

Collaboration between Arctic Cooperation Programmes

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The EU-Arctic Communication

- European Arctic suffering from underinvestment
- Enhancing collaboration and coordination between different EU funding programmes
- NPA shall lead a pilot activity
- Arctic Stakeholder Forum 2017



In the light of the Arctic Communication

- Discussion between Interreg programmes was initiated
- Core group: NORD, Kolarctic, Botnia Atlantica, NPA + Karelia ENI, Baltic Sea
- Additional organisations: Northern Dimension, Barents Forum and others



Arctic Cooperation Programmes, Commonalities

- **Partly overlapping programme areas (FI, SE, & NO)**
- **Partly overlapping priorities (innovation, SMEs, environment)**
- **Overlapping partners (Universities, regional & local authorities in FI, SE, NO)**
- **Several bi-lateral overlaps but also specialities**



How to get more value for money, more impact?

- More and better cooperation between programmes for better results
- Based on shared Arctic values or priorities
- Better involvement of stakeholders across programmes



Short term perspective

- **Roadmap for cooperation:**
- Shared communication activities
- Shared project development within specific Arctic themes
- Clustering of funded projects
- Common annual conference, Arctic Star Award



Arctic values (examples)

- Benefitting people who actual lives there
- Sustainable use of natural resources
- Arctic entrepreneurial spirit
- Utilising cold climate expertise
- Ability to compensate lack of critical mass



Ideas for a long term perspective, post 2020

- Shared Arctic Priority
- Arctic Flagship projects, shared funding
- Programme money for Arctic strategy development
- Shared seed money
- Roadmap II for cooperation



**Thank you
for listening**

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