

# Report from the meeting of the BFSN 14-15 June 2018 in Umeå



15 participants – 4 nations - agencies and academia – seminars and discussions – very active input and contributions from all parts  
(including Swedish repr from the regional cooperation)

# Aim and goals for BFSN meeting 13-14 June 2019

- To discuss and contribute to general priorities for Barents cooperation within the Barents Forest Sector Network, especially WGEC
- To share views and experiences concerning the forest role and contribution towards a bioeconomy
- To discuss this topics and to develop a common knowledge base, although not necessarily agreements
- To develop a road map for continued collaboration
  - Opportunities and challenges concerning Bioeconomy
  - Implementation of activities within the Climate Change AP
  - Coming activities and meetings

# Strategy discussions

- Identify long-term themes and focus areas for the BSFN
- Strengthen cooperation with other organizations, forums - national and regional level.
- A balanced and coherent view on forests and forest products for a sustainable development in the Barents region (bioeconomy).
- Continue to take an active role in the the Action Plan on Climate Change for the Barents region (Barents 2050 study).
  - Our focus is on forest adaption, forestbased Bioeconomy and climate change mitigation.
- To support the Working Group for Economic Cooperation (WGEC) in the work concerning Bioeconomy, (also the Working Group for Environment WGE)



# Notes (prel) from BFSN meeting 13-14 June

- More close cooperation with **other groups within Barents region** (BEAC and BRC), but also connections with the circumboreal coop
- **Mapping relevant ongoing projects** in cooperation between Barents countries supporting bioeconomy (best practice, view results, visibility, mutual benefits)
- Supporting **bioeconomy networks** of scientists and practitioners for capacity building and analysis of policy making and governance
- Actions planned/taken according to the **Climate change action plan** of Barents
- **Forest and water** – conference on experiences/best practices (coop with WGE)
- Enhance common knowledge on **wood constructions** (input to WGEC)
- **Forest forum 2019** – inputs and recommendations

# BFSN – preliminary road map/ meetings

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| 13-14 June     | Introductory meeting, (Västerbotten, Umeå)                                                                                                                                                     |
| 17-18 October  | Deepen discussions and understandings in bioeconomy and/or climate adaptation/mitigation, wood constructions (Norrbotten)<br><i>(possible invitation to member of WGEC and, Regional WGEC)</i> |
| 29-30 Jan 2019 | Meeting back to back with Forest and water conference<br>(cooperation with WAMBAF-seminar, Stockholm)<br><i>(possible invitation to member of WGE and Regional WGE)</i>                        |
| April 2019,    | Distance meeting, update/planning main topic, preparation Forest forum                                                                                                                         |
| October 2019,  | Forest Forum (Umeå)                                                                                                                                                                            |