



International Online Session

Barents Euro-Arctic Region versus Coronavirus

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 **ZOOM**

The history of the Barents cooperation is based on the multi-faceted, stable relations that have been created over the years between all its participants, who has established themselves as reliable partners, who are able to find solutions to the most demanding challenges. No doubt that this relationship can be seen today as effective basis to overcome the unprecedented threats posed by the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020.

The current situation of the Coronavirus spread, the specifics of the region's fight against Coronavirus infection, efforts aimed at reducing the negative consequences of the pandemic for the regions' economies, as well as existing measures to counter the infection, which have proven to be the most effective - all these issues the member counties of the Barents region will discuss during the second international online session initiated by the Governor of the Murmansk region Andrey Chibis.



Moderator

Mikael Bergström, Chair, Barents Regional Committee



Speakers

Andrey Chibis, Governor, Murmansk Region (Russia)

Gøril Johansen, Chair, Committee of Senior Officials of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council

Elisabeth Vik Aspaker, Governor, Troms and Finnmark County (Norway)

Pauli Harju, Region Mayor, Northern Ostrobothnia (Finland)

Lars Lustig, Vice Governor, Västerbotten (Sweden)

Pentti Malinen, Region Mayor, Kainuu (Finland)

Risto Poutiainen, Region Mayor, North Karelia (Finland)

Tarjei Jensen Bech, Deputy Chair, Troms and Finnmark County Parliament (Norway)

Tomas Norvoll, Chair, Nordland County Council (Norway)

Päivi Ekdahl, Development Director, Regional Council of Lapland (Finland)

Lars Georg Fordal, Head, Norwegian Barents Secretariat

Andrey Bloschinskiy, Acting Governor, Nenets Autonomous district (Russia)

Alexander Biliy, Acting Minister, Ministry of Economic Development of the Arkhangelsk region (Russia)

Sergey Emelyanov, Minister, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Archives of the Komi Republic (Russia)

Oleg Ermolaev, Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Industry of the Republic of Karelia (Russia)

