



VII RUSSIAN-NORWEGIAN  
DAYS OF CROSS-BORDER  
COOPERATION

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РОССИЙСКО-НОРВЕЖСКОГО  
ПРИГРАНИЧНОГО  
СОТРУДНИЧЕСТВА

## RESOLUTION

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**Pasvik Nature Reserve Visitor Centre, Nikel, Murmansk region, Russian Federation**

We, the participants of the VII Russian-Norwegian Days of Cross-border Cooperation\*, gathered in Nikel, Murmansk region on 5 October 2017 to discuss aspects of developing international cooperation in border areas and the potential of interregional cooperation in the fields of environment and natural resource conservation.

### **With regard to the above we:**

Note the positive experience of both bilateral and multilateral Barents Euro-Arctic cooperation in the border areas of the Russian Federation and the Kingdom of Norway;

Underscore the need and importance of meetings and other joint events which give representatives of government, business and academia a possibility to discuss and develop common approaches to solving most pressing problems and exchange experiences for the further improvement of the quality of life in the borderland;

Express our aspiration to expand contacts between the regional and municipal authorities of the border areas of the Russian Federation and border areas of the Barents Euro-Arctic region as well as to improve collaboration with the business community, science and research and non-governmental organizations;

Share development priorities of cross-border cooperation, specifically: sustainable development of the Barents Euro-Arctic region, creation of up-to-date infrastructure, improvement of region's competitiveness and investment attractiveness while ensuring sustainable use of resources and environmental compliance;

Highlight the importance of additional work on increasing the region's competitiveness and investment attractiveness as well as efforts to develop ecotrails in the borderland;

Propose that regional infrastructure development, competitiveness and investment attractiveness be chosen as priority topics of the VIII Days of Russian-Norwegian cross-border cooperation in 2018.

*\*With the participation of representatives of federal authorities of the Russian Federation, Government of the Murmansk region, representatives of municipal authorities of border areas of the Barents Euro-Arctic region, business associations and international non-governmental organizations, participants of international cross-border projects, international environmental programmes and studies, representatives of protected areas, academia and culture.*