Trilateral Projects in Pasvik-Inari Cooperation

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with input from Russian and Norwegian partners
Solid basis for cooperation = four active organisations

- Also positive possibility to complement cooperation with other partners
  - Managers of other protected areas
  - Research institutes
  - Universities of applied sciences
  - Regional environment centres and County administratives
  - Municipalities
  - Local public and private organisations
- Power of networks!
Sources of needs and ideas

• Our action plan for 10 years
• Objectives and strategies of protected areas
• Common water catchment area
• Cooperation along Green Belt of Fennoscandia based on Memorandum of Understanding, signed by Environmental Ministries of three countries in 2010
Kolarctic Cross-Border Cooperation Programme

- Supports and strengthens cross-border cooperation between the countries in the North Calotte and North West Russia
- Promotes viable economy and the attractiveness of the region, where inhabitants and visitors are able to enjoy the arctic nature and where the natural resources are used in a sustainable way
- Funding from EU, national funding from countries involved and from partners
  - Partners from Russia and Finland: 90% external, 10% own contribution
  - Partners from Norway: 65% external, 35% own contribution
Harmonising monitoring of brown bear

• Piloting the method - hair samples collected from hair snares, DNA-analysis - in *Promotion of nature protection and sustainable nature tourism in the Inari-Pasvik area* – project funded by Interreg and Tacis –programme in 2007

• Non-invasive method approved to be good: fine results in identifying individuals, kinship and minimum number of bears in trilateral area

• Since, monitoring done every 4th year - 2011, 2015 and 2019 - with national funding and organisations’ own annual budgets
A TOOL FOR FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF THE BORDER RIVERS PASVIK AND GRENSE JAKOBSELV
(Norwegian, Finnish and Russian border area)

Output:
A new Multi-Use Plan for the Pasvik and Grense Jakobselv catchments, includes a Programme of Measures (PoM) for the time span 2021-2030

Partners: County Governor of Troms and Finnmark (Norway- Lead Partner), Pasvik zapovednik (Russia) and ELY Lapland (Finland)

35 participating institutions in Norway, Russia and Finland

Funding: Kolartic ENI CBC, national funding and funding from partners

https://www.fylkesmannen.no/nb/troms-finnmark/miljoklima/internasjonalt-samarbeid/multiuseplan-pasvik-grense-jakobselv/

Photo: Russian and Norwegian youth is working together and giving input to the Multiuse-plan and PoM (©Anne Smeland).
Goal of Ecological Restoration of Arctic Rivers - project

- Rivers are a source of fresh water, habitat for aquatic and coastal organisms, including endangered ones. It is important to keep them.
- Rivers altered as a result of human activity require examination. It is important to eliminate disturbances and restore rivers.
- Each country in the Barents Region (Russia, Finland, Norway and Sweden) has its own experience in river rehabilitation. It is important to exchange them in order to put into practice the best achievements in the field of science and nature protection.
- Developing a river rehabilitation plan for 2020-2030 is an important task for all the five partners!
Infrastructure and services for easy and sustainable access

- New Visitor Point for Øvre Pasvik National Park, NO
  - Restoration of old buildings
  - Exhibition
- Equipping Pasvik Zapovednik’s visitor centre in Nikel, RU
  - Parking lot and garage
  - Permanent exhibition
Aurora Borealis monitoring system for tourism business needs (Aurora, KO5029)

- **The goal of the project** is to draw attention to the Arctic nature, to study the unique natural phenomenon of the Aurora Borealis.

- **The result of the project** is the installation of a camera for observing the Aurora Borealis on tourist routes, the creation of permanent observation points to attract foreign tourists and production of guiding materials.

- **Implementation period:** 12 months.

- **Partners:** Polar Geophysical Institute (Lead partner, RU) OOO «OINIO Socium +» (RU), Pasvik Nature Reserve (RU), Metsähallitus (FI), Nibio Svanhovd (NO).
Multilingual education and communication materials

• EN, RU, NO, FI and Sámi languages!
• Short film – a love story from Pasvik River valley – and a documentary
• Travelling exhibition about nature, culture and geology along Green Belt of Fennoscandia
• Comics, boardgames