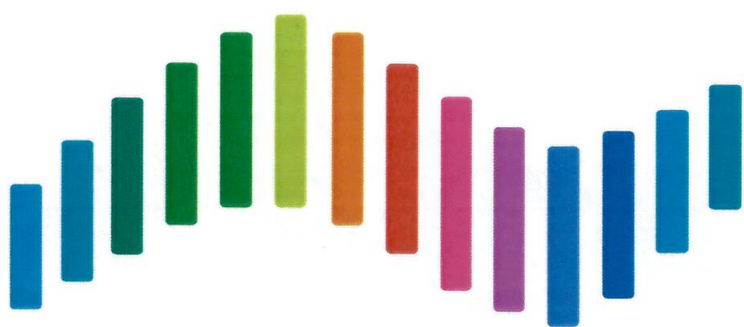
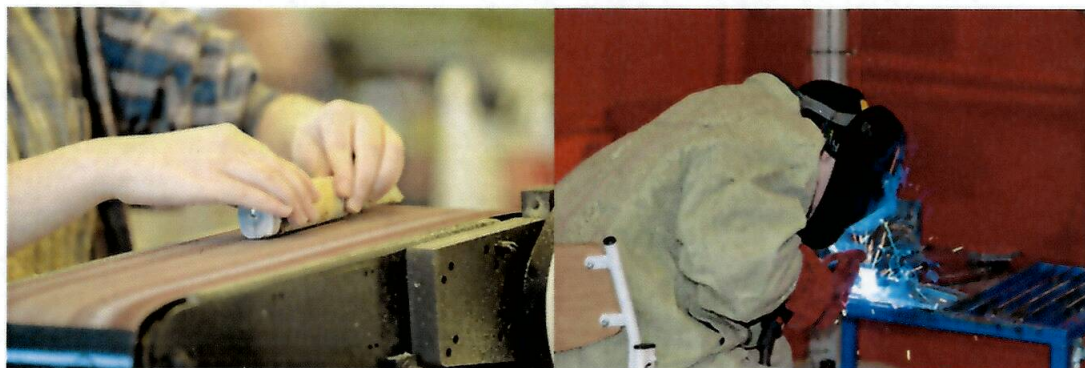


Partnership Agreement for Kolarctic CBC project KO4035

ArcticSkills



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1. The Partnership

The ArcticSkills partnership includes the partners which are responsible for the application from project 4035ArcticSkills to Kolarctic CBC, by signing the partnership declaration and partnership information. This agreement is concluded between:

Lead Partner

Kirkenes Upper Secondary School

Name of the organisation in original language: *Kirkenes videregående skole (KVGS)*

Business ID: 974622726

Legal status: *Public*

Official address: *Kirkenes videregående skole, Hessengveien 10, N-9916 Hesseng*

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Email of the organisation: *kirkenesvgs@ffk.no*

Website of the organisation: www.kirkenes.vgs.no

Partner 1

Organization for private training offices in Finnmark County, OPPIFINN

Name of the organisation in original language: *Opplæring i Finnmark (OPPIFINN)*

Business ID: 991 324 054

Legal status: *Private*

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Website of the organisation: www.oppifinn.no

Partner 2

Kemi-Tornionlaakso Municipal Education and Training Consortium Lappia

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Business ID: 2109309-0

Legal status: *Public*

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Website of the organisation: www.lappia.fi

Partner 3

Murmansk Technological College of Service (MTCS)

Name of the organisation in original language: Государственное автономное профессиональное образовательное учреждение Мурманской области «Мурманский технологический колледж сервиса» (ГАПОУ МО «МТКС»)

Business ID: 5190151090

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Email of the organisation: mtcs@mail.ru

Website of the organisation: <http://mtcs-murmansk.ru>

Partner 4

Tornedalsskolan

Name of the organisation in original language: Tornedalsskolan

Business ID: Organisationsnummer 212000-2775

Legal status: Public

Official address: Västra Esplanaden 27, S-953 32 Haparanda

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Telephone number: +46 922 268 88

Email of the organisation: tornedalsskolan@haparanda.se

Website of the organisation: www.haparanda.se

Partner 5

Sàmi High School and Reindeer Husbandry School

Name of the organisation in original language: Samisk videregående skole og reindriftsskole (SVSRS)

Business ID: 971578807

Legal status: Public

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Guovdageaidnu

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Email of the organisation: postmottak@samisk.vgs.no

Website of the organisation: www.samisk.vgs.no

Partner 6

Sàmi Education Institute

Name of the organisation in original language: Saamelaisalueen koulutuskeskus

Business ID: 0244767-4

Legal status: Public

Official address: Saamelaisalueen koulutuskeskus, Menesjärventie 4, 99870 Inari

Postal address: Saamelaisalueen koulutuskeskus, Hallinto, PL 5082, 01051 LASKUT

Telephone number: +358 40 723 7309

Email of the organisation: kanslia@sogsakk.fi

Website of the organisation: www.sogsakk.fi

2. Subject of this Partnership Agreement

2.1. The objective of the project

The partners agree to cooperate towards a common goal of strengthening vocational competence in a joint effort between schools and enterprises in the borderland regions of Russia, Finland, Sweden and Norway.

In order to facilitate such cross border cooperation, we intend to arrange a vocational skills' competition. The competition will be named ArcticSkills. ArcticSkills will be arranged as an annual competition for students in training programs, and intentionally also include apprentices from the Norwegian side.

2.2. The purpose of the agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to define the organization of the management of the project and to define rights and duties of the partners.

2.3. The LP and the Partners are obliged to comply with the applicable rules and Programme legal

Basis:

- a) Regulation (EC) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 (ENI Regulation) https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/sites/near/files/pdf/financial_assistance/ipa/2014/236-2014_cir.pdf
- b) Commission Implementing Regulation (EC) No 897/2014 of 18 August 2014 (CBC IR) <https://kolarctic.info/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/ircelex32014r0897entxt.pdf>
- c) Joint Programme Document (JOP) approved by EC on December 18, 2015 C (2015)9190. <https://kolarctic.info/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/jop-approved-18122015-ec.pdf>

2.5. Duration of the Partnership Agreement:

- This Agreement shall come into force as of the date of its signature, and shall thereafter continue in full force and effect until complete discharge of all obligations of the Partners towards the MA, the respective National Financiers and this Agreement.
- The implementation period of the project will be from start date to end date of the project, according to the dates in the Grant contract.
- The execution period of the project ends to the final payment, or 18 months after the end date according to the Grant contract
- The project partners must archive the project documents until five years after the balance payment to the programme.

3. Rights and duties of the Lead Partner (LP)

- a) LP has the overall responsibility for the project.
- b) LP shall appoint a project manager (PM) for the overall management and administration of the project
- c) LP shall establish a Board with representatives from the partners

- d) LP is coordinator of the project and has main responsibility for communication with the Managing Authority of Kolarctic CBC (MA) and between the partners of the project.
- e) LP will carry out the project management, e.g. reporting, applications, bookkeeping, logistics for meetings and events, contracting and coordination of activities with enterprises in cooperation with OPPIFINN, coordination of experts' network, interpreting, elaboration of visibility plan and actions. These tasks will be carried out by the project manager or staff of the LP's organization.
- f) LP shall have overall responsibility for the Visibility plan and actions
- g) LP shall appoint a group of experts to lead and coordinate the work in the professional networks of the project.
- h) LP shall elaborate and present for the Board, an Activity plan for each 12 month period of the projects duration
- i) LP is responsible for following up decisions made in the Board
- j) LP will have responsibility for receiving and repaying financing from the Managing Authority, and has the right not to accept non-verified expenditures.

4. Rights and duties of the partners

- a) The partners shall appoint one member to the Board
- b) The partners intend to use competitions in vocational skills as a means of strengthening the status of vocational studies and highlight its importance in society.
- c) The partners intend to work for closer cooperation and increased knowledge about vocational studies and professional work praxis in the neighboring countries.
- d) The partners are responsible for appointing a Local Steering Group (LSG) to organize the ArcticSkills Tournament when they are responsible for the event.
- e) The partners are responsible for appointing experts to the projects Professional networks.
- f) The partners are responsible for visibility actions according to a visibility plan among schools, companies, apprentices and young professionals in their region.
- g) The partners are responsible for contracting with enterprises and other sub-contractors in their region.
- h) The partners commit to using their own events, educational program and other occasions for promotion and information purposes.
- i) The partners must provide the host organization with information about vocational studies and subject content in order for the host to arrange just and fair competitions.
- j) The Partners have responsibility to contribute actively in the monitoring and evaluation process of the project
- k) The coordinators/partners have responsibility for requesting payments of national co-financing, and will be responsible for its own costs, bookkeeping and auditing. The partners have the right to receive payment in full and in due time.
- l) The partners commit to work to find solutions for a long term sustainability of the project after the termination
- m) The partners commit to follow programme regulations in recording, reporting and verification of the costs
- n) The partners shall have the right to enter into subcontract with a prior consent to the Subcontractor by the LP and according to the Grant contract. Each partner entering into subcontract shall remain solely responsible for complying with its obligations or performing its task set out in the project annex B

5. Responsibilities of the Coordinating Partners (CP)

ArcticSkills is in its essence, a competition in vocational skills between teams from the northern regions of Norway, Russia, Finland and Sweden and compete as national teams. In principle, schools, colleges and enterprises in the regions can participate in the project. This implies that appointed partners in the project has a responsibility to coordinate cooperation and participation, activities and finances in the regions. For this purpose the CP shall appoint a coordinator

- a) **Kirkenes Upper secondary school** coordinates the schools and enterprises from the counties of Finnmark
- b) **Murmansk technological College of Services** coordinates the colleges and enterprises in Murmansk Oblast'.
- c) **Kemi-Tornionlaakso Municipal Education and Training Consortium Lappia** coordinates the colleges and enterprises in the region of Lappi
- d) **Tornedalsskolan** coordinates the schools and enterprises in Norrbotten.

6. Adding new partners

In addition to the established partnership, ArcticSkills will add new partners for participation in the project. These partners are not part of the financing from the Kolarctic CBC Program 2014-2020, and therefore not comprised by this agreement, but can participate and contribute financially by own contributions or external financing. New partners must be suggested and supported by the Board.

7. Methods of decision making and communication in the partnership

7.1. The Board

- a) Ultimate organizational responsibilities are held by an appointed board with one representative from each partner. The representatives can be followed by one adviser without a right to vote.
- b) The Board shall be chaired by a representative appointed by the Lead Partner
- c) The project manager shall act as secretary of the Board meetings
- d) The Board shall be in charge of:
 - Steering and supervision of the implementation of the project
 - Approving and amending of the activity-plan
 - Approving and amending of the Visibility plan
 - Approving and amending of the Monitoring and Evaluation plan
 - Approving and amending of ArcticSkills Rules and Regulations
 - Approving and amending the plan for exchange of students and experts for practice
- e) The Board will make their decisions on the basis of counselling from the project manager, their own discussions and recommendations from the network of experts. In case of disagreements the matter will be decided by simple majority.
- f) The Board meeting has a quorum when at least 50 % of the representatives are present
- g) The Board will meet at least twice a year.
- h) The Board is authorized to make changes among the competing skilled trades due to lack of available participants in the approved list of Skilled Trades.
- i) The Board is authorized to add Skilled Trades to the Tournament Program based on the recommendation of three participating bodies. The Skilled Trades must be common to each national curriculum.

- j) The Board is authorized to decide in any disputes concerning understanding of rules and regulations, appeals or complaints in the competitions and principles of the project. If a unanimous decision is impossible, the dispute will be solved by simple majority.
- k) The minutes from the meetings shall be transmitted to the partners without delay by email, and be accepted in the next meeting in the Board

7.2. The Professional Networks

- a) The meetings in the networks will be lead and organized by the appointed experts from LP in cooperation with the regional coordinators
- b) The networks will meet at least twice a year
- c) The networks shall be in charge of:
 - Elaborating tasks and assessment criteria for the competitions
 - Evaluating the competitions
 - Contributions to the elaboration of a plan for Competitions as a didactical method in Education
 - Contributing to elaboration of Rules and regulations
 - Elaboration of a plan for Exchange of Students and Experts

7.2. The local steering committees (LSC)

- a) LSC will have the practical responsibilities for each tournament in the host country.
- b) The Committee in the host country will lead the Tournament
- c) The local steering committee will convene a committee of experts and/or trade professionals who will have responsibility for arranging the competitions and rigging the competition arenas
- d) The LCS will have responsibility for organizing visibility actions, workshop and career guidance during the Tournament

7.3. Obligations to provide information and reports

- a) The Lead partner must provide the MA with all required information on the implementation of the project. Each partner is responsible for providing the LP with all required the time limits decided by the LP.
- b) Each partner must draw up progress reports, interim reports and a final report, corresponding to the part of the part of the project implemented under their own responsibility.
- c) Each partner must provide the LP with a report on the verification of the part of the project's expenditure, produced by an approved auditor according to the standards and ethics set by the Kolarctic CBC. The partner has to inform the LP about the auditor which will carry out the verifications of the above mentioned expenditures.
The auditor examines whether the costs declared by the Partner are real, accurately recorded and eligible in accordance with the Grant contract and this agreement.
Any conversion into Euro of the real costs borne in other currencies shall be done by the partner at the rate made by the average of the rates published in InforEuro for the months covered by the relevant reports.
- d) The interim and final reports shall consist of a narrative section as well as a financial section, and shall be aligned to a model delivered by the LP.
- e) All written information and reports must be carried out in English

- f) In case of repeated non-fulfillment of the reporting, the LP shall be entitled to deny any further transfers of funding to the partner. If so, the LP is obliged to inform the partner of the denial and its causes. The Board and the MA must be equally informed.
- g) More detailed information will be elaborated in the Evaluation and Monitoring plan

8. Payments and interest

- a) The total Kolarctic CBC grant received by the LP from the MA, which is to be transferred by the LP to the Partner, is defined in the Grant Contract. The contract also defines the partners' budgets and own contribution. The LP will transfer the CBC grant to the Partners in the following manner:
 - The first 20 percent of a Partner's share of the CBC pre-financing upon receipt of the pre-financing payment from the MA and the signature of the Partnership Agreement by all the Partners deducted with the amount transferred to a Partner prior to the signature
 - The following payments according to each partners share of the EU financing and, against receipt by the Beneficiary of agreed deliverables defined for each Partner in the Work Plan, for the purpose of securing the Project implementation progress
 - The last payment upon receipt of the Final payment from the MA after its approval of the Final report.
 - In case that a Partner does not provide the Beneficiary with its deliverables or provide them late or provide non-compliant deliverables, such Partner shall not receive payment, until the Partner remedies such non delivery, late delivery or non-compliant delivery. In such case, the Board shall be informed and may take additional appropriate action with respect to the concerned Partner.
- b) The LP shall make payments to the Partner in euro to an account information of which is given to the LP by the Partner and confirmed with the signature of executive financial manager of the Partner.
- c) If the total accepted Kolarctic CBC costs of the part of the Project implemented under the Partner's responsibility at the end of the Project are less than estimated in the Annex A, the Partner shall be limited to the amount which will be approved by the MA for the respective part of the Project.
- d) Each Partner commits itself to cover the share of the own funding allocated to it in the Annex A. If a Partner exceeds its Project Share as defined in the Annex A, the overspend is considered to be an increase of the Partners own funding, and it does not entitle to claims for additional funding. Partners' own contribution can include work and sponsoring from the school's business partners. If the own contribution exceeds the amount in the contract, the partners must make a special account for these incomes and costs.
- e) The Partner accepts that the Kolarctic CBC grant or the National funding can under no circumstances result in a profit for itself and that it must be limited to the amount required to balance income and expenditure for the part of the Project implemented under its responsibility.
- f) Any interest or equivalent benefits accruing from pre-financing paid by the LP to the Partner shall be mentioned in the reports. Any interest accruing from pre financing paid by the LP to the Partner shall be assigned to the project and deducted from the payment of the balance of the amounts due to the Partner.
If the MA requests the LP to reimburse the interest generated by prefinancing payments before the payment of the balance, the Partner shall be liable to reimburse to the LP any interest accruing from pre financing transferred to it.

9. Ownership and Access Rights to Results and Background

LP and the partners will have a shared ownership and use of the project's results such as methods for education, tasks and assessment criteria. It is a goal to use the methodological results of the project to improve education in vocational skills in all regions.

9.1. Ownership of Results

- a) According to the Grant Contract, ownership of, and title and Intellectual Property rights to, the Project's Results, reports and other documents relating to it shall be vested in the LP.
- b) By signature of this Contract the LP returns the ownership of each Result to the Partner who has created the respective Result.

9.2. User Rights to Results

- a) Each Partner grants the MA and the European Commission the right to use freely and as it sees fit all documents owned by the said Partner and deriving from the Project, whatever their form, provided it does not thereby breach existing industrial and intellectual property rights.
- b) Each Partner shall grant non-exclusive and permanent user rights for all the other Partners to the Results generated by it, thus all Partners have the right to use the Results.
- c) Partners can transfer the user rights granted to them by virtue of this Contract to third parties. Partners have also the right to amend the material to which they have been granted user rights.

10. Conflicts of interests

- a) For the purpose of this Contract, the conflict of interest shall mean any situation where there is a divergence between the fulfilment of responsibilities by the Partners and the private interest of the persons involved in the Contract or Project, which may negatively affect the impartial and objective exercise of the functions of any person involved in this Contract or Project, for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other shared interest with another person.
- b) Each Partner undertakes to take all necessary precautions to avoid conflicts of interests. Partner shall inform the LP, in writing, without delay of any situation constituting or likely to lead to any such conflict. Partner shall immediately take all necessary measures to neutralise any situation giving rise to a conflict of interest and shall take appropriate actions to remedy any negative effects of the conflict of interest within 30 days from the notification of the LP.

11. Modifications and termination of the agreement

- a) Being aware of the fact that all changes in the partnership must be set out in an addendum to the Grant Contract, the LP and the Partner agree not to withdraw from the Project unless there are unavoidable reasons for it.
- b) No Partner shall be entitled to withdraw from or to terminate this Contract unless:
 - the partner has obtained the prior written consent of other partners and of the JMA and the respective National JMAs to the withdrawal or termination, or

- the partner's participation is terminated by the MA or the partner's respective National Financier for any reason whatsoever, provided always that the Partner shall not upon withdrawal or termination be relieved from any of its obligations under this Agreement which are intended to survive such event or its responsibilities under this Contract in respect of the part of the Partner's work on the Project which has been carried out up to the date of withdrawal or termination nor any of its obligations or liabilities arising out of withdrawal or termination.

12. Amendment of the agreement

In case of uncertainties, insufficient regulations and different interpretations of the agreement, the Board is authorized to make amendments, changes or additions. These regulations must be protocolled with the signatures of the board members, and inserted in an appendix to this agreement

13. Settlement of disputes

All disputes arising in connection with this agreement and the project, which cannot be settled amicably, shall be finally taken to the Board, and settled by simple majority

Signatures

See pages 12-18

On behalf of the Lead Partner:
Kirkenes Upper secondary school

Date: 24/9-19



Øystein Hansen
Principal

On behalf of Partner 1:

Organization for private training offices in Finnmark County, OPPIFINN

Date: 24/9-19



Robert Flatli
Chairman

On behalf of Partner 2:

Kemi-Tornionlaakso Municipal Education and Training Consortium Lappia

Date: 23.9.2019



Tuomo Palokangas
Innovation Director

On behalf of Partner 3:
Murmansk Technological College of Service (MTCS)

Date: 24.09.2019

Aleksandra Yurgalova
Principal



On behalf of Partner 4:
Tornedalsskolan, Haparanda

Date: 190924



Peter Mariin
Principal

Arctic skills

Signerings fullmakt

Viser til møte i Øvre Tornio. Herved bekreftes det at Karen Inga Kemi har fått fullmakt til å underskrive dette dokumentet på vegne av vår skole:

Partnership Agreement for the Kolarctic CBC project KO4035

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Med hilsen



Ellen Inga O. Hætta
Rektor

Sámi joatkkaskuvla ja boazodoalloškovla
Samisk videregående skole og reindriftsskole
9520 GUOVDAGEAIDNU/KAUTOKEINO

On behalf of Partner 5:

Sàmi High School and Reindeer Husbandry School, Kautokeino

Date: 24/9.2019

Karen Inga Kemi
for Ellen Inga O. Hætta
Principal

On behalf of partner 6:
Sámi Education Institute, Inari

Date: 24. 9. 2019



Elle-Maaret Näkkäläjarvi
Vice-principal behalf of
Eeva-Liisa Rasmus-Moilanen
Principal

FINANCIAL IDENTIFICATION FORM

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PROJECT ID

ACCOUNT HOLDER as declared to the bank; name and address

KIRKENES VIDEREGÅENDE SKOLE
BOKS 44
9916 HESSENG

BUSINESS ID

974622726

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS as declared to the bank

IBAN / ACCOUNT NUMBER

N087 4920 06 90493

BIC / SWIFT CODE

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REMARKS (corresponding/intermediary bank etc.)

BANK NAME AND ADDRESS

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BOKS 6800
9298 TROMSØ

DATE

20.09.19

BANK STAMP AND SIGNATURE OF THE BANK REPRESENTATIVE

Helen Abrahamson
HELEN ABRAHAMSEN

SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge
20 SEPT. 2019
KIRKENES

SIGNATURE OF THE ACCOUNT HOLDER

Øystein Hansen
(ØYSTEIN HANSEN)

- All partners must have read, understood and signed the Kolarctic partnership statement (see appendix)

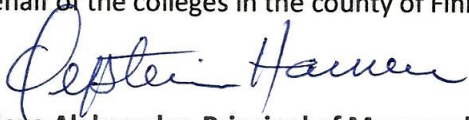
A detailed description of the organization will follow this agreement as an appendix. This appendix is open for revision upon agreement in the Board.

In the event that funding is not provided, this agreement will be terminated.

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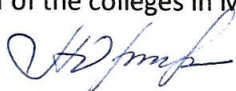
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On behalf of the colleges in the county of Finnmark

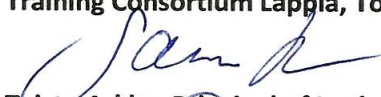


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On behalf of the colleges in Murmansk region



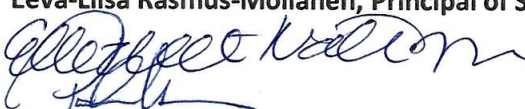
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Taisto Arkko, Principal of Lapland Education Centre REDU, Rovaniemi

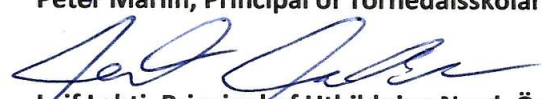


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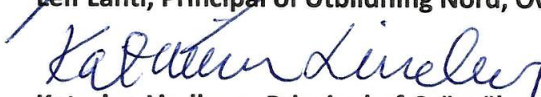


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Peter Mariin, Principal of Tornedalsskolan, Haparanda



Leif Lahti, Principal of Utbildning Nord, Övertorneå



Katarina Lindberg, Principal of Gränsälvgymnasiet, Övertorneå

Ellen Inga O. Hætta, Principal of Sàmi High School and Reindeer Husbandry School in Kautokeino



Robert Flatli, Chairman of the Organization for private training offices in Finnmark County, OPPIFINN



Agreement to Cooperate Within the Framework of Arctic Skills

Between

- Kirkenes Upper secondary School on behalf of the Upper secondary Schools in Finnmark
- Sámi High School and Reindeer Husbandry School in Kautokeino
- Murmansk Technological College of Services on behalf of Colleges in the Murmansk region
- Kemi-Tornionlaakso Municipal Education and Training Consortium Lappia, Tornio
- Sámi Institute for Education, Inari
- Lapland Education Centre REDU, Rovaniemi
- Tornedalsskolan, Haparanda
- Utbildning Nord, Övertorneå
- Gränsälvgymnasiet, Övertorneå
- Organization for private training offices in Finnmark County, OPPIFINN

The partners agree on working towards a common goal of strengthening cooperation between schools, companies and work places in the borderland region of Russia, Finland, Sweden and Norway.

In order to facilitate such cooperation between schools and work places across borders, we intend to arrange a vocational competition. The competition will be named ArcticSkills. ArcticSkills will be arranged as a competition for students in training programs, and intentionally also include apprentices from the Norwegian side.

This means:

- The partners intend to use competitions as a means of strengthening the status of vocational studies and highlight its importance in society.
- The partners intend to work for closer cooperation and increased knowledge about vocational studies and professional work praxis in the neighboring countries.
- The competition will be a meeting arena for students, young professionals and companies.
- Kirkenes Upper Secondary School will be lead partner and responsible for managing the project, both its practical implementation and economic obligations.
- Participants must cover the costs of travel and accommodation.
- The partners are responsible for promoting the competition among schools, companies, apprentices and young professionals.
- All partners commit to using their own events, educational program and other occasions for promotion and information purposes.
- All partners must provide the host organization with information about vocational studies and subject content in order for the host to arrange just and fair competitions.
- The partners will designate a member of the Board and a contact person for each country as well as a consultant (without voting rights).
- We aim to make the competition Arctic Skills a yearly event

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The partners agree on working towards a common goal of strengthening cooperation between schools, companies and work places in the borderland region of Russia, Finland, Sweden and Norway.

In order to facilitate such cooperation between schools and work places across borders, we intend to arrange a vocational competition. The competition will be named ArcticSkills. ArcticSkills will be arranged as a competition for students in training programs, and intentionally also include apprentices from the Norwegian side.

This means:

- The partners intend to use competitions as a means of strengthening the status of vocational studies and highlight its importance in society.
- The partners intend to work for closer cooperation and increased knowledge about vocational studies and professional work praxis in the neighboring countries.
- The competition will be a meeting arena for students, young professionals and companies.
- Kirkenes Upper Secondary School will be lead partner and responsible for managing the project, both its practical implementation and economic obligations.
- Participants must cover the costs of travel and accomodation.
- The partners are responsible for promoting the competition among schools, companies, apprentices and young professionals.
- All partners commit to using their own events, educational program and other occasions for promotion and information purposes.
- All partners must provide the host organization with information about vocational studies and subject content in order for the host to arrange just and fair competitions.
- The partners will designate a member of the Board and a contact person for each country as well as a consultant (without voting rights).
- We aim to make the competition Arctic Skills a yearly event

- All partners must have read, understood and signed the Kolarctic partnership statement (see appendix)

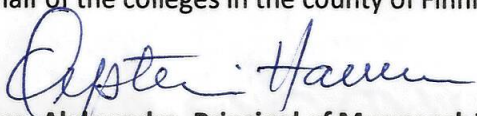
A detailed description of the organization will follow this agreement as an appendix. This appendix is open for revision upon agreement in the Board.

In the event that funding is not provided, this agreement will be terminated.

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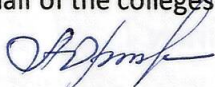
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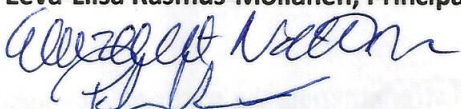


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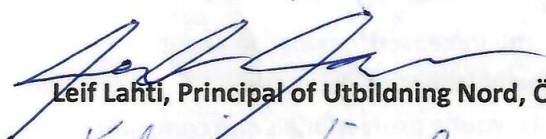


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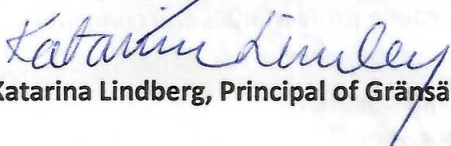


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