



International Online Session

Barents Euro-Arctic Region versus Coronavirus



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Members of the Barents cooperation have been efficiently interacting for more than 25 years and over the course of time have learned to find solutions to the most demanding challenges. In 2020 for the first time in its history they have encountered the Coronavirus pandemic – a world-scale challenge that requires urgent actions.

What sectors of economy have proved the most vulnerable in the face of the Coronavirus in the North? What measures to restart the economy were needed and have been taken first and foremost? Is there a future for the tourism in the Barents region? What role do volunteers play in combating the pandemic? Is there any common for the whole Barents region way to respond to the Coronavirus situation? Can the Barents cooperation withstand the global challenges? Can this challenge be turned into opportunity?

All these issues are to be discussed at the first ever online international session held on the initiative of the Governor of the Murmansk region Andrey Chibis with the participation of the Governors of the member counties of the Barents region.



Moderator

Tomas Hallberg, Head of the International Barents Secretariat



Speakers

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