

ENPI CBC Kolarctic Programme

Total allocation: (2007-2013): 28.241 million EUR

Eligible regions:

Finland: Lappi; adjoining areas: Oulu Region

Sweden: Norrbotten; adjoining areas: Västerbotten

Norway: Finnmark, Troms, Nordland

Russia: Murmansk, Archangelsk, Nenets; adjoining areas: Republic of Karelia, Leningrad Oblast

Managing Authority: Regional Council of Lapland, Finland

The **strategic objective** of the Programme is to reduce the periphery of the countries' border regions and its related problems as well as to promote multilateral cross-border co-operation. The Programme aims to help the regions in the Programme area to develop their cross-border economic, social and environmental potential, which shall be achieved by supporting innovative cross-border activities, accessibility, and the sustainable development of natural resources, communities and cultural heritage.

Priorities:

1. Economic and social development: to develop SME and business co-operation; to promote trade; to develop sustainable transport, logistics and communication systems; to implement educational and research activities; to ensure the quality of public and private services; to use innovations and new technology; to enhance the use of renewable sources of energy and active energy saving; to develop energy co-operation; to support the development of traditional ways of living; to develop labour markets and to support entrepreneurship; to exchange best practices in rural development, municipal services and special planning

2. Common challenges: border-crossing and the environment - to support health and social welfare; to improve security; to prevent accidents and environmental risks (incl. emergency preparedness, radiation safety, marine pollution risks); to improve border crossing efficiency (incl. small scale infrastructure, harmonisation of border crossing procedures and increase of transparency); education and research

3. People-to-people co-operation and identity building: strengthen people-to-people and civil society contacts at the local level. Actions in the educational, cultural and art fields as well as enhanced cross-border contacts between civil society groups and NGOs aimed at promoting local governance and mutual understanding.