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The Swedish national Chairmanship of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council and the Finnmark regional Chairmanship of the Barents Regional Council 2017-2019 invite you to:

“Barents Co-operation 25 Years - Fostering Common Opportunities in the European Arctic”

Venue: The Swedish Representation to the EU, Square de Meeûs 30

Moderator: Nora Thorp Bjørnstad

Date: Tuesday 5 June 8:30-13:00

8:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
9:00	Welcoming by Mr. Mikael Lindvall , PSC Ambassador, Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU
9:05	A visual introduction to 25 years of Barents cooperation.
9:10	Mr. Christian Leffler , Deputy Secretary-General for Economic and Global Issues at European External Action Service “The EU Arctic policy in a Barents perspective”
9:20	Mr. Björn Lyrvall , Arctic Ambassador, Sweden “European Arctic – an example of successful regional cooperation during 25 years” Ms. Ragnhild Vassvik , Chair of Barents Regional Council and County Governor. Finnmark’s priorities for the Barents Euro-Arctic Chairmanship
9:45	Presentations: Best practices for cross border-cooperation - Arctic Skills, a competition for students in vocational education, Mr. Robert Flatli - KOLARCTIC CBC an important Barents contributor, Ms. Päivi Ekdal , Development Director, Regional Council of Lapland - Transport and infrastructure in the Barents Region (Joint Barents Transport Plan), Mr. Krister Palo , Swedish Transport Administration - The Indigenous Barents, Ms. Tatiana Egorova , Leader Barents Indigenous Peoples Office
10:40	Coffee break
11:00	Why does Barents matter in Brussels? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Urmas Paet, Estonian MEP• Ms. Marita Ulvskog, Swedish MEP• Ms. Merja Kyllönen, Finnish MEP
11:30	Talking Barents panel debate: Building a future by joining people – Lessons learnt from 25 years of people-to-people cooperation to deliver future continued success of cooperation in a changing world.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Ragnhild Vassvik, Chair Barents Regional Council• Ms. Marie-Anne Coninx, EU Ambassador at Large for the Arctic• Ms. Magdalena Andersson, County Governor, Västerbotten• Mr. Sergey Petrovich, Russian Senior Official in Barents Euro-Arctic Council• Mr. Harri Mäki-Reinikka, Finnish Ambassador, Senior Adviser, Northern Policies
12:45	Q&A – Questions from the audience
13:00	A taste of Barents – lunch reception
14:00	End of event