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## PECC-2

The PECC-2 is developed based on experiences from a pilot programme PECC-1 which was implemented in 2017-2018. Funding under the second call of proposals, or PECC-2, is available for building networks, disseminating information, improving capacity, and investing in equipment, technology and infrastructure within the fields of renewable energy sources, energy savings and improved energy-efficiency, cleaner production and sustainable consumption, sustainable city and land-use planning and protection of nature.

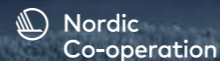
### Who can apply?

Grant financing can be awarded to partnerships between Nordic non-commercial institutions, organisations or authorities on regional and municipal levels, and their corresponding qualified partners located in Northwest Russia. Commercial companies cannot apply for funding or be partners, but may provide adequate technology and services on sound commercial conditions. Selected proposals may receive grant financing from EUR 30,000 to EUR 200,000 subject to certain co-financing requirements.

### How to apply?

The PECC-2 application process will be launched in January 2020. Pre-register on [nefco.org/pecc](http://nefco.org/pecc) to stay up to date with the launch and the application process.

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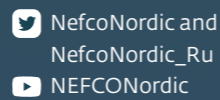
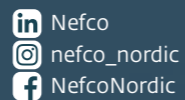


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# Nordic-Russian Programme for Environment and Climate Co-operation

## About PECC

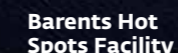
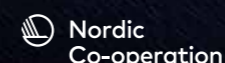
The Programme for Environment and Climate Co-operation (PECC), managed by the Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO), provides grant financing, with co-financing requirements, to encourage and promote Nordic-Russian non-commercial co-operation projects addressing environment and climate at regional and local levels in Northwest Russia. The programme forms part of the Nordic Council of Ministers' (NCM) latest efforts with regard to co-operation with Russia, as adopted by the Ministers for Nordic Co-operation at the start of 2016.

### The Purpose

The purpose of PECC is to contribute to an improved status of the environment and climate in Northwest Russia and indirectly lead to improvements in the Nordic and Baltic countries and the whole Barents Region by financially supporting the implementation of relevant co-operation projects at the regional and local levels in Northwest Russia, for instance, in the following fields:

- Use of renewable energy sources
- Energy saving and improved energy-efficiency
- Cleaner production and sustainable consumption
- Sustainable city and land-use planning
- Protection of nature
- Waste management and hazardous waste

The programme promotes the establishment of networks, exchange of experiences and capacity building and mutually benefitting co-operation in the field of environment and climate. Related support for investments in equipment, technology and infrastructure can also be included in the financing.





## PECC-1 results and project examples

The first call for proposals, or PECC-1, was launched in spring 2017. In total, nine projects were implemented and completed by the end of 2018.

Among the Nordic Lead Partners, Finnish organisations had four projects, Swedish three, and Norwegian and Danish: one each. In terms of the types of entities, universities and research institutions were the most common types.

Project activities were carried out in Arkhangelsk Oblast, the Komi Republic, Leningrad Oblast, Murmansk Oblast, the Republic of Karelia, and in St Petersburg. Several NGOs took active part on the Russian side.

The implementation of the PECC projects has resulted in a number of important reports and scientific as well as practical results of high value, while building up and maintaining networks between relevant Nordic and Russian counterparts.

### Summarized project results:

- The projects contributed to environmental and climate-related improvements in Northwest Russia
- Relevant partners of the Nordic countries and Northwest Russia, including authorities and NGOs, were involved in the co-operation
- Relevant networks were established or strengthened, strategies developed, and joint knowledge shared

The geographic focus of the PECC-1 activities illustrated.



The project provided high-level of capacity building for a large number of Russian national parks and nature reserves who are key players in this area. The project has been critically important for maintaining and strengthening the existing network, and in developing the collaboration between project partners into more systematic and professional direction.

### Nordic partners:

University of Helsinki, Finland  
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

### Russian partners:

Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences  
The Institute of Biology of the Komi Scientific Centre



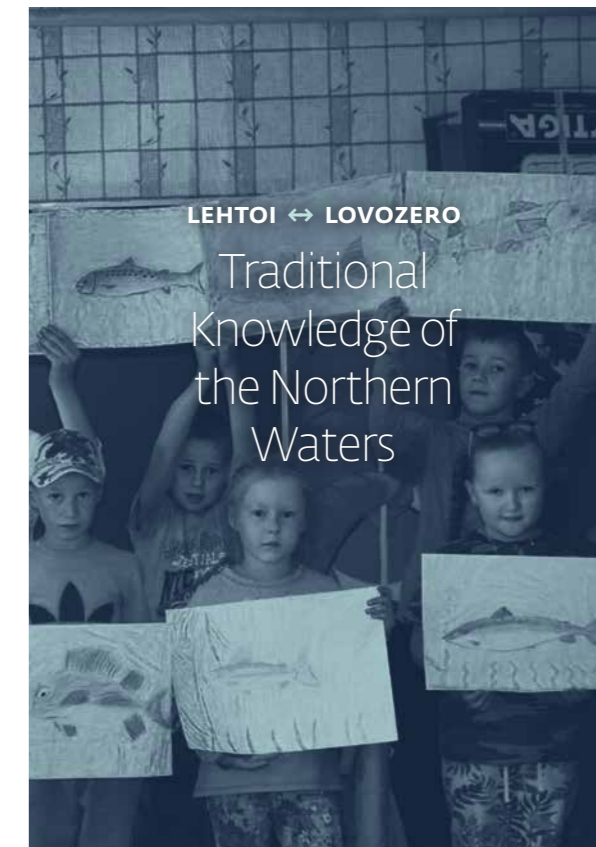
The project envisaged to find a method for identifying, accessing and quantifying regional GHG emissions and removals, to develop a regional strategy and action plan for mitigation and adaptation to climate change and joint knowledge sharing and development. As a result, the main objective of the project has been achieved – to enhance and strengthen the ongoing co-operation between the Nordic countries and Northwest Russia to increase the possibility for meeting the Paris Agreement targets.

### Nordic partners:

County Administrative Board of Norrbotten, Luleå, Sweden  
Troms fylkeskommune, Norway

### Russian partners:

Environmental Investments Centre, Arkhangelsk



The project envisaged development of a comprehensive network to monitor the Ponoï and Näätämö watershed in the context of proceeding climate change that is impacting the biodiversity of these catchment areas. As a result, the monitoring network has been established and supported, to understand climate and ecological change in the basins both from science and traditional knowledge.

### Nordic partners:

Snowchange Cooperative, Lehtoi, Finland  
Saa'mi Nuett, Finland  
Swedish Biodiversity Centre / Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

### Russian partners:

Lovozero Centre for the development of leisure and Culture, Murmansk Oblast  
Regional cultural and indigenous organisations, Murmansk