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Conference on THE NORTHERN DIMENSION AND CULTURE

8 and 9 October 2007
Kajaani, Finland

Draft Programme 14 September 2007

Sunday 7 October

Arrival in Kajaani

17.00 Check-in at Hotel Kajanus

20.30 Buffet at Hotel Kajanus

Monday 8 October

9.00- Registration at Kaukametsä Cultural and Conference Centre
9.30

9.30- **Opening Session of the Conference**
12.00

Kajaani performance

Welcoming words

Erkki Vähämaa, Mayor of Kajaani

Opening of the Conference

Chairperson, Maimo Henriksson, Director, Unit for the Northern Dimension, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland (leave of absence 8.10.2007-30.9.2008)

Welcome and Objectives of the Conference

Stefan Wallin, Minister of Culture and Sports, Ministry of Education, Finland



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EU-Russia Cultural Cooperation

Kajaani Process: EU-Russia Cultural Cooperation and the Cooperation Action Plan on Culture

Sergey Kazantsev, Deputy Director of the Legal Support and External Relations Department, Ministry of Culture and Mass Communications of the Russian Federation

EU-Russia Strategic Partnership and Culture

Representative of the External Relations Directorate General, European Commission

Kajaani Process: Enhancing the EU-Russia Cultural Cooperation during the Portuguese Presidency

Patrícia Salvação Barreto, Director General for Planning, Strategy, Evaluation and International Relations, Ministry of Culture, Portugal

10.40-
10.55

Coffee Break

Northern Dimension

Renewed Northern Dimension and Culture

Maimo Henriksson, Director, Unit for the Northern Dimension, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland (leave of absence 8.10.2007-30.9.2008)

Andrey Avetisyan, Deputy Director of the Department of European Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Common Approach by Nordic Countries towards Cooperation with Russia

The Strategy and the Priorities of the Nordic Council of Ministers' Cultural Cooperation with Russia

Ane Kofod Petersen, Adviser, Nordic Council of Ministers' Secretariat **tbc**

Common Approach by Nordic Countries towards Cooperation with Russia during the Finnish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers

Harri Mäki-Reinikka, Chief of the Secretariat, Secretariat for Nordic Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

12.00

Lunch



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14.00-
16.30

First Session: Financing Cultural Cooperation in the Northern Region

Introduction to the Session

Chairperson, Maimo Henriksson, Director, Unit for the Northern Dimension, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland (leave of absence 8.10.2007-30.9.2008)

Northern Dimension and Cultural Partnership

Riitta Kaivosoja, Director General, Department for Cultural, Sport and Youth Policy, Ministry of Education, Finland

Financing in Russia for European Cultural Cooperation

Aleksander Zavolokin, Deputy Head Manager, Federal Agency for Culture and Cinematography, Russia tbc

The Art and Culture Programme and the Mobility and Residence Programme of the Nordic Council of Ministers

Riitta Heinämaa, Adviser, Department for Culture, Legislation and Gender Equality, Nordic Council of Ministers tbc

Nordic Council of Ministers' Nordic Mobility and Network Programme for the Cooperation with North West Russia

Jean-Yves Gallardo, Senior Adviser, Nordic Council of Ministers' Priority Area for Cultural Co-operation with North-west Russia

Music performance by Kainuu String Quartet

15.15-
15.30

Coffee Break

Nordic Culture Fund

Karen Bue, Director, Nordic Culture Fund

European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument

Representative of the European Commission

Financing the Northern Dimension Partnership

Case Study: Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership (NDEP)

Jaakko Henttonen, NDEP Manager, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development



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Discussion

- 16.45 End of the first day
- 17.15 Preparatory meetings for the participants of the thematic panel discussions.
- 19.00 Dinner
- 20.30-21.30 Dance performance by Kajaani Dance Theatre

Tuesday 9 October

Second Session: Towards Northern Dimension Cultural Partnership

10.00-11.30 **Thematic Panel Discussions**

The Procedure and Aim of the Panel Discussions

Chairperson, Maimo Henriksson, Director, Unit for the Northern Dimension, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland (leave of absence 8.10.2007-30.9.2008)

Theme 1: What is the Concrete Contribution of the Regional Organisations to the Nordic Russia Cultural Cooperation Strategy, the EU-Russia Cooperation Action Plan and the Northern Dimension Cultural Partnership?

Questions:

- What could be the contribution of the Cultural Committees of North-west Russia and other actors to the cultural cooperation strategy of the Nordic Council of Ministers?
- What could be the contribution of the regional councils to the content of the upcoming EU-Russia Cooperation Action Plan?
- What could be the role of the regional councils in the Northern Dimension Cultural Partnership and what kind of projects they think should be realised in the framework of the Partnership?

Chairperson of the Panel:

Kari Laine, Secretary General, Arts Council of Lapland

Panellists:

Arctic Region

Representative of the Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Working Group



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Barents Euro-Arctic Region
Representative of the Joint Working Group on Culture (JWGC)

Baltic Sea Region
Lidia Makowska, Secretary General, Council of the Baltic Sea States (Ars Baltica)

Monitoring Group on Cultural Heritage in the Baltic Sea States
Helena Edgren, Keeper, National Board of Antiquities

Nordic Region
Jean-Yves Gallardo, Senior Adviser, Nordic Council of Ministers' Priority Area for
Cultural Co-operation with North-west Russia

North West Russia
Representative of the North West Russia Culture Association

Open discussion

11.30-
13.30 Lunch

13.30-
15.00 **Theme 2: Organisations Activating Cooperation in the Field of Culture between the EU and the Russian Federation**

Questions:

- What could be the contribution of the organisations to the cultural cooperation strategy of the Nordic Council of Ministers?
- What could be the contribution of the organisations to the content of the upcoming EU-Russia Cooperation Action Plan?
- What could be the role of the organisations in the Northern Dimension Cultural Partnership and what kind of projects they think should be realised in the framework of the Partnership?

Chairperson of the Panel:

Ilkka-Christian Björklund, Finnish Institute for Russian and East European Studies (FIREES)

Panellists:

Representative of the Network of Russian Cultural Centres



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Representative of the European Union National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC)

Elena Khoroshkina, Head of the Contact Centre in Arkhangelsk, the Nordic Council of Ministers

Bergljót Jónsdóttir, Director, Nordic Culture Point

Ilkka Huovio, Finnish Institute for Russian and East European Studies (FIREES)

Open discussion

15.00 Coffee Break

15.30-17.00 **Theme 3: What is the Contribution of Cultural Networks in the EU Countries to the Nordic Russia Cultural Cooperation Strategy, the EU-Russia Cooperation Action Plan and the Northern Dimension Cultural Partnership?**

Contributions by the representatives of European cultural networks

Interventions:

Philipp Dietachmair, Project Officer, European Cultural Foundation

Judith Staines, General Editor, On-the-move.org

Paula Kankaanpää, Vice-Rector of the University of Lapland, Ph.D, Director of Arctic Centre

Open discussion

17.00-18.00 **Final Session: Conclusions of the Conference and Proposals for the Nordic Russia Cultural Cooperation Strategy, the EU-Russia Cooperation Action Plan and the Northern Dimension Cultural Partnership**

EU-Russia Joint Working Group

Representatives of the Nordic Council of Ministers

Representatives of the Northern Dimension Policy



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- 18.00 End of the second day
- 19.30 Get-together
- Buffet and cultural programme

Wednesday 10 October

Departure from Kajaani