



The Norwegian
Barents Secretariat

Travel Support for Barents Journalists



The Norwegian Barents Secretariat grants travel support to all regional Norwegian and Russian journalists crossing the joint border of the two Barents countries.

www.barents.no

Cross border journalism

To increase media coverage across borders in the Barents Region, the Norwegian Barents Secretariat has established a travel support program for regional journalists in Norway and Russia. Registered journalists from Norway and Russia working in the Barents Region can apply for travel support.



Special exceptions from ordinary Barents Secretariat funds:

- ✓ Also Russian journalists can apply for funds
- ✓ No demand for cooperation partner from the neighboring country

Expenses

- ✓ The program cover travel and accommodation expenses, translation costs and if necessary conference fee
 - Any investments, project management costs or other administrative expenses can not be covered by this program
- ✓ The program can cover up to 70 percent of the travel costs

Objective

The Norwegian Barents Secretariat find it important to give journalists in both Norway and Russia the opportunity to cross the border and write more about their neighboring country in the north. We believe this will contribute to strengthen bonds between the two countries, and increase the awareness and commitment to the Norwegian-Russian cooperation.



Under no circumstance will the Norwegian Barents Secretariat set any demands to the content of the news story which the journalist applies travel support for.

Information needed in application

- ✓ Which region the reporter is going to visit
- ✓ A brief description of the topic
 - There is no need for revealing information which could be used by other reporters
- ✓ Time schedule for the journey
- ✓ A plan for publishing news stories after the journey

The journalist must be based in the Barents Region, and the travel must be within the Russian or Norwegian part of the region.

Application

Apply for travel support on our online application portal which you can find on our website **Barents.no**. All applications must be submitted in either English or Norwegian language. After your travel is finished you need to submit an end report in the same portal.

Any questions about your application should be directed to the program coordinator, Jonas Sjøkvist Karlsbakk.

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Case administration will vary, but we prefer to receive the application four weeks before departure. When special occasions demand it, we will do our best to handle the application as fast as possible.

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We are located in Kirkenes at Rådhusgata 8. Please feel free to visit our office if you pass the border town. We will do our best to help you in your work. We can provide you with internet access and if needed you can borrow an office or desk to finish a news story.



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