



Guidelines and Conditions

For grants from

The Norwegian Barents Secretariat's

Media Travel Support

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Primary objective for the Barents Secretariat's projects funds

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has placed regional funds at the disposal of the Barents Secretariat. The primary objective for the project support given by the Barents Secretariat is to strengthen the extensive people-to-people and economic co-operation between Norway and Russia in the north.

Media Travel Support

In order to contribute to increased media coverage across borders in the Barents Region, the Norwegian Barents Secretariat has established a travel support program for journalists in Norway and Russia. All registered journalists, both Norwegians and Russians working in the Barents Region can apply. The maximum support is up to 70 percent of the total travel costs.

There is no demand for Russian or Norwegian partner in order to apply for support, like there is for ordinary Barents funds. We have also opened for Russian journalist to apply themselves without the Norwegian partner. However, the application must be written in either Norwegian or English language.

The applicant must state in the application where in the Barents region he or she is travelling. We do also need a brief description of the news story's main subject or theme. However, we do not need information from the applicant which could reveal any coming news story.

A media company or journalist can get funding for up to three travels per year.

What is supported?

The media travel support cover travel costs for Norwegian journalists travelling in the Russian part of the Barents region or Russian journalists travelling in the Norwegian part of the Barents region.

Typical expenses:

- Travel costs (Flight costs, bus travel, train, taxi etc..)
- Accommodation
- Translation
- Seminar or conference fee

This is not supported:

- Food
- Project management/ salary
- Research
- Documentaries
- Marketing
- Publications
- Investments
- Working expenses
- Covering of deficits
- Humanitarian aid

Formal Criteria

- ❖ We can only support Norwegian or Russian journalists from the Barents Region and who can document that they are working in the region. There is no demand for a cooperation partner like there is for ordinary Barents program applications.
 - Also Russian journalists can apply themselves.
- ❖ Application must be sent in via the Barents.no e-application portal in either Norwegian or English language. All boxes in the form must be answered before it is possible to send in the application.
- ❖ Applicant can apply for up to 25 000 NOK for each travel. If the applicant can document the need for extra funding, this sum can be adjusted.
- ❖ Each applicant or media company can apply for travel support for a maximum of three times per year. However, if special events occur the number can be adjusted.
- ❖ Applicant must contribute with at least 30 percent own funding.
- ❖ Travels which have been started or are finished will not be granted support.
- ❖ Applicant must document that he or she has the skills to accomplish the planned journey and journalistic work.
- ❖ The travel budget must be cost efficient.

Application deadlines

There is continuous case administration for the media travel support, but applications should be sent to the Norwegian Barents Secretariat at least four weeks before departure. For special events we try to adjust case administration as best we can.

Administration of funds

Payment of support is performed after the travel is completed. However, it is possible to receive up to 75 percent of the funds in advance. No payment can be performed before the Norwegian Barents Secretariat has received a signed acceptance of the criteria set for the funds.

Before the final payment of travel support, we need the applicant to send in the end report form. Use the same Barents.no e-application portal which is used for the application, and mark the box for end report Remember to attach either links or digital copies of your written work to the end report.

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