)](#). Salary upon agreement.

The IBS is committed to diversity and inclusion, and welcomes qualified female and male candidates from all religious, ethnic and social backgrounds.

Send in your letter of motivation together with your CV by 28 February 2021 to:

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