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Our main office is located in the centre of Kirkenes, only 7 kilometres from the Russian-Norwegian border. Kirkenes has direct flights to Murmansk, Oslo and Tromsø and daily bus connection to Murmansk. Kirkenes harbour is a central port for activity in the arctic oceans.

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The road to the east



The Norwegian Barents Secretariat's primary task is to assist the Norwegian-Russian cooperation in the north, and to bring regional priorities in accordance with national and international policies.

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has placed regional funds at the disposal of the Barents Secretariat. Since the establishment in 1993 the Norwegian Barents Secretariat has funded some 3000 regional Barents projects and granted more than 350 million NOK.

All relevant project ideas are welcome. Our aim is to help as many people, groups, and organizations as possible, in order to stimulate and increase cooperation across the Norwegian-Russian border.



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The Barents Region



The Barents Region is Europe's northernmost area of cross-border cooperation between the east and the west. The Region consists of 13 administrative entities situated in four countries, and the area covers more than three times the size of France.

We are 5.5 million inhabitants in the region, of which more than 70 percent live in the Russian part. The region has several important natural resources like minerals, oil and gas reserves, fish and forests. The main success of the cooperation in the Barents Region is the people-to-people contacts across the borders. For the Norwegian Barents Secretariat it is an important goal to support these contacts.

Focus areas



The following project areas are prioritised:

- Culture
- Competence
- Indigenous peoples
- Commercial development
- Environment
- Youth

Projects must be run by a Norwegian and a Russian partner. The projects cannot be full financed by the Barents Secretariat, and it is beneficial to divide the financing between several sources of funding. More information about application procedures and grants can be found on our website or by contacting our office. *(See last page)*





The Norwegian Barents Secretariat is a national centre for developing new project ideas on border related issues. The secretariat gathers some of the Barents Region's best competence on Norwegian-Russian relations, divided between our four offices in Kirkenes, Murmansk, Arkhangelsk and Naryan-Mar. This gives us the opportunity to play a key role in implementing the future for the region.

Several studies, reports and articles concerning relevant topics for the region have been published by the Barents Secretariat's staff over the 15 years it has existed. Our staff is often used by project managers, politicians, scientists and media as both consultants and lecturers to help understanding the dynamics of the region better.

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BarentsObserver

News from the Barents Region

BarentsObserver offers daily updated news about the Barents Region, and is run by the Barents Secretariat. With news material from local and regional newspapers, from internet agencies, as well as national and federal media, the site presents news stories from all the four countries in the region. All stories are presented in both Russian and English.



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