

The Barents Forest Sector Network



"We will focus on the areas of

- health,*
 - people-to-people contact and*
 - knowledge,*
- with a view to building a stronger and more resilient Barents region",*

Ine Eriksen Søreide,
Minister of Foreign Affairs



Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food



**The Norwegian Chairmanship
of the Barents Euro Arctic Council
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Objective of the Barents Forest Sector Network

Achieve a balanced and coherent view on forests as well as on products and services they provide - to meet key challenges and contribute to the development of a sustainable society in the Barents region.



Norwegian priorities

- Norway will continue the long-term strategy of focusing on the forest-based bioeconomy as a follow up on the Action Plan on Climate Change for the Barents region.
- Aim to identify potential challenges relating to the transition to a low-carbon society.
- Focus on knowledge by engaging the forestry sector and research organisations located in the Barents region.
- Strengthen regional cooperation, involve other working groups and the secretariats within Barents Euro-Arctic Cooperation
- Increase youth participation



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The roadmap

- Conduct a process towards a Barents Forest Forum 2021 as the main goal of the Norwegian chairmanship.
- Identify knowledge gaps that could be further assessed (potential, challenges, mapping of projects, etc.).
- Invite members and experts to BFSN meetings, for planning the work and to exchange research results and best practices.
- Use the Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO) as secretariat and focal point for the chairmanship.
- Forum and BFSN meetings preferably in the Norwegian part of the Barents region.
- Cooperation with research stations and the forest sector located in the Norwegian part of the Barents region.



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Thank you for the attention!

