

The Finnish BEATA Chairmanship in 2013-2015

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Background

- Finland took over the Barents Euro-Arctic Transport Area (BEATA) chairmanship at the BEATA Steering Committee meeting in Narvik on 23 September 2013.
- BEATA forms the basic framework for the work in the field of transport in the Barents Region.

The general goals of BEATA

- To strengthen cooperation between all parties involved.
- To promote sustainable transport for equal benefit of the entire Barents region.
- Cooperation in the area of transport, logistics and border crossings will be built on the work already carried out and organised in the ways that have proved most successful at national and regional levels.
- The promotion of accessibility across borders and the facilitation of border crossings and to finding out the development needs of cross-border traffic.
- To recognise the geographical area as one area of operation and aim to develop a shared vision that would help in designing transport and infrastructure in the Barents region.

Themes of Finland's chairmanship in 2013-2015

- Implementation of the Transport Ministers' vision of the transport infrastructure in the Barents region. The vision was presented in the Declaration that was confirmed at the closing meeting under Norwegian chair in Narvik on 24 September 2013.
- Introduction of the Joint Barents Transport Plan report and submitting it for comments. The report is a part of the long-term development plan for the transport infrastructure in the Barents region drawn up during the Norwegian chairmanship.
- Formulating a joint transport strategy for the Barents region covering all transport modes in cooperation with the Barents Freeway project.
- Closer cooperation with the Barents Regional Working Group on Transport and Logistics BRWGTL and the Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics NDPTL and other forums in the Baltic Sea Region.
- Evaluation of the BEATA cooperation and recommendations for future cooperation.

The Finnish goals of BEATA

- Promoting regional cooperation
- Bringing new approaches of the transport policy to the development of the transport and logistics in the northern areas
- Development of the intelligent transport systems and solutions for the northern areas
- The main goal:
Finding a common approach to the development of transport and logistics
- The results:
Finding concrete projects in the field of transport and logistics for the whole Northern Dimension and Barents area to be realised in the NDPTL programme

Thank you!