

The Renewed Northern Dimension Policy

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1. RENEWAL OF THE ND POLICY

- ND Ministerial Meeting, Nov. 2005 in Brussels
- 2006: Negotiations between EU, Russia, Norway and Iceland
- ND Senior Officials' Meeting 22 September 2006 in Imatra
- ND Summit 24 November 2006 in Helsinki: adoption of the new documents

NEW ND DOCUMENTS 2007-

- ND Framework Document
- Political Declaration




WHAT'S NEW?

1. Common policy EU, Russia, Norway and Iceland
2. Regional expression of EU-Russia Common Spaces
3. New permanent policy document
4. Strengthened structures: ND Steering group

2. ND FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT

- geographical coverage
- actors
- objectives, principles
- cooperation sectors
- mechanisms
- information system
- financing

The Northern Dimension

-  The Member states of the European Union
-  The Candidate countries of the European Union
-  The Partner countries of the Northern Dimension
- The Observer countries of the Northern Dimension:
Canada and the United States



Map: Arctic Centre - University of Lapland

ACTORS

- Partners: EU, Russia, Norway, Iceland
- Participants: Northern Regional Councils, IFIs, other EU institutions and those of other ND partners
- Observers: USA, Canada
- Other actors

OTHER ACTORS

- Regional and sub-regional organizations
- Sub-national and local authorities
- NGOs and civil society organizations
- universities and research centres
- business and trade unions

BASIC OBJECTIVES

- To promote dialogue and concrete cooperation, strengthen stability, well-being and intensified economic cooperation, promotion of economic integration and competitiveness and sustainable development

CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION

- Cross-cutting theme
- To enhance sustainable regional development
- Civil society, people to people contacts
- Encourages municipal and regional authorities to engage in concrete cooperation projects

COOPERATION SECTORS

- Economic cooperation
- Freedom, security and justice
- External security (civil protection)
- Research, education and culture
- Environment, nuclear Safety and natural resources
- Social welfare and health care

ND MECHANISMS - POLICY LEVEL

- ND ministerial and senior officials meetings
- Joint steering group

FINANCING

- Principle of co-financing
- EU: ENPI 2007-
- Role of International Financing Institutions

3. POLITICAL DECLARATION

- **Commitment to cooperate actively within the ND**
- **Support to ND Environmental Partnership and Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being**
- **Mandate to study possibility of Transport and Logistics Partnership and cooperation in energy efficiency**

4. THE FUTURE ND

- commitment of all parties to ND cooperation
- promotion/facilitation of concrete cooperation (i.a. cross-border cooperation)
- continued support to present partnerships and their development
- new partnerships / enhanced cooperation

SEE ALSO:

- <http://www.eu2006.fi>
- http://www.ec.europa.eu/comm/external_relations/north_dim
- <http://www.ndep.org>
- <http://www.ndphs.org>