

24 – 27 September 2012 Hammerfest – Kvalsund - Gamvik

















Business Safari III Nordic

Event has embraced 35 participants from Sweden, Finland, Russia and companies from host municipalities of the Northern Norway, which were looking for cooperation and new opportunities for the business.





Concept of Business Safari – practical b2b activities

- Business Safari is a business trip from Russia, Finland and Sweden to Norway aimed at practical meetings of companies with Norwegian industry representatives.
- We started with exploring possibilities and needs on the Norwegian side.

- Second step was the process of attracting companies from Russian, Finnish and Swedish sides according to the demand from Norway
- Making industry-related groups
- Relevant program.
 Seminars and b2b
- Feedback and follow-up



Implementation

- 4 day business trip
- Local partners: municipalities, Business
 Centers, Chambers of Commerce,
 Development Agencies, Industrial Incubators.
- 3 municipalities: Hammerfest, Kvalsund, Gamvik
- Sectors: mining, oil & gas, tourism
- Program in new municipality each day



Goals

- To encourage Norwegian companies to test their business ideas on the Northwest Russian market
- To find partners for cooperation and set up the business links between entrepreneurs from Russia, Norway, Finland and Sweden
- To promote Norwegian North as an area with excellent business opportunities





Tools

- Presentations the businesses of all participants
- Presentations of the host municipalities about business' opportunities of the region
- B2B panel discussions
- Visiting hosting companies







Hammerfest, September 25th

Hammerfest is industrial cluster for oil and gas, maritime industry and services.

- Cooperation with companies in Hammerfest :
- ✓ "Hammerfest Turist" –cooperation in the sphere of tourism
- ✓ "Kreativ Bygg" souvenirs production
- ✓ "Profitum " promotion web-constructor







Kvalsund, September 26th The municipality of opportunities

Municipality Kvalsund is historically and geographically linked to Hammerfest.

- Traditional activities of the region: aquaculture, copper mining and fishing industries
- Developing activities tourism
- Perspectives oil and gas projects, building a new airport





Mehamn, September 27th

- Traditional activities of Gamvik municipality and its central town of Mehamn is fishery industry
- Growing area of business is tourism potentialities turning former fishermen's lodgings into guest houses
- Perspectives:
- Installation of a new harbour in the area
- Brewery with production using wild growing berries of the region







News in local newspapers in Norway and TV in Russia





INNTOK BARENTS: Russerne besokte blant annet Barents seafood under todagersoppholdet i Båtsfjord. Der ble de tatt imot av Ronald Wærnes, som kan skimtes som den uten plastlue.

Begge foto: Inge Wahl

Russisk invasjon av fiskeværet

BÅTSFJORD: 20 russere rullet inn i fiskerihovedstaden før helga. Målet var amorøse forretningspartnerskap og handelsforbrødring over landegrensene.

Kenneth A. Halvorsen

I løpet av et par hektiske dager sto de forretningsrelaterte stevnemøtene i kø. 20 pent kledde kvinner og menn med nese for gode avtaler møtte likesinnede båtsfjordinger.

 Målet med dette treffet er rett og slett å skape grobunn for samarbeid mellom Norge og Russland, og legge til rette for investeringer og nyetableringer, sier Geir Reiersen i SIVA internatiopal management (SIM)

nal management (SIM).

SIM er heleid av SIVA som igjen eies av handels- og næringsdepartementet. Gjennom nordområdestrategien har nordmenn i en årrekke reist til Russland for å knytte kontakter og etablere girke somheter. Nå er det hele snudd 180 grader, slik at russerne er invitert til Finnmark, gjennom besøk i Kirkenes og i Båtsfjord.

– I forkant av dette besøket spurte vi næringslivet i de to kommunene om hvilke områder de mener er best egnet for å innlede samarbeid med russerne. I Sør-Varanger ble svaret gruvedrift og reiseliv, mens det i Båtsfjord ble fiske, maritime virksomheten og reiseliv. Dermed inviterte vi forretningsdrivende som opererer nettopp innenfor disse segmentene, sier Reiersen.

I Båtsfjord er det Linken næringshage som har stått som lokalt vertskap. Det hele er blitt kalt businessafari.

- Ja, eller en form for speed-dating for næringslivet. Her har gjestene truffet aktuelle samarbeidspartnere, og stemningen må sies å ha vært veldig god, melder Geir Reiersen etter fredagen, som var dag to av den spesielle safarien.

Den gode responsen bekreftes av de besøkende som Finnmarken snakket med fredag.

Vi har blitt tatt veldig godt imot, og flere i følget snakker allerede om at besøket kan gi konkrete resultater. Så dette har absolutt hatt noe for seg, sier Olga Balandina, representant fra myndighetene i St. Petersburg.



FANT TONEN: Geir Reiersen i SIVA international management fant tonen med Russlands representant fra myndighetene, Olga Balandina (venstre) og Ekatarina Nikitina, som er prosjektkoordinator i SIVA.



Business Safari results

- √ Facilitates Norwegian Russian cooperation
- ✓ Stronger Nordic cooperation: use of common opportunities across the borders. Solutions to common challenges.
- ✓ Attracts investments across the borders
- ✓ Creates interest for business establishment in Northwest Russia
- Creates interest for internationalization of companies



Follow up

- Ongoing dialogue between companies
- Each company has found at cooperation opportunities in at least 1 municipality
- One Norwegian company wants to be incubated in SIVA's Norwegian-Russian Business Incubator in Murmansk, Russia.



Lessons learned

- Following up is the most important step
- Small areas are more "hungry" for business opportunities
- Strong local partner is important
- We cannot predict the ways of cooperation beforehand.
 Ideas appears during the b2b meetings.
- The concept is to be developed in during 2012 welcoming more cooperation between the Nordic countries and inviting more Nordic partners
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