THE SIXTH NORTHERN DIMENSION PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

19 – 20 NOVEMBER 2019

BODØ, NORWAY

Monday 18 November

17:00  Meeting of the Drafting Committee
Venue: “Storhavet” 3rd floor Hotel Scandic Havet

18:30  Transport by bus from Hotel Scandic Havet to the National Norwegian Aviation Museum

Tuesday 19 November

08:00  Registration outside the conference room

08:00  Meeting of the Drafting Committee

Session 1:
Opening of the Sixth Northern Dimension Parliamentary Forum

Chairperson: Mr Eirik Sivertsen, MP, Norway

09:00  Welcome address

Ms Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen, President of the Storting – the Norwegian Parliament

Ms Ida Pinnerød, Mayor of Bodø Municipality

09:15  “20th anniversary of the Northern Dimension. How to ensure resilient and sustainable societies within the Northern Dimension region”, keynote speech

Mr Paavo Lipponen, former Prime Minister of Finland

Followed by a dialogue with a youth panel:

Ms Daria Makhotina, Murmansk, Russia

Mr Sebastian Henriksen, Tromsø, Norway

Ms Rosa-Máren Magga, Enontekiö, Finland
Moderated by Mr Eirik Sivertsen, MP, Norway

### Session 2:
**International transport cooperation and maritime security in the High North**

*Chairperson: Ms Silja Dögg Gunnarsdottir, MP, Iceland*

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| 10:15 | Video introduction by the Joint Rescue Coordination Center, North Norway  
«Search and rescue in the High North»,  
Ms Ingvil Smines Tybring-Gjedde, Minister of Public Security |
| 10:30 | «Transport in the Arctic and the need for an integrated policy»  
Mr Othmar Karas, Vice-President of the European Parliament         |
| 11:00 | «Investing in transport and logistics in the North»,  
Mr Thomas Wrangdahl, First Vice-President & Head of Lending, Nordic Investment Bank |
|       | Current endeavours and future prospects for the Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics (NDPTL) |
|       | Mr Aaretti Siitonen, Political Officer, European External Action Service (EEAS)  
Open debate |
| 11:40 | Transport by bus to the Norwegian Jekt Trade Museum |
Session 3:
Environmental cooperation in the Northern Dimension

Chairperson: Mr Jānis Vucāns, MP, President of the Baltic Assembly

14:15
«Environmental cooperation in the North»,  
Mr Ketil Kjenseth, MP, Chair of the Standing Committee on Energy and the Environment, Norway  
«Environmental cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region»,  
Ms Satu Hassi, MP, Finland  
Reports on ongoing projects and future strategies of the Northern Dimension Environmental partnership (NDEP),  
Ms Ewa Manik, Principal Manager, Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership (E5P), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)  
Open debate

Session 4:
Sustainable tourism and cultural entrepreneurship

Chairperson: Senator Yuriy Vazhenin, The Federation Council of The Federal Assembly Of The Russian Federation

15:30
Short videointroduction  
«Bodø – European Capital of Culture 2024, regional impacts for sustainability and entrepreneurship»,  
Mr Tomas Norvoll, President of Nordland County Government  
«Culture as a basis for sustainable and lively societies in the North»,  
Mr Evgeniy Goman, creator and director of the Arctic Theatre in Murmansk  
Report on ongoing projects and future strategies of the Northern dimension partnership on Culture (NDPC).
Ms Dace Resele, Head of the NDPC Secretariat

Open debate

16:30 End of conference day one

Wednesday 20 November

08:00 Meeting of the Drafting Committee

Session 5:

Strengthened policies to improve health and social wellbeing through cooperation within the Northern Dimension Area

Chairperson: Ms Olga Epifanova, MP, The State Duma of The Russian Federation

09:00 Short video introduction

• Antimicrobial resistance. An expected medical and economic crisis,

Mr Dag Berild, Professor of infectious disease at Oslo University Hospital. Head of the antibiotic stewardship team at Oslo University Hospital

Mr /Ms Nordic Council of Ministers (tbc)

Report on the outcome of the Northern Dimension Antibiotic Resistance Study (NoDARS), and ongoing projects

Ms Ülla-Karin Nurm, Director, Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Wellbeing

Open debate

Session 6:

Reflections on future policies for the Northern Dimension

Moderator: Dr Andreas Østhagen, Senior Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute

10:15 Panel discussion
Mr Audun Halvorsen, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

Mr Ari Trausti Guðmundsson, MP, Chair of the Arctic delegation, Iceland

Ms Olga Epifanova, MP, Vice President of The State Duma of The Russian Federation

Representative of the EU (tbc)

Open debate

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**Session 7:**
Adoption of the Conference Statement, and concluding remarks

11:15 Conference statement and concluding remarks

Mr Eirik Sivertsen, MP, Chair of the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region