



AWARENESS IN CLIMATE CHANGE AMONG YOUTH OF THE NORTHERN DIMENSION REGIONS

PROJECTS 2019



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The Northern Dimension is a joint policy between the European Union, Russia, Norway and Iceland which promotes dialogue, practical cooperation and development. While it covers a broad geographic area practical cooperation is mainly focused on the North of the European continent: the Baltic Sea region (shared by the EU and Russia) and the Barents Sea region (shared by Norway, Russia and the EU Member States of Finland and Sweden).

The Northern Dimension regions play a strategic role in EU-Russia relations. Their prosperity, safety and security are of crucial importance not only for directly neighbouring regions and countries but for the whole of Russia and the EU.

Global climate change is happening now and it became an important challenge which all people have to face. The Northern Dimension regions are the most vulnerable areas to the climate change in many ways, including causing changes in average and extreme temperatures and precipitation, warmer oceans, rising sea level and decreasing snow and ice cover on land and at sea. These have led to a range of impacts on ecosystems, socio-economic sectors and human health. Adaptation to climate change has been recognised globally as an important policy.

Environmental awareness and its consequence, an improved ecological culture, contribute to the understanding that people are part of nature, nature is the basis for sustainable economic development and there must be a balance between environmental protection and use. Creating a population well-informed on environmental issues is an important and strategic task for a modern society.

The European Neighbourhood Instrument Regional East Multiannual Indicative Programme 2018-2020 comprises support actions on environmental protection and awareness raising under the Northern Dimension. In order to address environmental protection and awareness in the Northern Dimension regions, the Call for Proposals was launched in 2018 with focus on ecological culture of the younger generation.

As a result of this Call four projects were selected and contracted. All projects have the objective of strengthening the institutional capacity of Russian environmental NGOs in climate change awareness among youth and improving local and international collaboration in this field.

The brochure provides a summary of four new projects starting in 2019.

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BUILDING NGO – UNIVERSITY – LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AWARENESS, COMMUNITY ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE



Project Start: January 2019

Duration: 36 months

The overall objective of the project is to build partnerships between NGOs, universities, local and indigenous communities to raise awareness about climate change and to find solutions for adaptation and resilience. The project will operate with communities in St. Petersburg, Arkhangelsk, Vologda, Murmansk regions, NAO. The project will unite students, NGO activists, local and indigenous

communities, experts and scientists in creation of Science Shops as platforms for University-based and NGO-based climate awareness research and development, focusing on the climate adaptation strategies for reindeer herders, hunters, fishermen and those involved in subsistence agricultural activities. The project will raise civic climate change awareness among youth; will develop and introduce innovative education programs for youth in cities and villages of the Northern Dimension using experiential learning methodologies and games. Three demonstration sites on local solutions for climate adaptation will be created on the basis of Universities and an NGO. International expertise on local low footprint solutions and climate adaptation will be introduced to the project by NGO RELEARN from Sweden. NArFU and St. Petersburg State University will introduce scientific expert knowledge to the project activities. To achieve the projects' goals different methods, such as, art-science exhibitions, training, summer schools, local communities' projects will be used.

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ACCT! - ACTING ON CLIMATE CHANGE TOGETHER! NGOs AND TEACHERS PROVIDE INNOVATIVE CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN RUSSIA'S NORTH-WEST



Project Start: January 2019
Duration: 36 months

The project is run by the German NGO DRA together with three NGO partners in Russia (Friends of the Baltic, Russian-German Office for Environmental Information and Ecological Movement of Arkhangelsk), the Polytechnic Peter the Great University of St. Petersburg and the German NGO partner Independent Institute for Environmental Issues (UfU).

With the help of the project, representatives of NGOs and educational institutions in St. Petersburg and in the regions of Murmansk, Arkhangelsk, Karelia and Leningrad will be more capable to provide professional and innovative climate education programs for young people, who thereby become more aware of global climate change and its local impacts, and adopt ways of climate-friendly individual and group behavior.

Therefore, project partners together with Russian and international experts form an expert council on climate education and elaborate innovative, participatory and action-oriented climate education formats, methods and tools. The gathered knowhow, they then disseminate in train-the-trainers workshops for about 100 representatives of NGOs and educational institutions. By this, a serious pool of climate educators should evolve - Russian NGOs and teachers will act as knowledge hubs and promote climate education in Russia.

Based on the elaborated climate education formats, project partners and trained climate educators will implement climate education activities for more than 350 young people.

At the same time, project partners will organize multi-stakeholder-events in order to discuss with representatives of civil society, education, business, and local authorities how to cooperate best for a better climate education.

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TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AS A PLATFORM FOR ADAPTATION OF INDIGENOUS YOUTH TO CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS



Project Start: February 2019

Duration: 36 Months

The action seeks to strengthen indigenous youth understanding of climate change and its impact on their communities, to strengthen their engagement in relevant decision-making processes and the development of adaptation actions. It is predicated on the understanding that indigenous peoples are the group most vulnerable to climate impacts as recognized by the Paris agreement

and related documents and seeks to empower indigenous youth as the group who will have to live longest with its impacts, to become agents for effective climate action in their region and their communities. Specifically, it seeks to establish and develop a strong dialogue and partnerships between Sámi youth and other stakeholders in Murmansk region. This partnership is expected to lead to an improvement of regional adaptation strategies with regard to the protection of vulnerable indigenous communities.

It seeks to Increase ecological knowledge and holistic understanding of indigenous youth through capacity building measures such as seminars on climate change and the role of traditional knowledge in adaptation strategies and programs. Further it seeks to facilitate engagement of indigenous youth in the development and implementation of adaptation measures.

The project foresees the establishment of an Indigenous Peoples Climate Platform for Murmansk region for information exchange, capacity building and integration of indigenous traditional knowledge. This platform is intended to be a local implementation of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIP) adopted 2015 by the parties to the Paris climate agreement. Key stakeholder are indigenous and environmental CSOs as well as members of the regional academic community. Other stakeholders are local and regional authorities and businesses. They include experts from the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources as well as representatives of other state environmental bodies and extractive companies. This group will participate in round tables organized during the project implementation, as well as in workshops on regional adaptation programs.

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RAISING AWARENESS ON CLIMATE CHANGE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE OF RUSSIAN BARENTS SEA REGIONS



Project Start: January 2019

Duration: 36 Months

The aim of the project is to increase awareness on climate change among the society of Russia's Barents Sea region, given its immense vulnerability towards climate change. The action will provide science based and up-to-date information on climate change for teachers, pupils, university students and interested youth in Arkhangelsk Oblast, Murmansk Oblast and Nenets Autonomous Oblast. It will directly

target about 15.000 people. Schools, universities and environmental NGO were identified as most important regional multipliers to provide science-based information on climate change for young people and mobilise them towards informed action. The action intervenes at three levels:

- 1) Institutions at different levels of the formal educational system will receive innovative and well-established learning tools like interactive school lessons, university lectures as well as a Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) and a regionally focussed online course.
- 2) Training events, direct contact to climate experts and the provision of training material will raise the capacity of **350 school teachers and 90 university teachers** to include teach impacts, causes and regional effects of climate change as well as adaptation and mitigation actions in subjects like geography.
- 3) **Local environmental NGO** will be supported in establishing an international network with climate change experts, climate change related institutions and other NGO.

Key stakeholders are the Association National Arctic Research and Education Consortium (NAREC) in Arkhangelsk, the Murmansk Arctic State University (MASU) in Murmansk oblast (MO), the Centre for Development of Education (CDE) in Naryan Mar (Nenets Autonomous Oblast – NAO), the Main Geophysical Observatory (MGO) under the Russian Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring (Roshydromet), the movement EKA for environmental education, the Association of Nenets People "Yasavey" and local NGO like Bellona Murmansk and Movement-42. Changes in the climate and the environment are already severe and noticeable in the target regions. There is a demand for an improved access to scientifically informed and sound information and the key stakeholders have demonstrated strong interest in the action.

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EUROPA – the official site of the European Union:

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Project Cycle Management Guidelines:

https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/aid-delivery-methods-project-cycle-management-guidelines-vol-1_en.

The Implementation of Grant Contracts – A Users' Guide:

<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/companion/document.do?nodeNumber=19>.

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