



Open position at the International Barents Secretariat

ADVISER ON FINANCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The International Barents Secretariat (IBS) in Kirkenes, Norway, is recruiting an adviser for project funding for the multilateral cooperation in the Barents region, and for maintaining the data base on environmental “hot spots”. Financed by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden for a trial period of one year, the adviser will be an addition to the capacity of the Barents Cooperation.

The International Barents Secretariat supports the intergovernmental and regional Barents Cooperation. The Secretariat was established in January, 2008, according to an Agreement between Finland, Norway, Russia and Sweden. The IBS shares premises with the Norwegian Barents Secretariat and the Barents Institute in Kirkenes.

The Adviser on Financial and Environmental Issues will:

- initiate, assist and coordinate project applications to the EU funding programmes and to other financial institutions
- support partners in project implementation in line with instructions of the source of funding
- compile and analyze information on financial institutions available for financing of projects in the Barents Region
- contribute to the communication activities of the Secretariat, particularly in the field of project funding
- promote relations between the Barents Euro-Arctic Council, Barents Regional Council, experts and working groups, the EU institutions and other international financial institutions
- assist in maintaining the data base on environmental “hot spots” in the Barents Region, together with the Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO) and the BEAC Working Group on Environment

The Adviser will need to:

- have documented experience from and good knowledge of project funding of small to medium-sized projects from International Financial Institutions
- have coordinative, creative, analytical and social skills
- appreciate problem solving assignments
- have experience and talent for public presentations
- enjoy being part of a small team with many partners in an international environment.

Other qualifications:

- Preferably a university degree or equivalent education
- Good command of English
- Fluency in a North European language
- Preferably basic command of Russian

A position at the International Barents Secretariat provides excellent opportunities for personal development, interesting contacts and challenging tasks in a dynamic and developing region.

Salary according to agreement.

For more information, please contact the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Per Wallén, +46 8 405 32 59) or The International Barents Secretariat

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Applications in English, including personal cover letter, CV and at least two references should be sent to ibs@beac.st and kerstin.rosen@foreign.ministry.se no later than March 15, 2010.

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