Arctic Task Force meeting

28/01/2022
Objectives of the Arctic Task Force of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission

• Offer strategic support and provide regional evidence to the EU institutions during the revision process of the EU Arctic Policy in 2021 and ensure involvement of regional authorities in the implementation of the policy;

• Showcase the extensive potential of smart and innovative solutions in the Arctic to lead the green transition;

• Increase cooperation between Arctic and non-arctic regions across Europe

• Stand as a partner for dialogue and cooperation with the European institutions, and Arctic stakeholders and promote multi-level governance;

• Promote Arctic issues on the European agenda
2020-2021 Activities of the Task Force

1-POLICY – BSC Arctic Task Force

Objective: to promote a regional perspective in the ongoing EU revision process for a new EU Arctic policy to be published in October 2021

- BSC contribution to the EU public consultation on future EU Arctic policy
  NOVEMBER 2020
- BSC Arctic TF meeting about regional perspectives on a new EU Arctic policy
  MARCH 2021
- BSC Arctic TF meeting about the 3 pillars of EU Arctic policy
  JUNE 2021
- BSC Executive Committee set up an Arctic Task Force lead by Tomas Mörtsell
  Region Västerbotten
  JANUARY 2021
- Arctic discussion at CPMR Political Bureau with EU Arctic special Envoy
  MARCH 2021
- BSC General Assembly discussion on Arctic and seminar during the EUSBSR Annual Forum
  SEPTEMBER 2021

ACHIEVEMENTS
- Strengthen contacts with key Arctic regional actors from Scotland, Nordland, Iceland, Lapland
- Video message from EU Commissioner Sinkevičius and cooperation with EEAS and EC’s representatives
- Close cooperation with MEPS from the European Parliament Arctic friendship Group
- Put Arctic issues on CPMR agenda (eg. Political Bureau discussion)