

# **Barents Youth Cooperation Office**



## **Activity report**

**2009**

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# Summary report

## Introduction

In May of 2001, a conference of ministers responsible for youth affairs in the Barents region was held in Tromsø, Norway. At the conference, a Plan of Action for the future Barents cooperation in the youth field was adopted. In this Plan it was stated that mechanisms for information and guidance for youth groups in the Barents region would be established. The Barents Euro-Arctic Working Group on Youth Policy is responsible for the implementation of the Plan of Action. As a result of this, the Barents Youth Cooperation Office was established in Murmansk, Russia.

The overall objective for the establishment of such a service is:

- A well functioning multilateral cooperation in the youth field, that contributes to an improved situation for young people in the Barents Region, as well as a sustainable development of the region.

Coordinators for youth cooperation in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region are appointed by the Barents Euro-Arctic Working Group on Youth Policy. These coordinators shall provide information and guidance for youth groups, organisations and networks on:

- national and international resources for funding of projects
- education in project planning, implementation and follow-up
- possible cooperation partners nationally and internationally
- planned and ongoing youth projects and meetings in the Barents Region

The coordinator shall also stay in close and regular contact with the regional and local administrations in the Barents Region and with other cooperation structures and organisations working with youth issues in the northern part of Europe.

## **Work in 2009**

### **Cooperation with the Russian Chairmanship**

The Office has cooperated with and supported the Russian Chairmanship in all necessary issues connected with the chairmanship of the Russian Federation in the work of Barents Euro-Arctic Working Group on youth policy, and provided all the necessary information required by the chairmanship.

The key event of the Russian Chairmanship in 2009 was the “Barents Euro-Arctic Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth policy” that took place in Murmansk, Russia, 23-25 September 2009. The aim of the conference was that representatives of regional and national youth authorities, youth researchers, together with representatives of national youth council, Barents Regional Youth Council, representatives of youth organizations from all 13 counties of the Barents region, as well as representatives of indigenous youth should meet together and work out common policy on how to make Barents region attractive for young people and how to use young people as a resource and a driving force of the social and economical development of the region.

The conference was attended by about 90 participants from the whole Barents region as well as international structures. The Conference started with a Youth Event for the youth representatives 23 September, and the results of the event were presented to the officials, youth workers and scientists at the Barents Euro-Arctic Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth policy 24 September.

The main themes of the conference were:

- mutual understanding among the young people of Barents region (youth exchanges, people to people contacts, intercultural dialog);
- involvement of young people in socio-economic development of the Barents region (economical and business aspects);
- the role of youth organizations in the development of society.

Main goals of the conference were to:

- exchange experiences from projects and experiences that had taken place in the region;
- identify and evaluate the impact of current youth policies at regional, national and international levels;
- analyze the consequences of social and economic change for young people the Barents region;
- work out the ways of strengthening the involvement of young people in the social and economic development of the Barents region.

The BYCO has provided technical support to the Conference including logistics, accommodation, meals, conference services, translation and so on.

The result of the Conference was the Declaration where the important role of BYCO in the facilitation of youth cooperation in the Barents region was underlined.

### **Counseling**

The Office provides counseling and guidance for youth groups interested in international cooperation and provides education in such issues as project planning and project management, as well as information and counseling on possible sources for financing of youth projects and application writing. Assistance in finding possible project partners or participants is also among the daily work of the Office. In some projects it is even involved in such practical matters as visas, hotel and conference arrangements, and transportation. In average about 40 % of working time of the Office is devoted to counseling.

Counseling concerning studies abroad and possibilities for getting grants for long term studies or short summer courses provided by BYCO is also in great demand by the youths and their parents. The office also gets enquiries about possibilities to go on a traineeship or voluntary service to the Nordic countries or Europe.

### **Support of youth projects**

During the report period the Office has provided support to 29 international youth projects in such spheres as culture, youth entrepreneurship, education, environment, indigenous issues, sport, youth NGO and youth policy. 22 projects were successfully completed, and 7 projects are on preparatory stage and will be carried out later in 2010. 17 of them were multilateral in including all the four countries (Sweden, Norway, Finland and Russia), and 12 – bilateral (11 projects including participants from Norway and Russia, and 1- Russian and Swedish participants). 10 projects were in the field of culture, 11 – in the field of youth policy and NGO cooperation, 4 – in the field of education, 2 – in the field of environment, and 1 – in the field of sport).

Among the biggest projects to be mentioned are “ReAction”, “Barents Sea Youth Conference”, “Barents Builders”. There also was a big number of smaller youth initiatives like Barents Gathering 2009, Discover Murmansk, etc. that also play an important role in the development of youth cooperation in the area and creation of good relations between the youths of the region. More detailed information about these projects can be found in the Attachment 2 to the Report.

### **Support of the Barents Regional Youth Council**

The office also supports the work of Barents Regional Youth Council, working in constant contact with the members of the council and Norwegian Barents Secretariat. Barents Regional Youth Council is a council consisting of 14 youth representatives (1 from each region + 1 indigenous representative), was created 2004. The tasks of the council are: to strengthen the youth cooperation in the Barents region, to influence regional authorities in questions concerning youths and their future in the Barents region, to empower young people to actively participate in the shaping of the Barents region and the society in which they live. The Council meets twice a year to exchange information about youth news from the regions and to discuss their activities. A training course for the members of the

BRYC is normally held in connection with the meeting to give the members necessary skills for their work.

This year the Office was involved in organization of the meetings of BRYC, participated in them, organized training courses for the members, as well as provided counseling in connection with the initiatives of BRYC.

BRYC was the initiator of the “ReACTion- a Barents Youth Performance against prejudice”, so assistance was provided in connection with the event.

Barents Regional Youth Council (BRYC) arranged a workshop “reACTion 2009” 16.-20.September in Archangelsk. The goal was to prevent prejudice and xenophobia. That was to be done by youngsters with various background who worked together and created a performance that was to be shown for young people in Archangelsk. The event gathered 60 young people 18-30 years old from Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia ( at least 24 of them were indigenous youths: saami, nenets or vepsians, or had another minority background).The project was initiated by the young people and was planned and implemented by and for the young people of all the Barents countries

### **Cooperation with the Regional Working Group on Youth Issues**

The Office is also interacting with the regional working group on youth issues, a representative is present at the meetings, and a good contact with the members is established.

### **Support of cooperation of youth authorities**

One of the main functions of BYCO is to facilitate cooperation between the regions, so it functions as a link between youth authorities of different regions, facilitating contacts between them. For example, BYCO is involved in cooperation and negotiations between youth authorities of Murmansk region and Lappland. In our work we try to encourage youth authorities of the region to cooperate internationally and to allocate more resources to international cooperation.

The expertise gained by BYCO is acknowledged and widely used by other actors. The office staff has been invited as an expert to the grant committee of the Murmansk regional board for youth affairs where the best projects were chosen and financed.

### **Networking and information activities**

Office staff is often invited to regional youth forums where BYCO provides the information about cooperation possibilities, but also creates a wider contact network of youth organizations. Office representative travels around the Barents region, meeting both youth authorities and youth organizations, spreading the information about cooperation and funding possibilities and encouraging them to international cooperation.

We actively participate in various conferences and forums organized for example by such organizations as the Council of Europe, the Nordic Council of Ministers, the Norwegian Barents Secretariat, etc. We consider this part of work very important because the Office representative not only plays a role of experts, providing information about youth cooperation in the BEAR, but also gets new contacts, finds “customers” and supports their projects.

In 2009 BYCO was present the international arrangements in Sweden (Jokkmokk, February), Norway (Hammerfest, April), Finland (Ivalo, October), Russia (Petrozavodsk, August) with the information about the above mentioned topics.

BYCO also works with mass media – mostly local channels (TV21 and GTRK in Murmansk, local newspapers), radio stations (Radio Inari).

Besides project support the daily work of the Office includes maintenance of the web-site [www.byco.ru](http://www.byco.ru), where the news from the regions and various youth projects as well as information about coming projects is published. One can also find there useful information about project finding and links to funding organizations and youth organizations of the Barents region. Information support

also includes constant update of information concerning sources of project funding for international youth projects.

In 2009 there has been 36 entries published at the website. The average amount of unique visitors per month is about 900, the greater part of the visitors is from North-West Russia ( ca 70 %), and the Nordic countries (ca 28 %), the rest is from other countries.

## **Major future challenges for 2010**

### **Information**

Due to the absence of financing in years no brochures and information leaflets about youth cooperation in the BEAR were published yet. There is a great need of publishing updated information leaflets on youth policy in the Barents region and a guide book for project applicants with short information on various financiers and advice on application writing and project management.

More effort should be done in spreading the information about possibilities for international youth cooperation in local media, and regional youth web portals, which appeared recently as well as to get information exchange with [www.barentsyouth.org](http://www.barentsyouth.org).

The intention is to update the website at least 4 times a month not only with the information about youth events, but also with articles on project management, advice on financing sources.

In order to get synergy from the activities of other actors in the field of youth cooperation and youth policy it is important to continue developing interaction and cooperation between BYCO and such structures as RWYI, BRYC, NCM, regional and municipal youth authorities, and other organizations working with youth issues.



## Projects supported by the Barents Youth Cooperation Office 2009

### I. Completed projects

#### 01/2009 “Trassa” youth culture festival

**Objective:** to develop and advertise youth culture and creativity in different spheres of culture as a way of expression and self realization of young people, and pay special attention to talented amateur groups

**Sphere:** youth culture

**Description:** the festival consist of a number of events in different spheres of youth culture like music, theatre, dance, literature, of different styles united under the same brand name. The festival consists of 15 different events that take place every weekend from January to May in Murmansk region.

**Place and date:** Murmansk region, every weekend from January to May 2009

**Participants:** total amount not available

**Organizer:** Murmansk Regional Board for Youth Affairs

**Financing:** Murmansk Regional Board for Youth Affairs, contributions of the participants, Norwegian Barents Secretariat, total amount – not available

**BYCO’s involvement:** small: counseling, spreading the information about the event to the possible project partners.

**Duration of support:** December 2008– April 2009.

**Result:** the festival was successfully carried out, it is planned to continue and develop in 2010.

#### 02/2009 Jokkmokk winter conference 2009

**Objective:** to discuss environmental challenges in the north, with special focus on climate change

**Sphere:** environment

**Description:** environmental conference about climate change, with inspiring lectures and group work, in the end of the conference participants had an opportunity meet top politicians from Sweden, Finland, Norway and Canada and give them their message and discuss climate change.

**Place and date:** 2-5 February 2009 Jokkmokk

**Participants:** Sweden, Norway, Russia, Finland, Canada, Island – 60 participants

**Organizer:** Jokkmokk municipality

**Financing:** Jokkmokk municipality

**BYCO’s involvement:** medium: counseling, spreading the information about the event to possible participants, selection of Russian participants, practical issues (transportation and visas), participation in the event.

**Duration of support:** December – February 2009.

**Result:** The project has been successfully carried out, the partners decided to continue cooperation in the future.

### **03/2009 Rock attacks the Barents region 2009**

**Objective:** to promote youth culture and cooperation in the field of youth culture in the Barents region

**Sphere:** culture

**Description:** a 2-day festival of youth rock music with rock groups coming from 3 regions of Russia, Finland and Norway.

**Place and date:** Murmansk, 27-28 February

**Participants:** Sweden, Norway, Russia, Finland – 60 participants + audience

**Organizer:** “Socium + “

**Financing:** the Norwegian Barents Secretariat, own contributions of the participants.

**BYCO’s involvement:** medium: counseling, spreading the information about the event to possible participants, selection of Russian participants, practical issues (transportation and visas), participation in the event.

**Duration of support:** December – February 2009.

**Result:** The project has been successfully carried out, the partners decided to continue cooperation in the future.

### **04/2009 Mathematics project**

**Objective:** to promote applied mathematics and importance of studying mathematics for the professional college students.

**Sphere:** education

**Description:** a two-part project consisting of two meetings (one - in Vardo, one – in Murmansk), the students of professional colleges studied how mathematical theory can be used in practice by doing practical tasks, they also learned about the culture of Russia and Norway, as well as about school systems in both countries.

**Place and date:** Vardo, 23-26 February, Murmansk, 17-19 March

**Participants:** Sweden, Norway, Russia, Finland – 60 participants + audience

**Organizer:** Vardo High School, Murmansk Professional College N 6.

**Financing:** Norwegian Barents Secretariat

**BYCO’s involvement:** small: counseling Russian participants, practical assistance.

**Duration of support:** February – March 2009.

**Result:** The project has been successfully carried out, the partners decided to continue cooperation in the future.

### **05/2009 Yukigassen sports festival**

**Objective:** to establish stronger contacts between the youth of Vardø and Murmansk, to promote healthy life style and the spirit of the fair play.

**Sphere:** culture and sport

**Description:** Yukigassen is a traditional Japanese snowball fight, very popular in Northern Norway and Finland. The programme of the festival also includes some cultural performances and events.

**Place and date:** Murmansk 14-15 March, Vardo 27-28 March 2009.

**Participants:** Norway (100) Russia (20) Finland (20)

**Organizer:** Municipality of Vardø, Youth committee of Murmansk

**Financing:** Barents Secretariat, own financing of the organizers. Total amount is not available.

**BYCO’s involvement:** medium: counseling, practical assistance, coordination of activities

**Duration of support:** February – April 2009

**Result:** the project was carried out. It is planned to continue cooperation next winter.

### **06/2009 Barents Sea Youth Conference**

**Objective:** The Barents Sea Youth Conference is an event for students currently taking their education in petroleum-related studies. The conference will focus on expertise, career opportunities and networking.

**Sphere:** education

**Description:** These high Arctic projects create an experimentation and learning environment for both governments and energy companies, together with other petroleum-related industries and the research community. It marks a change in our way of thinking about opportunities and development activities in the Arctic. One of our main challenges is a lack of qualified expertise within petroleum-related professions. The conference offers high-profile speakers from the petroleum industry, knowledge about future petroleum technologies, an extended tour of the Melkøya LNG facility in Hammerfest, constructive discussion with the petroleum industry, important contacts for future career opportunities and network of students from the entire Barents Region.

**Place and date:** Hammerfest, 18 - 20 April 2009

**Participants:** Russia (Murmansk region, Arhangelsk region), Norway, Sweden, Finland – total number of participants - 40 persons

**Organizer:** Hammerfest municipality

**Financing:** Hammerfest municipality, the Norwegian Barents Secretariat, The Barents Sea Conference Foundation, The Norwegian Oil Industry Association and The Executive Committee for Northern Norway

**BYCO's involvement: medium:** spreading the information about the event, selecting Russian participants, practical arrangements, participation in the event, contact making work, counseling.

**Duration of support:** February – April 2007.

**Result:** The project has been successfully carried out, the partners agreed to continue cooperation in the future

### **07/2009 Discover Murmansk!**

**Objective:** to give Norwegian and Russian students an insight into each others culture and traditions, to see everyday life and get a better understanding of each other.

**Sphere:** culture

**Description:** a 4 day study visit of students from Bodo high school to Murmansk, they had an opportunity to stay in the families of Russian students and see their daily life and culture as well to learn more about Russian culture through an extensive cultural program.

**Place and date:** Murmansk, 13-16 June

**Participants:** Norway + Russia = 26 participants

**Organizer:** Gymnasia N 1 of Murmansk, Natur og Utfordring AS

**Financing:** The Norwegian Barents Secretariat, Bodo county council, own financing

**BYCO's involvement: large:** counseling, organization of the visit, practical assistance, coordination of the activities.

**Duration of support:** January – June 2009

**Result:** the project has been successfully carried out, the partners agreed to continue cooperation in the future.

### **08/ 2009 Barents Gathering 2009**

**Objective:** strengthening youth cooperation, to get to know the culture of the countries in the Barents area.

**Sphere:** culture and sport

**Description:** a 5-day camp for schoolchildren from Norway, Finland, Sweden and Russia aged 13-15, concentrated mostly on various outdoor activities and adventures, as well as language and culture exchange, performances and communication. There will be 4 representatives from each school, each country will be represented by 3 schools. Each school will make a presentation about their own home area (history, culture and other important things). All schools will contribute with cultural performances in the evenings. All the participants will take part in the exiting outdoor activities, adventures and challenges.

**Place and date:** 01-05 September, Tromsø

**Participants:** Russia – 13 , Norway – 13

**Organiser:** Natur og utfordring AS

**Financing:** Norwegian Barents Secretariat, Bodo County Council, Tromso County Council

**More info:** [www.naturogutfodring.no](http://www.naturogutfodring.no)

**BYCO's involvement:** **large:** search for Russian participants, establishing contacts, counseling, coordinating of activity, practical issues (visas and transport).

**Duration of support:** March – September 2009

**Result:** the project has been carried out with great success, it is planned to continue similar projects next year.

### **09/2009 Rajarock 2009**

**Objective:** to bring together young rock musicians, and to improve the quality of their playing.

**Sphere:** culture

**Description:** The aim of this traditional annual festival is to gather together young rockplayers to one common happening to play in same concerts and to learn something new. The event is meant for young players between the age 14 years up to about 18 –years. The theme of this whole event is work against drug and alcohol addiction among young people.

**Place and date:** Municipality of Inary, 24-26 October

**Participants:** Russia, Finland, Sweden, Norway

**Organizer:** Municipality of Inary, youth department

**Financing:** The Norwegian Barents Secretariat, Ministry of Education of Finland.

**BYCO's involvement:** participation in the planning and preparation of the event, partner search, coordination of activities between the partners.

**Duration of support:** February – October 2009 .

**Result:** The event was a great success both for the participants and for the audience. The partners agreed to continue cooperation in the future.

### **10/2009 Hyperborea 2010**

**Objective:** to strengthen youth cooperation, to give youth a chance to meet and suggest solutions to the most actual problems of today.

**Sphere:** youth cooperation

**Description:** 10 days student camp with all types of activities including workshops and lectures on various topics like international cooperation, project work, etc.

**Place and date:** 06-14 August, Petrozavodsk (Karelia)

**Participants:** about 1000 participants from Russia, Sweden, Estonia, Lithuania, Belorussia.

**Organizer:** State Committee of youth affairs of Karelia

**Financing:** Russian Federation, Nordic Council of Ministers, local funding

**BYCO's involvement:** small: holding one of the workshops during the event, contact making work and publicity making for opportunities of cooperation in the Barents region.

**Duration of support:** July – August 2009

**Result:** The event was a success, it is planned to extend it and continue next year.

### **11/2009 “Shtangart” students regate**

**Objective:** to make history of sailing in the north more popular among the youth

**Sphere:** culture

**Description:** the projects idea was to reconstruct the voyage of the tallship “Shtandagt”, and by this make the history of northern sea voyages more known among the people as well as to give students a chance to try sailing.

**Place and date:** 15 August – 15 September, Tromso-Kirkenes

**Participants:** 20, Russia + Norway

**Organizer:** Tromso Municipality

**Financing:** the Norwegian Barents Secretariat

**BYCO’s involvement: small:** practical assistance (visas and transport), counseling

**Duration of support:** July – August 2009

**Result:** the project was successfully carried out

### **12/2009 ReAction**

**Objective:** to prevent prejudice and xenophobia among young people

**Sphere:** NGOs

**Description:** Barents Regional Youth Council (BRYC) is going to arrange a workshop “reACTion 2009”. The goal is to prevent prejudice and xenophobia. That will be done by youngsters with various background will work together and create a performance that will be shown for young people in Archangelsk. The project is initiated by the young people and is planned and implemented by and for the young people of all the Barents countries.

**Place and date:** 16.-20.September, Archangelsk

**Participants:** 60 young people 18-30 years old from Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia ( at least 24 of them are indigenous youths: saami, nenets or vepsians, or have another minority background)

**Organizer:** Barents Regional Youth Council, Committee of Youth Affairs of Arkhangelsk region

**Financing:** The Norwegian Barents Secretariat, Nordic Council of Ministers, regional contributions

**BYCO’s involvement: small:** providing the information about the events, search for participants, cancelling, participation in the planning of the event.

**Duration of support:** December 2008- September 2009

**Result:** the project was successfully carried out

### **13/2009 Arones Rock**

**Objective:** to strengthen cultural ties among the youth of the region

**Sphere:** culture

**Description:** a festival of rock music with youth groups comings from Northern Norway, Murmansk region and Karelia

**Place and date:** 20 August, Alta

**Participants:** 30 participants, Russia + Norway.

**Organizer:** Alta Music Association

**Financing:** The Norwegian Barents Secretariat

**BYCO’s involvement: small:** counseling, partner search, practical assistance

**Duration of support:** June-August 2009

**Result:** the project was successfully carried out

### **14/2009 Barents Camp**

**Objective:** to provide a new level of youth scout cooperation in Barents region.

Objectives of the project are:

- To enforce communication between NGOs working with youth basing on the scout method in the Barents region;
- To create a Cooperation Network for NGOs working with youth basing on the scout method in the Barents region;

To develop cooperation and understanding among youth in Barents region

**Sphere:** youth cooperation

**Description:** **Barents camp-III** was organized in Murmansk region The program includes:

- Practical exchange of best practices and experiences between scout organizations from the Barents region;
- Conference of leaders devoted to developing scout method in the Barents region;
- Big Role game aimed on studying traditions, crafts, way of life of saami and other indigenous peoples;
- Common voluntary activities of the young people;
- Multicultural communication of youth, studying traditions of the Barents countries, discussing various issues concerning influence of the youth on sustainable development of the region.

**Place and date:** Lovozersky district, July 20-26, 2009,

**Participants:** 300 persons – Russia and Norway, age is 12-25

**Organizer:** NGO “Scouts of Karelia” and National Organization of Russian Scouts .

**Financing:** Russian Federation, regional and municipal contributions, The Norwegian Barents Secretariat

**BYCO’s involvement: small:** counseling, search for project partners and participants.

**Duration of support:** February 2009 – July 2009

**Result:** the event was successfully carried out

### **15/2009 Barents Press Young Journalists Conference**

**Objective:** to improve cooperation between young journalist of the region, to learn more about each others countries and life

**Sphere:** NGOs cooperation

**Description:** a conference for young journalists of the Barents region, that focused on journalists work traditions and challenges in the Barents countries and gave young people an opportunity to exchange views and experiences from their profession

**Place and date:** 08 May 2009, Murmansk

**Participants:** 30 young journalists – Russia, Sweden, Finland, Norway

**Organizer:** Barents Press International

**Financing:** The Norwegian Barents Secretariat, own contributions of the participants

**BYCO’s involvement: small:** counseling, practical assistance, spreading the information about the events

**Duration of support:** April – May 2009

**Result:** the event was successfully carried out

### **16/2009 Barents Youth Event 2009**

**Objective:** to discuss the most acute youth problems of today and to prepare a presentation for the Barents Euro-Arctic Conference of Ministers responsible for youth policy.

**Sphere:** youth organisations

**Description:** an interactive process work was organized to identify the most important youth problems and issues to be discussed with the representatives of authorities.

**Place and date:** 23 September, Murmansk

**Participants:** 40 participants – Russia, Norway, Sweden and Finland

**Organizer:** The Ministry of Sport, Tourism and Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation

**Financing:** The Ministry of Sport, Tourism and Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation

**BYCO's involvement: large:** practical organization of the conference ( logistics, accommodation, meeting places, meals, interpreters, etc).

**Duration of support:** June – September 2009

**Result:** the event was successfully carried out

### **17/2009 Barents Euro-Arctic Conference of Ministers responsible for youth policy**

**Objective:** representatives of regional and national youth authorities, youth researchers, together with representatives of national youth council, Barents Regional Youth Council, representatives of youth organizations from all 13 counties of the Barents region, as well as representatives of indigenous youth should meet together and work out common policy on how to make Barents region attractive for young people and how to use young people as a resource and a driving force of the social and economical development of the region.

**Sphere:** cooperation of youth authorities and youth organisations

**Description:** Conference of the Ministers responsible for youth policy in the Barents countries. The main themes of the conference are:

- mutual understanding among the young people of Barents region (youth exchanges, people to people contacts, intercultural dialog);
- involvement of young people in socio-economic development of the Barents region (economical and business aspects);
- the role of youth organizations in the development of society.

Main goals of the conference are to:

- exchange experiences from projects and experiences that had taken place in the region;
- identify and evaluate the impact of current youth policies at regional, national and international levels;
- analyze the consequences of social and economic change for young people the Barents region;
- work out the ways of strengthening the involvement of young people in the social and economic development of the Barents region.

**Place and date:** 24 September, Murmansk

**Participants:** about 90 participants – Russia, Sweden, Norway and Finland

**Organizer:** The Ministry of Sport, Tourism and Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation

**Financing:** The Ministry of Sport, Tourism and Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation

**BYCO's involvement: large:** practical organization of the conference ( logistics, accommodation, meeting places, meals, interpreters, etc).

**Duration of support:** June – September 2009

**Result:** the conference was successfully carried out

### **18/2009 Fishing colleges cooperation**

**Objective:** to strengthen contacts between fisheries students

**Sphere:** education

**Description:** a cooperation project between fishing and navigation colleges of Murmansk and Lofoten

**Place and date:** 24-26 April, Murmansk

**Participants:** 20, Russia + Norway

**Organizer:** Lofoten High School

**Financing:** The Norwegian Barents Secretariat

**BYCO's involvement: small:** counseling, practical assistance, spreading the information about the event

**Duration of support:** March –April 2009

**Result:** the project was successfully carried out

#### **19/2009 Exchange of youth workers**

**Objective:** to exchange experiences of youth work

**Sphere:** youth work, social

**Description:** a study and contact making tour of representatives of Russian youth authorities to Finland and Norway

**Place and date:** 13-21 October, Rovaniemi-Ranua-Kirkenes-Tromsø

**Participants:** 15, Russia, Norway, Finland

**Organizer:** Committee on interaction with public organizations and youth affairs of Murmansk region

**Financing:** Nordic Council of Ministers

**BYCO's involvement: small:** practical assistance (logistics and transport), counseling, contact making

**Duration of support:** September - October 2009

**Result:** the project was successfully carried out, the partners intend to continue cooperation in the future.

#### **20/2009 Exchange of young politicians**

**Objective:** to strengthen the cooperation between the young politicians in the region

**Sphere:** youth cooperation

**Description:** a study tour of Norwegian young politicians to Murmansk, and Russian young politicians to Norway to exchange experiences and to learn more about the political structure of the countries.

**Place and date:** Murmansk, 10-15 April 2009

**Participants:** 26 – Russia + Norway

**Organizer:** Committee on interaction with public organizations and youth affairs of Murmansk region

**Financing:** Nordic Council of Ministers , The Norwegian Barents Secretariat

**BYCO's involvement: small:** spreading the information about the event to possible participants

**Duration of support:** March-April 2009

**Result:** the project was successfully carried out, the partners intend to continue cooperation in the future.

#### **21/2009 Seminar on cooperation between youth NGOs in the North**

**Objective:** to exchange experiences of cooperation of youth NGOs in the North

**Sphere:** NGOs

**Description:** a seminar about experiences of cooperation of youth NOGS in the North

**Place and date:** 22 September, Murmansk

**Participants:** 25 participants – Russia +Norway

**Organizer:** Humanistic Youth Movement

**Financing:** Nordic Council of Ministers

**BYCO's involvement: small:** counseling, providing the information about the event to possible participants

**Duration of support:** September 2009

**Result:** the project was successfully carried out

### **22/2009 Barents Builders**

**Objective:** to give active youngsters education on project management and to increase the number of projects carried out by youths

**Sphere:** education

**Description:** The aim of the project is to build up a group of youngsters (24 persons) who have gone through specialized project management education and will be able to implement projects and be project leaders. The education will take place via 4 study sessions. At the second stage of the project is the participants will plan, implement and evaluate one of their projects, and also become resource persons for 5-10 other youth from their home town.

**Place and date:** Tromsø, 20-22 November

**Participants:** Russia, Norway, Finland, Sweden = total number of participants 24

**Organizer:** Urkraft (Sweden), Tvibit youth house, Norwegian Barents Secretariat

**Financing:** Norwegian Barents Secretariat, Interreg

**BYCO's involvement:** medium: counseling, spreading the information about the project, search for participants, practical assistance (visas and transport).

**Duration of support:** October – November 2009

**Result:** first part of the project has been carried out and second part of it will take place in Murmansk in the end of February 2010.

### **23/2009 Barents Network Media Workshop**

**Objective:** to attract active young people of the Barents region to create a system of informing people in the region about youth policy and activities and opportunities for youth in the Barents region.

**Sphere:** NGO

**Description:** International informational youth meeting of Barents Region in the Republic of Karelia. Representatives of each Barents region, interested in mass-media and journalism, will participate in this event. This event will last for 3 days, during the last week of October.

The tasks of the project:

- to gather youth representatives of the Barents region who are interested in journalism in order to create the system of informing people about youth policy in the Barents region and work of different actors working in the field of youth policy in the region;
- to unite and educate young people interested in journalism;
- to formulate common aims for the further work;

to exchange information about the life of young people and the situation with youth mass media in the Barents region.

**Place and date:** Last week of October, Petrozavodsk

**Participants:** Russia, Norway, Sweden, Finland – 60 participants

**Organizer:** International youth club “Solveig”

**Financing:** The Norwegian Barents Secretariat, State Committee of youth affairs of Karelia.

**BYCO's involvement: small:** counseling

**Duration of support:** June-October 2009

**Result:** the project was successfully carried out.

## II Planned projects

### 24/2009 Barents Youth Film Festival

**Objective:** to create regional and international meeting places for young people who are interested in film as a medium, as well as providing them with a motivating factor.

**Sphere:** culture

**Description:** Barents Youth Film Festival will be arranged for the first time. The goal for the festival is:

- To stimulate young people in the Barents Region to develop critical and creative views of the art of film
- To create regional and international meeting places for young people who are interested in film as a medium, as well as providing them with a motivating factor.
- To give young people in the Barents Region knowledge of each others' culture through providing cultural meeting places

**Place and date:** May, 2010, Bodø

**Participants:** 30 students, aged 14-15, from Northern Sweden, Northern Finland and Northern Russia.

**Organizer:** Salten Kultursamarbeid

**Financing:** The Norwegian Barents Secretariat, regional and municipal funding

**BYCO's involvement: medium:** counselling, search for participants, practical aspects

**Duration of support:** June 2009 – present time

**Result:** the work goes on

### 25/2009 Rock, Raggae and Rights

**Objective:** to increase awareness about human rights among young people by means of information and music.

**Sphere:** human rights, social

**Description:** The Reggae Rock and Rights Tour is an information tour about human rights, mixing the information with music and interactive theatre. The tour is a way to create a debate among youth about Human Rights of today. The tour consists of a workshop, a stage-show and a human rights festival where the aim is to create do-ers instead of viewers. The tour will through it's concept reach many young people and be a way of sharing some of the amazing music from the region. The tour will encourage the cultural exchange between the musicians and other creative people participating in the show. The show will focus on diversity, gender equality and indigenous peoples rights. But the pre project will hold workshops on schools to find out which human rights the youth are interested in to involve it in the show.

**Place and date:** several events in 2010

**Participants:** total amount is not available yet

**Organizer:** Barents Regional Youth Council

**Financing:** the Norwegian Barents Secretariat, Nordic Council of Ministers

**BYCO's involvement: small:** counseling, partner search, practical assistance

**Duration of support:** March 2009 – present time

**Result:** the work goes on

### 26/2009 ART project

**Objective:** to suggest new ways of work with young delinquents

**Sphere:** social

**Description:** to organize a seminar about ART (aggression replacement training) method targeted to youth workers and teachers, as well as to young delinquents.

**Place and date:** autumn 2008

**Participants:** 20 participants – Russia, Sweden.

**Organizer:** Ung Art Sweden

**Financing:** own financing of the partners, other sources

**BYCO's involvement:** partner search, counseling, spreading the information about the event, assistance in application writing.

**Duration of support:** September 2009 – present time

**Result:** the partners decided to start the work on the project to be implemented in 2010.

### 27/2009 Pomor games

**Objective:** to raise interest of teenagers and youth in the history of their native region through studying and trying children's summer games of pomors.

**Sphere:** culture

**Description:** The first stage of the project will be devoted to gathering of the information about games of coast-dwellers, frolics and their summer ritual holidays. The information will be gathered by working in the libraries and museums of city Kandalaksha and Kandalaksha region, through correspondence with keepers of traditions of coast-dwellers, by mounting an expedition in village Umba.

The second stage involves carrying out of the practical arrangements about distribution of knowledge attained as a result of the first-stage research.

It is planned to organize coast-dweller gaming with teenagers who attend teen-clubs, to teach a master class during which the teachers and the children skillful at making coast-dwellers toys, will share their knowledge and skills with children and the teenagers of the city, their parents and teachers. As a finishing stage the city celebration "Summer fun and pomor games" will be held.

**Place and date:** summer 2010, Umba-Kandalaksha

**Participants:** 30 participants – Russia +Norway

**Organizer:** Kandalaksha Municipality

**Financing:** Kandalaksha Municipality, other funding – to be applied for

**BYCO's involvement: small:** counselling

**Duration of support:** May-July 2009

**Result:** the project is under construction, planned for summer 2010

### 28/2009 Rock Attacks Barents 2010

**Objective:** to promote youth culture and cooperation in the field of youth culture in the Barents region

**Sphere:** culture

**Description:** a 2-day festival of youth rock music with rock groups coming from 3 regions of Russia, Finland and Norway.

**Place and date:** Murmansk, first week of March

**Participants:** Sweden, Norway, Russia, Finland – 60 participants + audience

**Organizer:** "Socium + "

**Financing:** the Norwegian Barents Secretariat, own contributions of the participants.

**BYCO's involvement:** medium: counseling, spreading the information about the event to possible participants, selection of Russian participants, practical issues (transportation and visas), participation in the event.

**Duration of support:** October 2009 – present time.

**Result:** the work goes on.

### 29/2009 Jokkmokk winter conference 2010

**Objective:** to discuss environmental challenges in the north, with special focus on climate change

**Sphere:** environment

**Description:** environmental conference about climate change, with inspiring lectures and group work, in the end of the conference participants had an opportunity meet top politicians from Sweden, Finland, Norway and Canada and give them their message and discuss climate change.

**Place and date:** 2-5 February 2010 Jokkmokk

**Participants:** Sweden, Norway, Russia, Finland, Canada, Island – 60 participants

**Organizer:** Jokkmokk municipality

**Financing:** Jokkmokk municipality

**BYCO's involvement:** medium: counseling, spreading the information about the event to possible participants, selection of Russian participants, practical issues (transportation and visas), participation in the event.

**Duration of support:** October 2009 – present time.

**Result:** the work goes on

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW  
2009

*Type of activity: Project support*

<b>N</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sphere</b>	<b>Participation</b>	<b>Notes*</b>
01/2009	“Trassa” youth culture festival	culture	Bilateral ( No + Ru)	<b>P</b>
02/2009	Jokkmokk winter conference 2009	envir	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<b>P</b>
03/2009	Rock attacks the Barents region	culture	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<b>P</b>
04/2009	Mathematics project	educ	Bilateral ( No + Ru)	<b>P</b>
05/2009	Yukigassen sports festival	sport	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<b>P</b>
06/2009	Barents Sea Youth Conference	educ	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<b>P</b>
07/2009	Discover Murmansk!	culture	Bilateral ( No + Ru)	<b>P</b>
08/2009	Barents Gathering 2009	culture	Bilateral ( No + Ru)	<b>P</b>
09/2009	Rajarock 2009	culture	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<b>P</b>
10/2009	Hyperborea 2010	NGO	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<b>P</b>
11/2009	“Shtangart” students regate	culture	Bilateral ( No + Ru)	<b>P</b>
12/2009	ReAction	NGO	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<b>P</b>
13/2009	Arones Rock	culture	Bilateral ( No + Ru)	<b>P</b>
14/2009	Barents Camp	NGO	Bilateral ( No + Ru)	<b>P</b>
15/2009	Barents Press Young Journalists Conference	NGO	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<b>P</b>
16/2009	Barents Youth Event 2009	NGO	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<b>P</b>
17/2009	Barents Euro-Arctic Conference of Ministers responsible for youth policy	NGO+gov	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<b>P</b>
18/2009	Fishing colleges cooperation	educ	Bilateral ( No + Ru)	<b>P</b>
19/2009	Exchange of youth workers	NGO	Multilateral (No+Fi+Ru)	<b>P</b>
20/2009	Exchange of young politicians	NGO	Bilateral ( No + Ru)	<b>P</b>
21/2009	Seminar on cooperation between youth NGOs in the North	NGO	Bilateral ( No + Ru)	<b>P</b>
22/2009	Barents Builders	NGO	Multilateral (No+Fi+Ru)	<b>P</b>
23/2009	Barents Network Media Workshop	NGO	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<b>P</b>
24/2009	Barents Youth Film Festival	culture	Multilateral	<b>U</b>

			(Se+No+Fi+Ru)	
25/2009	Rock, Raggae and Rights	culture	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<i>U</i>
26/2009	ART project	educ	Bilateral ( Se + Ru)	<i>U</i>
27/2009	Pomor games	culture	Bilateral ( No + Ru)	<i>U</i>
28/2009	Rock Attacks Barents 2010	culture	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<i>U</i>
29/2009	Jokkmokk winter conference 2010	envir	Multilateral (Se+No+Fi+Ru)	<i>U</i>

**Notes** \*: *P* – positive (successfully realized projects) - 22

*U* – unknown (projects that are still on preparatory stage or is being carried out)- 7

**Statistics:**

Multilateral projects – 17

Bilateral projects - 12 (Sweden + Russia= 1, Norway + Russia = 11)

Culture – 10

NGO and youth policy- 11

Education -4

Environment - 2

Sport – 1