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



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.





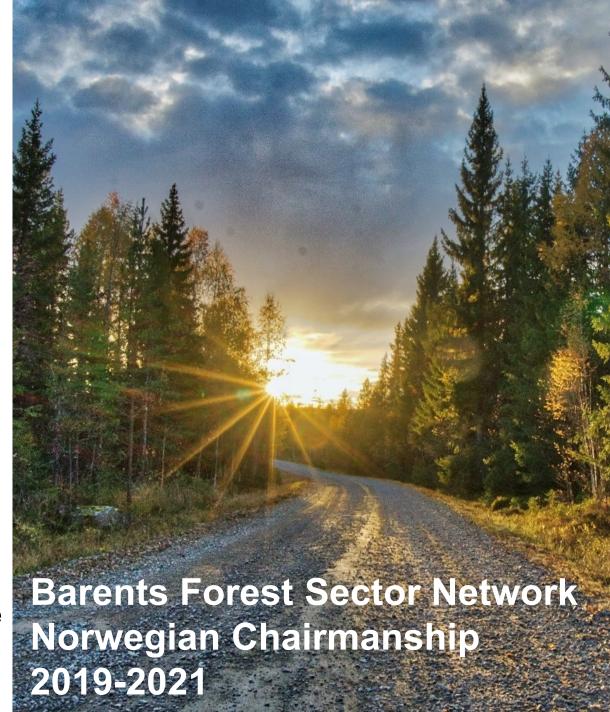
Norwegian priorities

- 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



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 (potencial, 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 prefareably 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.





Thank you for the attention!



