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4. Creation of hi-tech knowledge-intensive cluster in the Barents region, providing qualified human resources and gradual transition to the common labour market. Science, education and development of modern knowledge-intensive technologies will always outline the perspectives and future for the Barents region. In the process of implementing large-scale projects on the Arctic development we should concentrate on the system of training qualified specialists, conducting research and developing innovative technologies for public and commercial contracts. Today the Northern (Arctic) Federal University and other large higher institutions of the Barents region are integral part of implementing the regional employment programs and developing strategic projects on creation of industrial territorial clusters. Within industrial works on the continental shelf we would like to foster cooperation programs between universities and state and private resource corporations. We realize that research and innovation potential in reformation of industrial and social development of the Barents region to the full extent it is necessary to join forces and aim at development of new manufacturing directions, creation of favourable conditions for innovation activity and common labor market, enhancement of quality and competitiveness of unemployed population.

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7. Cross-border cooperation on public health development, improvement of the quality of life in the Barents region. Disease prevention and promotion of healthy lifestyle play a core role in maintaining population’s health for public health authorities of the Barents region. Level of responsibility that the government has for its citizens can also be defined by the quality of support measures, especially for socially vulnerable categories of people, small children, the elderly and socially disabled people. Large families and senior people. Therefore Arkhangelsk Region Government will favour cross-border projects aimed at improvement of public health system in the Barents region.

8. Cross-border projects in the sphere of culture and sports, preservation of cultural heritage, identity and traditions of people of the Northern regions. Socio-cultural interaction is the basis of the level of cultural communities’ accessibility for people. Cultural and sport resources of the Barents region, youth initiatives and programs aimed at involving young people for cultural and sport activities on the Arctic coast. Thus organization of regional joint sport events for teams representing the Barents counties should be encouraged. The main aim of the joint sport event, which will be held under the auspices of the Government of the Russian Federation, the Federal Agency for Tourism and the Russian Geographical Society, is to foster joint cooperation of the Northern regions and Russia. We hope that each partner region, young people and sportspersons of the Barents region will take part in this large and bright event of the upcoming year.