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**Event**            **2<sup>nd</sup> JMC Meeting of the Kolarctic CBC 2014 – 2020 Programme**

**Date**             **27. - 28.10.2016**

**Location**        **Angleterre Hotel**  
24, Malaya Morskaya str., St Petersburg, 190000, Russian  
**Meeting room 'Anna Pavlova'**

**Language**        The meeting was held in English.

### **PARTICIPANTS OF THE MEETING**

#### **Thursday 27.10.2016**

#### **Members and Deputy Members:**

##### **Finland:**

Haapalainen Petri (Ministry of Employment and the Economy)  
Keitanen Maarit (Ministry for Foreign Affairs) with power of attorney from Birgit Autere  
Halonen Hilikka (Regional Council of Lapland)  
Ruokanen Leena (Lapland Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment)  
Rautajoki Timo (Lapland Chamber of Commerce)

##### **Norway:**

Skjerpen Arve (Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation)  
Dahl Irene (Troms County Council)  
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##### **Russia:**

Bibichkova Svetlana (Ministry of Economic Development)  
Sazhinov Alexey (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)  
Smirnov Yuri (Murmansk Regional Government)  
Kalinin Alexey (Administration of the Arkhangelsk Region Governor and Government)  
Kungurtsev Sergey (Administration of Nenets Autonomous District)

##### **Sweden:**

Antti Johan (County Administrative Board of Norrbotten)  
Lindvall Kristian (Ministry for Foreign Affairs)  
Erikson Maria (Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation)  
Berggård Glenn (Norrbotten County Council)  
Ylinenpää Malin (Swedish Agency for Economic Growth, Luleå Office)

#### **Other participants:**

Subbotin Ilya (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)  
Helland Bente (Troms County Authority)  
Ekdahl Päivi (Regional Council of Lapland)  
Sukuvaara Katja (Managing Authority)  
Lahdenranta Marjaana (Managing Authority)  
Musifullina Renata (Managing Authority)  
Niska-Honkonen Katri (Managing Authority)  
Pääsuke Kairi (Luleå Branch Office)  
Solstad Saigusjkin Jan M. (Vadsø Branch Office)  
Mosand Linda (Vadsø Branch Office)  
Korshunova Julia (Murmansk Branch Office)  
Chaplinskaya Valentina (LSP Coordinator, Kolarctic ENPI CBC)  
Gómez José Antonio (European Commission, Head of Sector, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR))  
Puzo Iveta (Technical support to the implementation and management of ENI CBC Programmes, TESIM)  
Järviö Pekka (Jarvio Associates)

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### 1. Opening of the meeting

The Chairman of the JMC, Ms Svetlana Bibichkova opened the meeting on 27.10.16 at 13.30. The Chairman informed participants on the signing the Declaration of Impartiality and Confidentiality handed out to Members, Deputy Members and Observers.

#### Notification of participants

The list of JMC Members and Deputy members as an **Annex 1** was presented. All participating countries were presented in particular 15 Members and 4 Deputy members.

#### Approval of the meeting agenda

The meeting Agenda was presented. It was proposed to change the order of Agenda *point 5. Discussion and shortlisting the Large Infrastructure Projects (LIPs) summaries and approval of the guidance letter including invitation to submit the LIP Full application* to the Agenda point 2.

## DECISION

Participants of the meeting were notified and the quorum is established. Meeting Agenda with the proposed changes was adopted.

## State of Play of the Kolarctic CBC 2014-2020 Programme

Mr José Antonio Gómez (EC) gave presentation on the current status of the ENI CBC Programmes from the EC perspective.

Mr Pekka Järviö presented the status of the Financing Agreement negotiations concerning the Kolarctic CBC Programme.

### DECISION

Presentations given by Mr José Antonio Gómez and Mr Pekka Järviö were noted by the JMC.

## 2. Discussion and shortlisting the Large Infrastructure Projects (LIPs) summaries and approval of the guidance letter including invitation to submit the LIP Full application

Ms Katja Sukuvaara (MA) gave presentation on the LIPs procedure and LIPs summaries (**Annexes 13 and 14**) for discussion and to be shortlisted; the guidance letter and invitation to submit the LIP full application for approval (**Annex 15**).

### DECISION

The presentation was noted by the JMC. The JMC discussed the LIP summaries and delegated the MA to request the Lead Applicants of the underneath listed LIP summaries to submit clarifications by the end of November 2016 on the Partner's monopoly status - ***the Autonomous non-commercial organisation "Project Management Center"/ANO PMC (Russia):***

1. General Furnishing and Surface Infrastructure Development of the Kola – Verhnetulomsky – BCP Lotta Road;
2. General Furnishing and Surface Infrastructure Development of the Kandalaksha Alakurtti – BCP Salla Road;
3. Improvement of road 82 between Salla center and the Russian border
4. Reconstruction of the road Kaamanen – Kirkenes.

The JMC delegated the MA to request the Lead Applicants of the underneath indicated LIP summary to submit clarifications by the end of November 2016 on the Partner's legal entity and monopoly status - ***Partnership on Transport and Logistics of the Northern Dimension, NDPTL (Finland):***

5. Reconstruction of automobile border crossing point Lotta.

The JMC delegated the MA to request the Lead Applicants of the underneath indicated LIP summary to submit clarifications by the end of November 2016 on the cross-border impact and the Partner's monopoly status - ***ООО Транзападстрой (Russia):***

7. Construction of innovative off-grid power supply system for the Arctic conditions using combined fossil – renewable energy generation in the settlements of Nes', Karataika, Amderma and Indiga of the Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Russia as a tool for climate change mitigation in Arctic cross-border territories – ARCCinnopsys.

The JMC discussed and approved the guidance letter to submit LIP Full applications. The further discussion on the LIP summaries is postponed on the next day JMC meeting, 28.10.16.

### 3. Approval of the essential Programme documents for Open Call for Proposals and the Technical Assistance budget for 2017

- 1) Ms Katja Sukuvaara (MA) provided an overview on the Work Programme 2017, including the indicative schedule to open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Calls for Proposals in 2017 and the indicative Programme financing to be allocated for the Calls (**Annex 2**).

Mr Arve Skjerpen proposed to increase allocation of the Norwegian Kolarctic financing for the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals up to 4 000 000 EUR.

The MA proposed to eliminate the division of financial allocation by Thematic Objectives, but rather to indicate the total amount of financial allocation available for the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals as following: 15 352 080 EUR and up to 4 000 000 EUR of the Norwegian Kolarctic financing.

Ms Svetlana Bibichkova proposed to change the date of launching the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals on 23.01.2017 and close it on 15.03.2017.

Mr Alexey Sazhinov proposed to update the *Table 1. Estimated work plan and time schedule for the year 2017* of the Work Programme 2017 with information on JMC as the responsible party for Direct award procedure: 2<sup>nd</sup> step of the LIP selection procedure (full applications).

Ms Iveta Puzo noted that training for ongoing projects shall be added to the Work Programme 2017.

- 2) Ms Marjaana Lahdenranta (MA) presented Information and Communication Plan 2017 (**Annex 3**).

Ms Svetlana Bibichkova noted that advertising on the launching 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals shall start in December 2016.

- 3) Ms Marjaana Lahdenranta (MA) gave presentation on the Evaluation grid for RAGs (**Annex 7**) and the calculation model of the evaluation grid points (**Annex 8**).

Ms Irene Dahl proposed to update the question 4 of the Evaluation Grid as following: To what extent the project is important for the implementation of Kolarctic CBC programme's strategy?

Ms Iveta Puzo commented the question 9 of the Evaluation Grid and proposed to make the following changes: Is the intervention logic of the project good?

Ms Leena Ruokanen expressed the need to include in the Evaluation Grid the question on the negative environmental impacts.

4) Ms Renata Musifullina presented Monitoring and Evaluation Plan 2017 (**Annex 9**).

Mr Alexey Sazhinov expressed the need to update the chapter 9. Management structure of the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan 2017 with the full information on the Management structure from the Joint Operational Programme of the Kolarctic CBC 2014-2020 Programme.

## DECISION

The JMC decided to postpone the discussion on the Application pack for the 1st Call for Proposals and Technical Assistance budget 2017 (**Annex 10**) on the next day JMC meeting, 28.10.16.

The presentations and provided information were noted by the JMC. The JMC discussed and approved the Work Programme 2017, **including the date of launching the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for proposals - 23.01.2017 and the date of its closure - 15.03.2017; and financial allocation for the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals**; Information and Communication Plan 2017; Evaluation grid for RAGs and the calculation model of the evaluation grid points. The decisions made on opening of the Calls for Proposals are done with a suspensive clause until entering into force of the Financing Agreement

The information to be added was noted and shall be updated by MA to the Work Programme 2017; Information and Communication Plan 2017; the Evaluation grid for RAGs and the calculation model of the evaluation grid points; Monitoring and Evaluation Plan 2017.

## Closing of the meeting at 18.15

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### Friday 28.10.2016

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### 3. **Approval of the essential Programme documents for Open Call for Proposals and the Technical Assistance budget for 2017**

The Chairman, Ms Svetlana Bibichkova opened the meeting on 28.10.2016 at 9.00. All participating countries were presented in particular 14 Members and 4 Deputy members.

Ms Katja Sukuvaara (MA) gave presentation on the Technical Assistance budget 2017 (**Annex 10**).

#### DECISION

The JMC discussed and approved the Technical Assistance budget 2017. The budget allocation for the Russian BOs and Programme activities implemented on the territory of the Russian Federation are subject to entering into force of the Financing Agreement.

### 4. **Technical corrections to the Joint Operational Programme**

Ms Katja Sukuvaara (MA) presented technical corrections to be made to the JOP.

Mr Glenn Berggård informed that the Swedish Parliament decided to change the name of Norrbotten County Council to Region Norrbotten from 01.01.2017.

#### DECISION

The JMC discussed and adopted corrections to be made by MA to the JOP. The JMC decided to apply for an amendment to the JOP together with other possible corrections appeared after signing of the Financing Agreement, if it is requested by the EC to apply for an amendment to the JOP from the EC. The information provided by Mr Berggård was noted by the JMC.

### 5. **Nomination of the Regional Assessment Groups (RAGs) and approval of the Rules of Procedure of the RAGs**

Ms Katja Sukuvaara (MA) gave presentation on the Rules of Procedure of the RAGs, including the draft list of RAG members and deputy members (**Annex 11**).

## DECISION

The JMC confirmed the list of members and deputy members for the RAGs. The JMC confirmed sufficient language skills of RAGs members and deputy members. The JMC approved the Rules of Procedure of the RAGs.

### 3. **Approval of the essential Programme documents for Open Call for Proposals and the Technical Assistance budget for 2017**

Ms Katja Sukuvaara (MA) gave presentation on the Application pack for the 1st Call for Proposals:

- Application form (**Annex 4**) and its annexes (budget template, logframe, national co-financing form, partnership statement);
- Guidelines for the 1st Call for Proposals (**Annex 5**)
- Eligibility evaluation checklist for the MA and BOs (**Annex 6**).

## DECISION

The JMC discussed the application pack and proposed to make changes in the Guidelines for the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals and Eligibility evaluation checklist for the MA and BOs. The proposed changes were noted by MA. The JMC delegated MA to make necessary changes. The MA will provide JMC with updated documents for information and consideration.

### 2. **Discussion and shortlisting the Large Infrastructure Projects (LIPs) summaries and approval of the guidance letter including invitation to submit the LIP Full application**

The JMC continued the discussion on LIP summaries to be shortlisted.

## DECISION

The JMC shortlisted the following LIP summaries to be sent by the MA to the EC consultation as well as reserve list, if the delivered clarifications from these LIP summaries are accepted:



#### Shortlisted LIP summaries

- General Furnishing and Surface Infrastructure Development of the Kola – Verhnetulomsky – BCP Lotta Road
- Reconstruction of the road Kaamanen – Kirkenes
- Raja-Jooseppi BCP development and reconstruction; traffic arrangements, buildings and technology

#### Reserve list of LIP summaries

- Reconstruction of automobile border crossing point Lotta
- Construction of innovative off-grid power supply system for the Arctic conditions using combined fossil – renewable energy generation in the settlements of Nes', Karataika, Amderma and Indiga of the Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Russia as a tool for climate change mitigation in Arctic cross-border territories – ARCCinnopsys

The decisions made regarding the LIPs were done with a suspensive clause until entering into force of the Financing Agreement.

## 6. Discussion on the establishment of the Branch Offices

Ms Päivi Ekdahl provided facts regarding the prolongation of the Branch Office in Murmansk (Russia) of the Kolarctic ENPI CBC Programme and establishment of the Branch Office(s) in Russia of the Kolarctic CBC Programme.

The Norwegian Delegation confirmed that the host organization for the BO in Norway of the Kolarctic CBC 2014-2020 Programme is Finnmark County Authority in Vadsø.

Ms Maria Erikson confirmed that the host organization for the BO in Sweden of the Kolarctic CBC 2014-2020 Programme is County Administrative Board of Norrbotten in Luleå.

Mr Yuri Smirnov informed that the Murmansk Regional Government investigated the possibility on the hosting organization for Russian Branch Office in Murmansk. This information will be provided to the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation.

Ms Svetlana Bibichkova asked about possibility to prolong the current BO contract till the end of December, 2016 to ensure the organization of the information seminars on the Russian territory.

## DECISION

The JMC discussed the facts presented by the MA. The information provided by the national delegations was noted by JMC. The Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation will provide the MA by the middle of November 2016 with the state of play on the prolongation of the Financing Agreement 2007-2013 and consequently the use of Technical Assistance budget of the Kolarctic ENPI CBC Programme. Based on that, the further steps to be taken by the MA regarding the prolongation of the Branch Office in Murmansk (Russia) shall be decided.

**7. Any other business**

Mr Alexey Kalinin noted the importance of the Kolarctic CBC Programme's participation in the Arctic – Territory of Dialogue Forum that will take place in Arkhangelsk (Russia) on 30.03.2017.

**8. Next meeting**

Next meeting of the JMC will be held in Oslo (to be confirmed) Norway on 07.-08.06.2017.

**9. Closing of the meeting**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11.30 Moscow time.

Ms Svetlana Bibichkova  
Chairman of the JMC

Ms Renata Musifullina  
Secretary of the JMC