



The Barents Working Groups

The Report during the Chairmanship period 2015-2017

Name of the Working Group: The Joint Working Group on Culture

The current Chair and the Chairmanship period: Russian Federation and Kainuu Region, 2015-2017

1. Priorities of the Chairmanship

Russian Federation:

Kainuu Region:

2. Meetings (meetings held, main topics and outcomes of the meetings)

1st meeting of JWGC in Kajaani on 30th -31st May 2016,

- Barents culture cooperation scholarship – Guidelines were prepared
- Preparing for joint meeting of 3 working groups
- The Mandate of JWGC – to be noticed
- Adoption the Action Plan 2016-2017 for JWGC
- reports of JWGC members

The joint meeting of JWGC, JWGT and JWGTL “Visit Arctic Europe” – vision of Tourism:

Promoting Arctic Tourism together in Barents area would be important in global context.
No project application has been prepared since then.

2nd meeting of JWGC in Moscow on 13th October 2016,

- Barents culture cooperation scholarship – Guidelines were prepared
- Draft agenda for the meeting of the Ministers of Culture/beac was prepared
- discussing the final document for the meeting of the ministers of culture/beac

3rd meeting of JWGC in Moscow on 8th November 2016,

- Final guidelines for Barents culture cooperation scholarship
- Final agenda for the meeting of the ministers of culture/beac
- Finalising the statement document for the meeting of ministers of culture/beac

Meeting of The Ministers of Culture of BEAC Member-States, in Moscow 9th November 2016

- Announcement of Establishment of the Barents Scholarship for Cultural Cooperation
- Adoption of the Statement of Ministers of Culture of BEAC Member-States

4th meeting of JWGC in Harstad Norway on 19th June 2017

- presentation of the candidates of the regions for the Barents Scholarship for Cultural Cooperation and selection of the recipients, except Russia
- planning the procedures for scholarship ceremonies
- commenting the draft Barents Regional Program

3. Other activities (projects, events, programmes etc.)

- participation in Barents Forum in Helsinki 8th December 2016. Main target was to enable larger projects by area, by number of partners and funding volume.

4. Results of the year (decisions, new initiatives, improvements)

- Barents Culture Scholarship Guidelines and selection of the first Recipients of the scholarship.

5. Evaluation of the work (What went well, what needs improvement)

- The Guidelines for Barents Scholarship on Culture Cooperation were done in good spirit and activity.
- As soon as the procedures for financing the Barents Scholarship in Russia will be ready, the first scholarships will be awarded.

6. Other

- The photographic competition is going on until the end of October. Seminar, announcing winners and prizing will be 9th November 2017 in Kuhmo, Kainuu, Finland.