



**Ministry of sport, tourism and youth policy of the Russian Federation**

**Protocol of the 28th meeting  
of the Working Group on Youth Policy  
of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council  
3 September 2009, Murmansk**

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**Participants:**

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**Chair:** Mr Philipp Kosov  
**Secretary:** Ms Nadezhda Karkach

**1-2. Opening of the Meeting. Adoption of the agenda**

The Chair opened the 28th meeting of the Working Group on Youth Policy (WGYP). The introduction was produced by Mr. Mostovoy, the Head of Murmansk Committee on interaction with public organizations and youth affairs. Mr. Mostovoy underlined the importance of organising the Conference for Murmansk region.

The proposed agenda was adopted.

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. The Declaration of the Conference
4. Youth Event
5. The detailed programme of the Conference
6. Practical issues of the Conference
7. Scientific content
8. Date and venue of the next meeting

### **3. The Declaration of the Conference**

The Ministry of sport, tourism and youth policy of the Russian Federation has created the draft of the Conference Declaration and proposed to adopt it at the Conference in the format of Conclusions of the Chair. The draft Declaration was sent to the WGYP members July 16 2009. The WGYP members discussed the Draft. It was decided that the Declaration should be adopted by all BEAC member countries in the format of joint summary. The WGYP underlined the high value of the Conference outcome document. Mr. Hansen agreed to continue the work under the draft on the basis of Russian text. The WGYP recommended making the Declaration shorter and more concrete.

### **4. Youth Event**

Concerning the practical issues of preparing the youth event the WGYP recommended organizers to provide the accommodation to youth representatives at the same hotel as for other participants in case the enough amount of free rooms for the Conference dates.

Murmansk Committee presented their views on organizing the youth event. The WGYP discussed the theme of youth meeting and suggested to focus on youth participation in development of society and youth organizations in the Barents region. Murmansk Committee was asked to create and present a programme of the youth meeting and organize it.

The WGYP members from Finland and Sweden inform about the problems in recruiting the youth participants because of taking part in the Arkhangelsk event.

### **5-6. The detailed programme of the Conference. Practical issues of the Conference**

Murmansk Committee and Russian Ministry presented the detailed Programme of the Conference.

The WGYP and Murmansk Committee discussed the participation of Head of the Murmansk region, the organizing of the press-conference, informing press, work of group sessions and other questions. It was decided to change the order of the Tour around the Murmansk city and Final session. Each head of delegation will have a time for a statement at the opening ceremony.

The visa support will be provided by Russian Ministry and Norwegian Barents Secretariat.

The Russian Ministry informed the WGYP about invitations of international organizations and working groups to the Conference. The WGYP suggested making the list of invited guests according to the protocol of the previous meeting.

The WGYP decided to pay more attention at the work on Plan of Action and update it during Swedish chairmanship.

## **7. Scientific content**

The Russian Ministry representatives presented the list of researches and the way of organizing the keynote report part and the discussions in the group sessions. The part of the members of the WGYP proposed to combine into one the topics “Mutual understanding among the young people of Barents region” and “Youth participation and role of youth organizations in the development of society”. It was suggested to create the new session “Youth and the Environmental challenges in the Barents Region” in case the keynote speaker will be found. The WGYP supported this proposal and decided to invite the representative from the BEAC Working Group on Environment to make a speech and organize the work of the relevant session. The Session B “Involvement of young people in socio-economic development of the Barents region” was left without changes.

5 keynote speakers were agreed: Mrs. Laila Dalhaug, Mr. Rudolf Ter-Sarkisov, the BRYC representative, Mrs. Maria Petrova and the Working Group on Environment representative. The WGYP suggested the speakers to correct their report names and at the end of their speeches give the list of the questions for the session discussions if possible.

The moderators of the group sessions will be the WGYP members. The national youth council representatives will be asked to present the conclusions of the working groups at the final session. The researches will be recommended to have short speeches during the group discussions instead the “formal” reports.

The WGYP asked Ms. Petrova to base the report of BYCO on Evaluation of Julia Zubok. The evaluation and the Plan of Action will be the background papers of the Conference. The others background documents concerning the work of RWGYI will be sent to organizers by Ms. Dalhaug.

## **8. Date and venue of the next meeting**

The next WGYP meeting will be held in Murmansk, preliminary dates are 22-23 September 2009.