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THE 1st MEETING OF THE JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE OF KOLARCTIC CBC 2014-2020 PROGRAMME

Date **Thursday, 9.6.2016**
Location **Congress Hotel Meridian, Vorovskogo Street 5/23, Murmansk**

PARTICIPANTS OF THE MEETING

Members and Deputy Members:

Finland:

Haapalainen Petri (Ministry of Employment and the Economy)
Autere Birgit (Ministry for Foreign Affairs)
Halonen Hilikka (Regional Council of Lapland)
Ruokanen Leena (Lapland Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment)

Norway:

Skjerpen Arve (Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation)
Dahl Irene (Troms County Council)
Aasmoe Gunnhild (Nordland County Council) with power of attorney from Sonja A. Steen
Karlsen Markus (Finnmark County Authority) with power of attorney from Remi Strand

Russia:

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

Sweden:

Lindvall Kristian (Ministry for Foreign Affairs)
Berggård Glenn (Norrbotten County Council)
Ylinenpää Malin (Swedish Agency for Economic Growth, Luleå Office)

Other participants:

Quist Laura (Ministry of Employment and the Economy)
Subbotin Ilya (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
Helland Bente (Troms County Authority)
Ignatova Larisa (Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation)
Ekdahl Päivi (Regional Council of Lapland)

Sukuvaara Katja (Managing Authority)
Lahdenranta Marjaana (Managing Authority)
Musifullina Renata (Managing Authority)
Niska-Honkonen Katri (Managing Authority)
Peltoperä Svetlana (Managing Authority)
Dahlin Hans (Luleå Branch Office)
Mosand Linda (Vadsø Branch Office)
Korshunova Julia (Murmansk Branch Office)
Chaplinskaya Valentina (LSP Coordinator, Kolarctic ENPI CBC)
Eggenschwiler Alejandro (European Commission, 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

Representative of the Regional Council of Lapland, Ms Päivi Ekdahl opened and chaired the meeting until the Chairman of the JMC has been selected. Ms Päivi Ekdahl informed participants on the signing the Declaration of Impartiality and Confidentiality handed out to Members, Deputy Members and Observers.

Notification of participants

The updated list of JMC Members and Deputy members as an **Annex 1** was presented. All participating countries were presented in particular 10 Members and 6 Deputy members.

Approval of the meeting agenda

The meeting Agenda was presented. It was proposed to change the order of Agenda point 5. *Work Plan and timetable for the Programme implementation*, specifically the *Presentation on the status of the Financing Agreement negotiations* to the Agenda point 2.

DECISION

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

2. Introduction to the Kolarctic CBC 2014-2020 Programme and the role of the Joint Monitoring Committee

Mr Alejandro Eggenschwiler (EC) presented the state of play of ENI CBC 2014 - 2020.

Mr Pekka Järviö gave a presentation on the status of the Financing Agreement negotiations.

Ms Iveta Puzo (TESIM) presented the role and responsibilities of the Joint Monitoring Committee.

Ms Katja Sukuvaara (MA) introduced briefly the Kolarctic CBC 2014–2020 Programme.

DECISION

Presentations given by Mr Pekka Järviö, TESIM and MA are noted by the JMC.

3. Decision on the chairmanship of the Joint Monitoring Committee

Ms Päivi Ekdahl opened the discussion on the chairmanship for the year 2016. All participating countries supported the Russian Federation, namely Ms Svetlana Bibichkova to take the chairmanship of the Joint Monitoring Committee for the year 2016.

DECISION

Nominated members of the Joint Monitoring Committee discussed the chairmanship and principalities of the nomination. The Russian Federation, namely Ms Svetlana Bibichkova was selected to be a Chairman of the Joint Monitoring Committee for the year 2016.

4. Discussion and approval of the Rules of Procedure of the JMC

Ms Katja Sukuvaara (MA) presented Draft Rules of Procedures (RoP) - **Annex 3** for the discussion.

The JMC discussed that Managing Authority shall analyse the Agenda of every JMC meeting and inform the JMC Members and Deputy members on the Agenda points that requires earlier review than 14 days before the JMC meeting.

It was proposed by the JMC that the Managing Authority shall take notes on the activities that fall under Impartiality and Confidentiality and inform the JMC on it.

DECISION

The JMC discussed the proposed Rules of Procedure and approved the Rules of Procedure (RoP) - **Annex 3** with changes.

Furthermore, it was decided by JMC to indicate the following information in the dpt.Minutes of the meeting:

- For the year 2017, the Chairmanship belongs to Norway and Co-chairmanship belongs to Finland. For the year 2018, the Chairmanship belongs to Finland and Co-chairmanship belongs to Sweden. For the year 2019, the Chairmanship belongs to Sweden and Co-chairmanship belongs to Russia. For the year 2020, the Chairmanship belongs to Russia and Co-chairmanship belongs to Norway. For the year 2021, the Chairmanship belongs to Norway and Co-chairmanship belongs to Finland. For the year 2022, the Chairmanship belongs to Finland and Co-chairmanship belongs to Sweden. For the year 2023, the Chairmanship belongs to Sweden and Co-chairmanship belongs to Russia. For the year 2024, the Chairmanship belongs to Russia and Co-chairmanship belongs to Norway.

5. Work Programme and timetable for the Programme implementation

Ms Renata Musifullina (MA) gave presentation on the set of activities indicated in the Work Programme 2016, including information on Risk Management Plan 2016.

Ms Svetlana Peltoperä (MA) presented the Programme Management System (PROMAS).

Ms Marjaana Lahdenranta provided an overview on the information and communication activities listed in the Information and Communication Plan 2016.

Ms Valentina Chaplinskaya expressed the need to update the chapter 4. Call for Proposals of the Work Programme 2016, including Table 1. Estimated Work and Time Schedule Plan for the year 2016 with the activities related to the selection of Large Infrastructure Projects (LIPs).

Mr Alexey Sazhinov proposed to update the chapter 6. Meeting and Events, of the Work Programme 2016, including Table 1. Estimated Work and Time Schedule Plan for the year 2016 with the information on Programme participation in the "XV All-Russia Forum" on 24.-25.10.2016 in St. Petersburg.

Ms Leena Ruokanen and Ms Gunnhild Aasmoe pointed out the importance of adding the Enterprises as a target group in the Information and Communication Plan 2016.

DECISION

The JMC discussed and approved the Work Programme 2016, Risk Management Plan 2016 and Information and Communication Plan 2016. The information to be added was noted and shall be updated by MA to the Work Programme 2016 and Information and Communication Plan 2016.

6. Brief presentation on the Programme management structures

Ms Katja Sukuvaara (MA) gave a short presentation on the Programme management structures and informed the JMC about the preparation of the Description of the Management and Control System (DMCS).

DECISION

The presentation was noted by the JMC.

7. Discussion on establishment of the Regional Assessment Groups (RAGs)

Ms Katja Sukuvaara (MA) provided an overview on the experience for establishment of Regional Assessment Groups (RAGs) in the Kolarctic ENPI CBC Programme.

DECISION

The JMC discussed the establishment of the RAGs and delegated the MA to request participating regions to nominate candidates for the RAGs. The list of RAG members will be confirmed in the 2nd meeting of the JMC.

8. Discussion on the establishment of the Branch Offices

Ms Päivi Ekdahl provided the background information on the Branch Offices of the Kolarctic ENPI CBC Programme.

Ms Svetlana Bibichkova noted the importance of establishment the Branch Offices in Russia. Ms Bibichkova expressed the intention to establish Murmansk Branch-office as a legal entity that will serve as a hosting organization for the Archangelsk and Nenets Autonomous District Branch – offices. The JMC discussed different alternative options on the location of the Branch Offices in Russia.

Mr Glenn Berggård informed that the responsibility for regional development in Norrbotten is transferred to the Norrbotten County Council from the 1st of January 2017. The organization will change the name to Region Norrbotten. Mr Berggård proposed that the BO in Sweden will be transferred to Norrbotten County Council.

DECISION

The JMC discussed the establishment of the Branch Offices. The Murmansk Regional Government is delegated by the Chairman on the behalf of the Russian delegation to find out the legal entity in Murmansk with a capacity to serve as a hosting organization for Russian Branch Offices.

The BO in Sweden will be transferred to Norrbotten County Council.

9. Discussion of the selection of the Large Infrastructure Projects – timetable and how to proceed?

Ms Katja Sukuvaara (MA) provided the information on the selection of the Large Infrastructure Projects.

DECISION

The JMC discussed the LIP proposals and delegated the MA to request the Lead Applicants to submit project summaries to the MA by 31.8.2016. The JMC will shortlist the LIP summaries in the 2nd JMC meeting. After the 2nd JMC meeting the shortlisted LIP summaries will be sent to the EC consultation.

10. Any other business

No other business.

11. Next meeting

Next meeting of the JMC will be held in St. Petersburg (Russia) on 29.09.2016.

12. Closing of the meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 17.35 Moscow time.

Ms Svetlana Bibichkova
Chairman of the JMC

Ms Renata Musifullina
Secretary of the JMC