

Barents Forest Forum 2021

20-21. October 2021 at 10-13 CEST. Online event

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20 October 2021:

Forests in a Circular Bioeconomy in the Barents region

Chair Mr. Pål Vidar Sollie, Director General, Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture

10.00 Welcoming remarks

Ms. Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway and
Chair of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council

Ms. Olaug Vervik Bollestad, Minister of Agriculture and Food of Norway

Ms. Helene Hellmark Knutsson, Governor of Västerbotten, Chair of the Barents Regional Council

10.15 Keynote: A New Deal for Forests in the Barents Region.

Marc Palahi, Director. European Forest Institute EFI

10.30 «Through the looking glass» – forests, bioeconomy and people.

10.30 Introduction – Forests in Northern Europe's Emerging Bioeconomy.
Camilla Widmark, SLU/Forest Bioeconomy Network - an EFI research network

10.40 Prospects for forest based circular bioeconomy in the Barents region.
Markus Lier, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests Finland / LUKE

11.00 Biotechnologies for processing wood residues in the
Russian North-Western region.
Konstantin Mikhailov, Northern Forestry Research Institute (SevNIILKh)

11.20 People and forests in the Barents region. Policies and means for balanced
participation in developing the circular forest bioeconomy.
Linda Nyström, The Cluster of Forest Technology, Sweden.



BREAK 11.40–11.50

11.50 «Through the looking glass» – How do the younger generation view the future for forest and bioeconomy.

Introduction and moderator: Camilla Widmark

Participants: Maria Grånemo,

Representative of Västerbotten in BRYC (Barents Regional Youth Council).

+ additional participants (tbd)

12.45 Chairs summary and closure of the meeting.

13.00 End of Day 1



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21 October 2021:

Climate change, forest disturbances and adaptation strategies in the Barents region

Chair: Anne Delphin, Chair of Working Group on Barents Forest Sector (WGBFS) / Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food

10.00 Keynote. Climate Change, Natural Resources and Socioeconomic development in the Barents region:

Michael Mann, EU Special Envoy for the Arctic

10.20 Climate change and forests – impacts and adaptation need.

Vladimir Dmitriev, Head of Department of Science and International Cooperation, Federal Forestry Agency of Russian Federation

10.40 Natural disturbance - factors affecting forests and possible mitigation actions. NIBIO.

Paal Krokene, Senior researcher NIBIO



BREAK 11.00–11.15

11.15 Forest fires in Fennoscandia under changing climate and forest cover.

Juha Aalto, Meteorological Institute Finland

11.35 Platforms for collaboration at local and regional level on adaptation to climate change.

Topics from: https://www.barentsinfo.fi/beac/docs/Report_January_2021_Unesco_Biosphere_Reserves_within_the_Barents_Region.pdf
Kristina Nilson, Swedish Forest Agency

11.55 How intensive forestry can help to adapt climate change in Russia?

Alexey N. Pekkoiev, Head of Laboratory, Boreal Forest Growth Dynamics, Forest Institute, Karelian Science Centre of the Russian Academy

12.15 Conversation between speakers on possible elements for adaptation strategies for the Barents Forest Sector and forest dependent societies in the North.

Moderator: Anne Delphin, Chair of WGBFS,

12.40 Transition of WGBFS chairmanship from Norway to Finland.

Presentation of the priorities for the chairmanship of Finland WGBFS 2021-2023.

Sanna Paanukoski, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

12.50 Chairs summary and closure of the meeting.

13.00 End of Day 2



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