

## FINNISH-RUSSIAN AB-WASTE PROJECT

**Title:** AB-Waste / Waste cooperation between BEAC WGE and ACAP

**Period:** 1/2017 – 12/2018

**Financier:** Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

### Main objectives:

- To support cooperation regarding management of municipal and hazardous waste and to strengthen waste management planning and implementation of these plans in the Arctic, especially in Russia;
- To promote introduction of best practices in waste treatment/recovery;
- To support Finnish chairmanship of the Arctic Council in the environmental sector;
- To densify the cooperation between AC and BEAC in solving environmental problems in the Northern Europe;
- To support implementation of international chemical and waste conventions in the Arctic;
- To promote development of bioeconomy in recovery of waste and recycled materials and biomasses.

### Tentatively planned activities:

- Study tour to Finland (for Russian waste experts, according to needs of the Russian regions);
- Translation and/or analysis of the Russian BREFs related to waste management, if deemed useful;
- Seminar in Russia (in cooperation with BAT Bureau & regional authorities);
- Smaller workshop(s) to support exclusion of Barents environmental Hot Spots;
- Participating in development of exclusion criteria for waste related Hot Spots;
- Identification of need for further projects (together with other Barents countries & NEFCO), evaluating financing options.

### Project partners:

- In Finland: Ministry of Environment; Finnish Environment Institute SYKE; ELY Centers of the Finnish Barents regions (esp. Kainuu); private and municipal waste management facilities
- In Russia: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment; authorities responsible for waste management at the regional (and municipal) level; BAT Bureau; All-Russian Institute of Ecology
- Other international partners: members of BEAC Working Group on Environment (WGE) and ACAP, International Barents Secretariat, NEFCO

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