The Barents Forest Sector Network

THE BARENTS EURO-ARCTIC REGION

NORWEGIAN CHAIRMANSHP 2019–2021
"We will focus on the areas of
  • health,
  • people-to-people contact and
  • knowledge,
with a view to building a stronger and more resilient Barents region",

Ine Eriksen Søreide,
Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Norwegian Chairmanship of the Barents Euro Arctic Council
2019-2021
Objective of the Barents Forest Sector Network

Achieve a balanced and coherent view on forests as well as on products and services they provide - to meet key challenges and contribute to the development of a sustainable society in the Barents region.
Norwegian priorities

- Norway will continue the long-term strategy of focusing on the forest-based bioeconomy.
- Aim to identify potential challenges relating to the transition to a low-carbon society.
- Focus on knowledge by engaging the forestry sector and research organizations located in the Barents region.
- Strengthen regional cooperation, involve other working groups and the secretariats within Barents Euro-Arctic Cooperation.
- Encourage youth participation.
The roadmap

• Conduct a process towards **a Barents Forest Forum 2021** as the main event of the Norwegian chairmanship.

• Use the **Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO)** as secretariat and focal point for the chairmanship.

• Invite **members and experts** to BFSN meetings, for planning the work and to **exchange research results and best practices**.

• Forum and BFSN meetings preferably in the Norwegian part of the Barents region.

• Cooperation with research stations and the forest sector located in the Norwegian part of the Barents region.
See you next time… in Norway!