



Statutes for Barents Regional Youth Council Nordic

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§ 1. Name and affiliation

1.1 The name of the organisation is “Barents Regional Youth Council Nordic”, and it has the abbreviation BRYC. The abbreviation “BRYCN” can interchangeably be used.

1.2 BRYC reports to the Barents Regional Council (BRC) and to the Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC). BRYC is also participating in the meetings held by the Barents Regional Committee and BEAC Committee of Senior Officials. BRYC cooperates closely with BEAC Working Group on Youth (WGY).

§ 2. Purpose

2.1 BRYC’s core values are: tolerance, cooperation, reliability, fairness and respect.

2.2 BRYC’s mission is to make the Barents Region more attractive for youth and to encourage them to choose to stay in the region or return to it after completing their education.

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BRYC shall function as an advisory body to the Barents Euro-Arctic Council, the Barents Regional Committee, their subsidiary bodies including Barents

Working groups. Additionally, BRYC shall have the right to participate in meetings held by BEAC, BRC, the Barents Regional Committee, their subsidiary bodies including Barents Working Groups, offering guidance and recommendations on policy related to youth within the Barents Region.

2.4 BRYC's aims are:

- To increase youth participation in the cooperation networks in the Barents Region by giving young people increased influence and possibilities for cross-border activities.
- To contribute to a good reputation of the regions, promote the good quality of life in the High North and the inhabitants' pride towards the region and awareness of its qualities.
- To strengthen young people's Barents identity as members of the region by establishing contact over cultural and geographical borders.
- To encourage young people to play an active role in strengthening civil society and democracy in the Barents Region.
- To encourage free expression among young people and support the fight for human rights.
- To strengthen the position and rights of indigenous youth and minorities through increased multilateral and multicultural cooperation.

§ 3. Structure

3.1 BRYC consists of one BRYC Council Representative and one BRYC Council Vice Representative from each of the BRC member regions of the actual BEAC member countries.

In addition, there shall be one representative from one of the indigenous peoples of the Barents Region.

3.2 BRYC is represented by a board (BRYC Board) between BRYC Council-meetings. BRYC Board should consist of one main and one vice representative from each of the BRC-participating BEAC member countries, in addition to the indigenous representative.

§ 4. BRYC Representatives

4.1 BRYC Representatives are either elected or appointed from their respective administrative units in the Barents Region. The Barents Euro-Arctic Working Group of Indigenous Peoples elects the representative for indigenous youth.

BRYC Board shall adopt any changes in BRYC's composition if they occur between the Annual Meetings. BRYC Board has the power to supplement representatives if deemed necessary.

4.2 BRYC Representatives must meet the following criteria:

- Be between the age of 16 and 30 years old.
- Should have knowledge about youth issues in their region.

- Should be interested in international cooperation.
- Must have adequate knowledge in English language.
- Must live in the region they are elected to represent, at the time of election.

The representatives of BRYC Council are elected for two years with the possibility for re-election.

4.3 In cases where a new regional representative is not assigned by the time its predecessor finishes their term, the predecessor may choose to temporarily stay active in this position until a new regional representative is assigned.

4.4 Representatives must fulfil the following responsibilities:

- Shall participate in meetings called by BRYC Chair.
- Shall be available to answer requests in due time regarding the activity of BRYC.
- Shall act as a link between their region and BRYC. This means staying informed about international youth events in their regions and informing about such events taking place in other regions.

4.5 BRYC Board has the power to suspend a representative that has repeatedly failed to fulfil his or her responsibilities. The suspension shall follow after two formal warnings issued by BRYC Board. The decision to suspend a representative has to be done by a unanimous vote in favour.

§ 5. BRYC Board

5.1 BRYC Board consists of one representative from each of the BRC-participating BEAC member countries and one from indigenous people. BRYC Board substitute representatives should be from the same country as he or she is substituting for.

5.2 BRYC Annual Meeting shall elect representatives to BRYC Board. It is the responsibility of the BRYC Council Representatives to nominate a BRYC Board Representative and a BRYC Board Deputy Representative from their respective country. In the case that there is only one candidate, acclamation is used. In cases where a BRYC Board Representative Candidate cannot reach a majority vote, BRYC Annual Meeting will receive the mandate to decide this country's BRYC Board Representative and BRYC Board Deputy Representative upon request by the respective BRYC Board Representative Candidates.

5.3 To be elected as BRYC Chair or Vice Chair, the candidate must have the majority of the votes. If there are more than two candidates running for the roles as BRYC Chair or BRYC Vice Chair, the two candidates with most votes after the first voting round, will proceed to a second ballot. In cases where none of the candidates gets the majority of votes, BRYC Annual Meeting can choose to use a raffle to reach a decision regarding who will respectively be BRYC Chair and BRYC Vice Chair.

5.4 BRYC Board shall organise its work and responsibilities based on the projects/activities planned within a given year, and with regard to the Representatives' experiences or interests. BRYC Board is responsible for keeping BRYC Council informed of its decisions.

5.5 BRYC Board meets physically at least 3 times a year. If necessary, additional meetings can be held using electronic communication tools. BRYC Chair shall distribute the meeting agenda to all BRYC Board Representatives at least one week prior to the meeting. A protocol of the BRYC Board Meeting shall be kept and distributed to BRYC Council. BRYC Council Representatives have the right to be observers during BRYC Board meetings.

5.6 The same procedures that apply to BRYC Annual Meeting shall apply to BRYC Board meetings. If the main BRYC Board Representative is unable to attend, its substitute board representative is called.

§ 6. BRYC Annual Meeting

6.1 BRYC Annual Meeting is the highest decision-making body of BRYC.

6.2 All decisions are made by majority vote. If there is a tied vote then BRYC Chair shall have a double vote, this does not apply for personal elections. Each region has one vote, so participation with more than one representative does not give extra votes.

6.3 BRYC Chair shall send the invitation to BRYC Annual Meeting to all representatives no later than 4 weeks prior to the meeting. The invitation shall contain the dates of the meeting, details on travel arrangements and a proposed agenda for the meeting. All BRYC Representatives can propose issues for the agenda. Such proposals should be delivered no later than 1 week prior to BRYC Annual Meeting.

6.4 BRYC Annual Meeting shall have the following functions and tasks:

- Adopt a work plan.
- Adopt a budget for the following year and approve accounts.
- Evaluate BRYC's work and approve BRYC Annual Report.
- Adopt amendments to BRYC Statutes.
- Elect BRYC Board.

6.5 Rules of procedure of BRYC Annual Meeting:

- At least 2/3 representatives must be present.
- A protocol shall be kept.

6.6 An extraordinary BRYC Annual Meeting shall take place:

- At the request of BRYC Board.
- At the request of 1/3 of the BRYC Council Representatives.

§ 7. BRYC Annual Event

7.1 BRYC Annual Event is BRYC's main activity organized for youth in the Barents Region. BRYC Annual Event must be held in one of the Barents countries.

7.2 The planning of BRYC Annual Event is the responsibility of BRYC Board. BRYC Board can decide to involve other parties in the planning and execution of the event.

§ 8. BRYC Statutes

8.1 BRYC Annual Meeting can change BRYC Statutes by majority vote. Amendment proposals must be submitted in writing to BRYC Chair or BRYC Vice Chair before the meeting agenda is distributed.

§ 9. Administration of BRYC

9.1 The administrative responsibilities of BRYC are upheld by the International Barents Secretariat (IBS).

§ 10. Dismantling of BRYC

10.1 Dismantling of BRYC can only be done by 2/3 of the votes at BRYC Annual Meeting. The decision should be made in consultation with BRC.