#### Northern Sparsely Populated Areas NSPA and Cross-Border Cooperation Rune Bakkevoll





### **NSPA is Cross-Border Cooperation**







## Cross-border Cooperation, an asset for NSPA

- Two EU and one non-EU country with borders or closeness to north-west Russia
- Long historical traditions for cooperation
- A best practice area ?











# The regional political Barents cooperation, NSPA, Moscow and the EU















### Why do we cooperate cross borders ?





