## **Online workshop: Multilevel Governance** and Interregional Cooperation: Vol.2 -**The Barents Region**

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Video conference software: Zoom (hosted by Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center)

Date and Time: (Wed) June 9, 2021, 8:30-10:00(Norway, GMT+2)/9:30-11:00(NWRussia, GMT +3)/15:30-17:00 (Japan, GMT +9)

The Barents cooperation played a pioneering role during the early post-Cold War years, but what can be said about its present condition and the future prospects? What is the relationship between the Arctic and Barents cooperation? What are the major challenges and what are the recent success stories of the Barents cooperation? What other initiatives aiming to foster interregional cooperation (in the context of the Arctic and North) can learn from the Barents cooperation? Can the Barents cooperation offer lessons and best practices for regional cooperation in the North East Asia or Asia as a whole?

## **Opening**

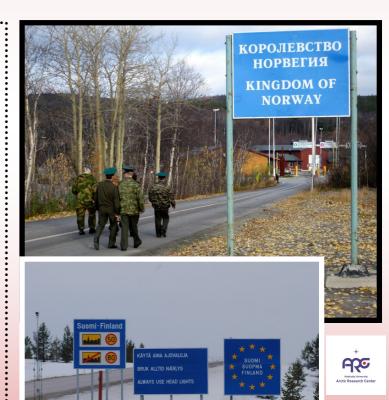
Geir Hønneland (UiT The Arctic University of Norway; The Norwegian Helsinki Committee): "Norway and Russia in the Barents Region: Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation Structure"

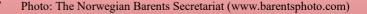
Larissa Riabova (Luzin Institute for Economic Studies of the Kola Science Centre): "Studying the Barents Region: views and experiences from the Russian side"

**Gøril Johansen (Ministry of Foreign Affairs Norway,** Chair, the Committee of Senior Officials): Commentary

Q&A

Announcements from the organizers and closing





## **HOW TO REGISTER:**

Open for everyone interested. Follow the link and fill in the registration form by June 6, 2021. URL: https://forms.gle/JFrDuzFLXeEAJwZU6



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