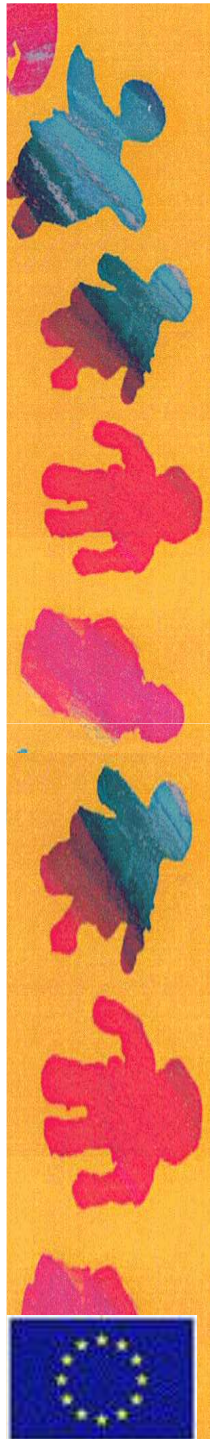
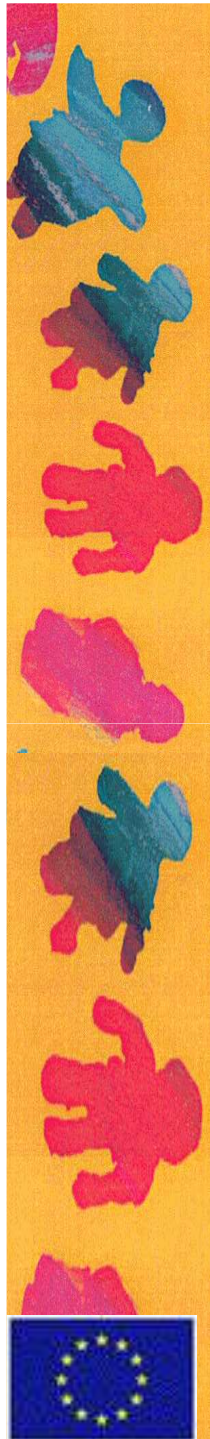
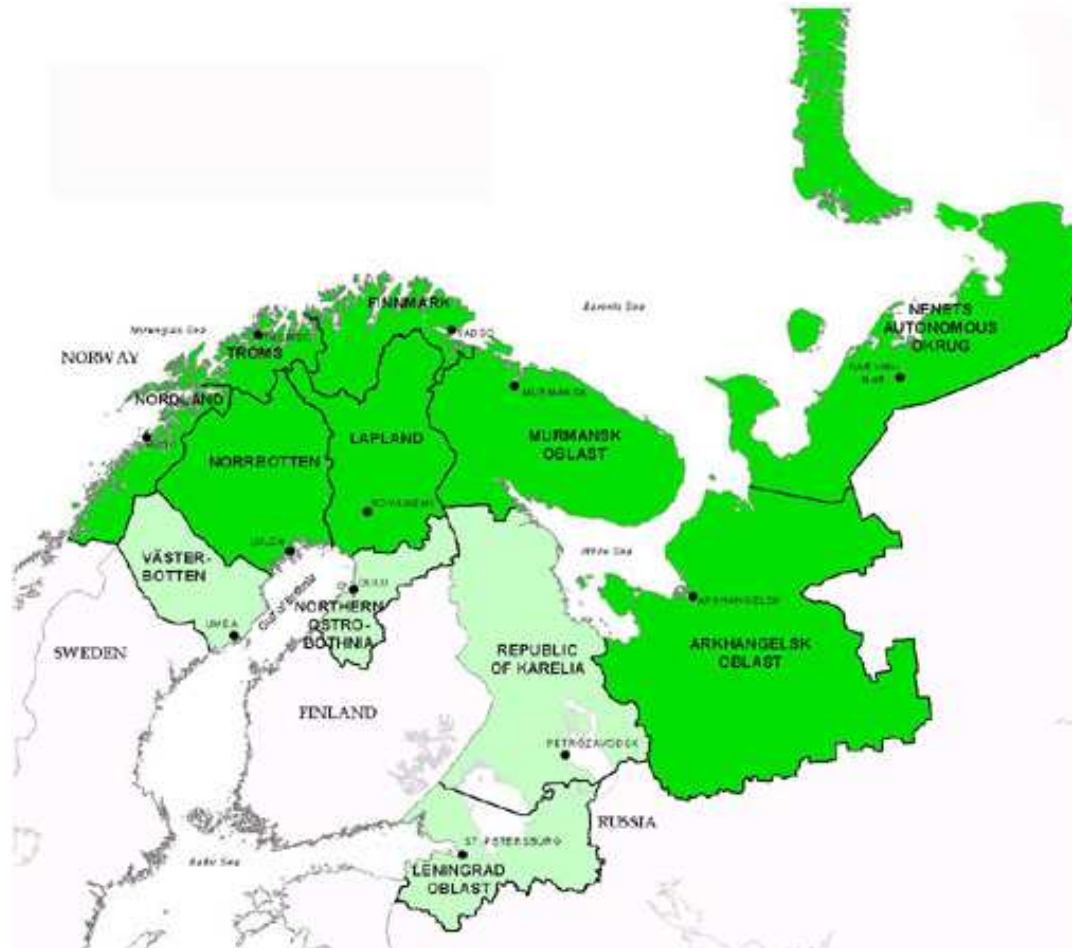


# Kolarctic ENPI CBC Programme 2007-2013

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# Programme Area



## Programme area;

**Finland;** Lapland (Northern Ostrobothnia)

**Sweden;** Norrbotten (Västerbotten)

**Norway;** Finnmark, Troms and Nordland

**Russia;** Murmansk, Arkangelsk and

Nenets (Karelia, Leningrad, St.

Petersburg)





# Priorities

1. Economic and social development (40%)
  2. Common challenges (25%)
  3. People to people cooperation and identity building (25%)
- Technical assistance (10%)

# 1. Economic and social development

## OPERATIVE AIMS

- Cross-border networks and business relations are established between SME's
- Ongoing communication and joint educational planning between businesses and the education on the field of the required competences
- SME's and authorities have better understanding of cross-border business and working opportunities
- Cross-border transport, logistics and communication systems are developed to respond to the needs of the Programme area in line with sustainable development
- Energy cooperation, the use of renewable energy sources and active energy saving have risen
- Businesses enhancing the cultures of the indigenous people are supported
- Movement of the labour force across the borders is facilitated
- Public and private services are cooperating for the benefit of the inhabitants
- Municipalities are cooperating and exchanging best practises



# 1. Economic and social development (2)

## Examples of the directions of support

- Development of SME- and business cooperation
- Promotion of trade and investment
- Development of sustainable transport, logistics and communication systems
- Implementation of educational and research activities
- Ensuring the quality of public and private services
- Utilisation of innovations and new technology
- Enhancing the use of renewable energy sources and active energy saving
- Development of energy co-operation
- Support for the development of traditional ways of living
- Development of the labour market and support for entrepreneurship
- Exchange of best practises in rural development, municipal services and spatial planning



## 2. Common challenges

### OPERATIVE AIMS

- Local and regional authorities have common plans, agreements and/or activities for multilateral co-operation in common challenges
- Public awareness about the common challenges has risen
- Activities in environment and nature protection have been implemented
- Adaptation to climate change has progressed
- Environmental knowledge has risen
- Border crossing authorities are cooperating multilaterally to harmonize and to simplify procedures



## 2. Common challenges (2)

### Examples of the directions of support

- Support of health and social welfare
- Improvement of security
- Prevention of accidents and environmental risks
- Environment and nature protection
- Joint management of common challenges
- Border crossing efficiency
- Exchange of best practises
- Improvement of the public knowledge about common challenges
- Education and research



### 3. People to people co-operation and identity building

#### OPERATIVE AIMS

- Common cultural/ sports events and meeting places bring people together from the programme area
- Common information is published in public media
- Cooperation and communication is increased
- Promotion of the cultural diversity is supported
- Cooperation between cultural institutions is increased



# People to people co-operation and identity building (2)

## Examples of the directions of support

- Enhancement of cultural co-operation
- Development of traditional handicrafts
- Increase of joint information exchange
- Facilitation of social and cultural integration of visitors or immigrants from the other countries in the programme area
- Promotion of educational co-operation
- Enhancement of co-operation between institutions
- Support for the integration of vulnerable people in cooperation activities
- Support for joint education and research activities on people-to-people co-operation and identity building
- Exchange of best practises



# Finance

- EU-financing 28, 241 M€
  - Norwegian equivalent financing 7 M€
  - National financing from the EU Member States 14 M€
  - National financing from Russia 14 M€ (?)
  - National financing from Norway 7 M€
  - Partner's own contribution
- ⇒ **Total ~ 70 M€**
- + Private financing



# Implementation and management

- Regional Council of Lapland is the Joint Managing Authority
- Coordinating Ministries:
  - Finland:** The Ministry for Foreign Affairs/ Ministry of Employment and the Economy
  - Sweden:** Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications
  - Norway:** Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development
  - Russia:** Ministry of Regional Development/ Ministry for Foreign Affairs



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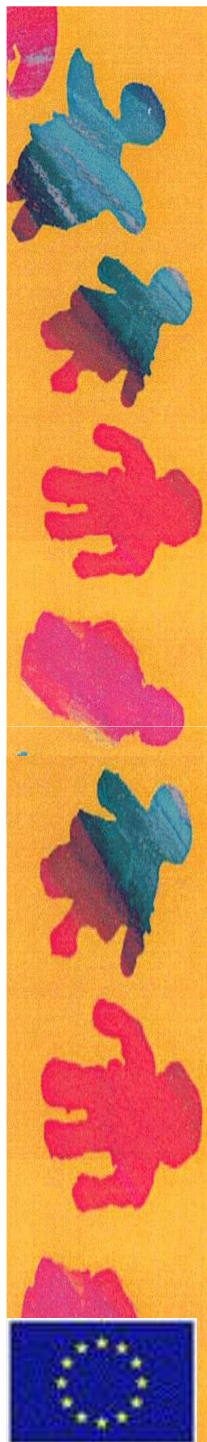
- Coordinating Regional Bodies:

**Finland:** Regional Council of Lapland

**Sweden:** County Administrative Board of Norrbotten

**Norway:** Finnmark County Authority

**Russia:** Murmansk Regional Administration



# Branch offices

- Luleå
- Murmansk
- Vadsø





# Joint Monitoring Committee

- 2 central government representatives
- 3 regional representatives  
from each participating country (20)

# Joint Selection Committee

- 3 regional representatives  
from each participating country (12)

## Regional Assessor Groups (RAG)



# Geographical eligibility

- As a rule Lead Partners and Partners must be located in the Programme area
- Each project must include as a minimum one partner from an EU Member State and one partner from Russia
- An exeption: Bilateral Norway-Russian projects can be implemented under the Priority 1 with the sole Russian's and Norway's national financing
- LP's and P's from the adjacent areas are eligible if their role in the project is justified and the activities support the development of the Programme area

# Situation and timetable

- Kommission approved the Programme in December 2008
- Negotiations between Russian Federation and European Commission about the Financing Agreement
- FA signatures in the beginning of October
- 1st Call for Proposals opens in the beginning of November



# More information

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