



Northern Sparsely Populated Areas

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Raising the awareness in BRU

- raise awareness of the region in the EU institutions
- influence EU policy
- provide a platform for best practice

Who are doing the lobbying for NSPA?

- Actors from the regions
- NSPA Political Group
- NSPA Offices in Brussels

Publications / Position Papers

- 2005 study – assessing the socio-economic impacts of low population density, peripherality and cold climate in NSPA
- 2009 study – towards a vision for the NSPA - Strong, specific and promising
- 2010 Political Position - statement on the framework on the future EU cohesion policy

Other paperwork:

- Contribution to the consultation on the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, 2009
- Contribution to the consultation on the Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion policy, 2009
- NSPA's co-signing the critical analysis of the EU Working Paper on Territories with Specific Geographical Features, 2010
- Statement on the future Cohesion Policy, 2010
- a "non-paper" on the EU Arctic policy, 2010

Meetings:

- arranged meetings with general director Ahner, DG Regio and his staff
 - * January 2009, September 2009 (small group) ,
January 2010, January 2011
- meetings with organizations establishing the secretariat to the European Parliament Intergroup 174
- meetings with the European Parliament Intergroup 174
- 3 meetings at the Finnish Ministry of Employment and the Economy and a workshop in Rovaniemi

Open Days seminars/workshops and cocktail events: 2008

- “Northern Periphery Looking Forward”
- “Northern Periphery – Added value for the whole of Europe”
- NSPA local event in Tornio and Joensuu

2009

- “Barents-Russia Cooperation”
- “Growth and competitiveness through renewable energy resources”
- NSPA local event in Murmansk

2010

- “Northern Sparsely Populated Areas - Strong Specific and Promising”-seminar
- NSPA local events in Lappeenranta and in Sundsvall

Joint discussions with:

- Commissioner Hahn's Cabinet
- Commissioner Rehn's Cabinet
- the permanent representations
- several members of the European Parliament
- representatives of Committee of Regions
- different officials in the DG REGIO and DG MARE
- groups of guests in the Brussels offices
- individuals

Presentations to different audiences:

- CPMR, Islands Commission
Stornoway, 2009
- all the 27 Regional Counselors to the EU
Tromsø, 2009
- Norwegian-Russia Chamber of Commerce
Murmansk, 2010
- Northern Dimension Steering Group
Brussels, 2010
- European Parliament Intergroup 174
Brussels, 2010
- Barents Regional Council
Kajaani, 2010

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Haparanda, August 2009

Kiruna, December 2009

Tromsø, January 2011

VIP visits to the regions:

- Mr Ahner, DG Regio in Norrbotten, July 2010

Upcoming actions implemented by different actors:

- NSPA representatives participate in the Cohesion Forum 31 January -1 February in Brussels
- NSPA delegation meets with general director Ahner, DG Regio and his staff on 2 February
- Commissioner Hahn to Lapland in February 2010
- EU Budget, proposal on future financial perspectives, in May
- EU legislative proposals, in June
- NSPA Seminar before the Open Days (22 Sept. ???)
- NSPA Get-Together during the Open Days, 11 October
- NEXT NSPA FORUM ?