



The International Barents Secretariat in Kirkenes, Norway, is seeking a candidate for the position of an Indigenous and Youth adviser for the period of two and a half years.

The main function of the International Barents Secretariat (IBS) is to support the multilateral activities within the Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC) and the Barents Regional Council (BRC).

The IBS aims to increase and secure the coherence and efficiency of the Barents co-operation. To this end, the IBS assists the biennially rotating governmental and regional Chairs in their tasks. In addition, the IBS supports the Barents Working Groups. The IBS maintains the archives of the official cooperation and serves as an information database, as well as maintains contacts with other organisations and stakeholders operating in the Barents and Arctic regions, the national and regional authorities of the Member States and the media.

<https://www.barents-council.org/about-us/international-barents-secretariat>

Within a team of 6 staff members under the supervision of the Head of the Secretariat, the position of an **Indigenous and Youth Adviser** at the IBS offers challenging and interesting tasks in multilateral international co-operation in the rapidly developing Arctic region. The position is financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway.

The main responsibilities of the Adviser are:

- To co-ordinate the work in the field of indigenous and youth issues within the Barents co-operation.
- To assist the IBS in providing support to the Working Group of Indigenous Peoples.
- To assist the IBS and in coordination with the Norwegian Barents Secretariat, in providing support to Barents Regional Youth Council.
- To assist the IBS in preparing the Indigenous Summit.
- To maintain contacts and information exchange between relevant stakeholders in the region.
- Other tasks as instructed by the Head of the IBS.

The candidates should have:

- First level university degree in related field;
- Experience in multilateral co-operation, preferably Barents cooperation structures;
- Excellent communication skills, both written and spoken;
- A good knowledge of indigenous peoples and their societal situation in the Barents region and of cross-cutting issues, such as climate change and sustainable development and/or experience in working with youth;
- A good command of one of the indigenous languages is desirable;
- A good command of English (oral and written), knowledge of either Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian, Russian;
- Readiness to enhance gender awareness and sensitivity, and an ability to integrate a gender perspective into tasks and activities.

The IBS highlights the candidate's ability to understand the role of the secretariat and to take responsibility and work proactively and flexibly as part of our team. The candidate should preferably have experience in intergovernmental co-operation and an interest in the regional co-operation in the European North.

The work will involve travelling (both the Nordic countries and Russia) and a valid driving license is therefore a prerequisite.

Please note that the vacancy is open for competition only amongst nationals of participating States of the Barents co-operation, please see <https://www.barents-council.org/about-us>. Salary upon agreement.

The IBS is committed to diversity and inclusion, and welcomes qualified candidates from all religious, ethnic, social backgrounds and gender.

Please send in your letter of motivation together with your CV in English by 1 July 2022 to:
ibs@barents-council.org

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