The EU and the Arctic Region: ELL - Arctic Indigenous Peoples Representative











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Programmes and projects Examples

• INTERREG IV A NORTH – Priority 4- Sami (2007-13) 10.5 million

Project: The Sami language and culture in nursery school

and school

Project: Collection of words in Pite-Sami language

Project: Saemesth dle! (SamS)

Project: Inside the Sami room - Saemieh Saepmesinie

Project: The Sami Parliament Youth Conference 2008

Project: Sami youth

Project: Arin – New minority drama in the North Calotte

Project: Skolt Lappish cross-border culture

Project: Ovttas! Sami language, school and kindergarten

development in Tana Valley.



INTERREG IVA NORTH- Sami

- Project: Ambassadors of reindeer herding
- Project: Indigenous entrepreneurship
- Project: Traditional ecological knowledge conveyed by female reindeer keepers
- Preliminary study: Sami language and school development in the valley of Tana/Sámi giella – ja skuvlaovdádeapmi Deanuleagis
- Preliminary study: Education immaterial rights
- Preliminary study: Industry development in the boundless region of Sami
- Preliminary: Sami ArctiChildren
- Preliminary study: SÁFÁ Investigation into the establishment of a Nordic Sami language center





INTERREG IVA NORTH- Sami

- <u>Project:</u> Traditional ecological knowledge conveyed by female reindeer keepers
- Lead partner: Ájtte, Swedish Mountain and Sami Museum
- Partners Sámi University College, Vaisa Sami federation, Goahteskuvla
- Objective and aim
- The collaboration is to develop ways to actively manage the traditional ecological knowledge of local communities. The women participating in the project have a strong anchorage in the local environment in which to operate and can be seen as resources to work on traditional ecological knowledge of local actors. The aim of the gathering is to contribute to empowerment that is to become aware of their capacities and stimulate creativity. Participants can contribute to the revitalization of Sami meeting venues in the local community in which traditional knowledge and the Sami language is practiced.
- Project time: 01.01.2011-31.12.2012
- EC contribution: €108 110



INTERREG IVA NORTH- Sami

- Project: Indigenous entrepreneurship
- Lead partner: Swedish Sami National Association (SSR)
- Partners
- Suoma Sámi Guovddassearvi SSG, Norwegian Sami National Association, International Barents secretariat
- Objective and aim
- Aim of the project is to include indigenous peoples in the development of the region, creating strong business relationships between indigenous entrepreneurs in the Barents region, creating jobs for people belonging to indigenous peoples in their communities, strengthen cooperation between indigenous peoples in the Barents region, and promote indigenous culture and traditions inside and outside the Barents region for indigenous peoples' own conditions. Project participants (Sami, Nenets, Komi and Veps) will through innovation find new ways to use indigenous traditions and traditional knowledge in the creation of small businesses, finding a meeting place for indigenous young entrepreneurs, thus creating business cooperation across state borders.
- Project time: 2010.06 2011.12
- EC funding: €228 055





KOLARCTIC CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION

- Northern regions of four countries are participating in the programme: Finland,
 Sweden, Norway and Russia
- 2007-13 €28.24 million
- Priority: People-to-people cooperation and identity building
- Example:
- Culture Tourism Project of the Indigenous Peoples of the North
- Lead: The Sami Education Institute, Finland
- Objective: to strengthen the identity, investment possibilities and attraction of the Nenets and Finnish Sami areas.





NORTHERN PERIPHERY PROGRAMME

- Ireland, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom, with the participation of the Faeroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland and Norway.
- budget of the programme: €59 million; of which EU investment amounts to €35 million. The four non-EU MS finance their participation and provide another €10 million
- Example with participation of Greenland:
- Project Clim-ATIC: Climate Change Adapting to The Impacts, by Communities in Northern Peripheral Regions, EC funding: €1.3 million
- Clim-ATIC will support community stakeholders to work in partnership with public sector and academic institutions to explore the potential for different community sectors to develop adaptation capacity, and deliver real adaptations under priority themes for the Northern Periphery, providing local economic and social advantages.
- (12 adaptation demonstration projects e.g. Adapting dog sledging to changes in the Arctic climate, development of leightweight and sustainable tourist hut in Greenland.



EIDHR (European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights)

- Provides wide scope for specific actions in the field of indigenous peoples
- Projects funded target international organisations, NGOs, and indigenous organisations mainly aiming at:
- supporting indigenous peoples and their representatives in participating in UN activities relevant to indigenous peoples
- supporting civil society activities to promote ILO Convention 169 and its principles
- the last one concerning Arctic / sub-Arctic indigenous peoples is EIDHR/2009/227865 - Capacity building, to pursue traditional livelihoods -Russian Federation with 120,000 EUR.



EU Arctic Footprint and Policy Assessment Study



FP7 projects: CLEAR. Climate change, environmental contaminants and reproductive health

- EC funding: € 2.37 million, CP, 8 partners
- Duration: 48 months (started 01/05/2009)
- Co-ordinator: Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark
- Major activities of CLEAR are:
 - investigate how climate change may affect human exposure to widespread environmental contaminants and how these contaminants may in turn affect the occurrence of human reproductive disorders
 - Focus on Greenland, comparisons with Poland and Ukraine (works with mother-child cohorts established in these countries).
- International partners from Canada, Ukraine and Greenland



FP7 projects: ArcRisk. Arctic Health Risks: Impacts on health in the Arctic and Europe owing to climate-induced changes in contaminant cycling

- EC funding: € 3.49 million, CP, 21 partners
- Duration: 48 months (started 01/06/2009)
- Co-ordinator: Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program
- International partners from Canada, Russia
- Major activities of ArcRisk are:
 - How changing pathways and climatic conditions will impact on contaminant uptake and transfer within foodwebs, leading to foods consumed by humans
 - Effects of climate change on transport and distribution of environmental contaminants; how these changes may alter human exposure to contaminants; impacts on human health.







