Northern Dimension: Specifics of the Cooperation between the European Union and Russia in the European North

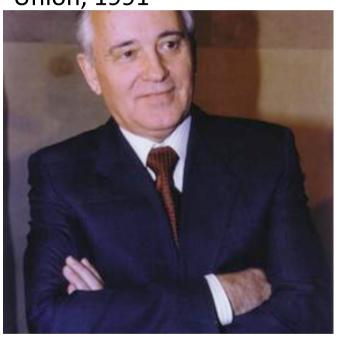
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They made the Northern Dimension:

Mikhail Gorbachev, President of the Soviet Union, 1991



Paavo Lipponen, Prime Minister of Finland, 1995-2003



Tarja Halonen, President of Finland, 2000-2012



Northern Dimension founding papers:

- Action Plan for the Northern Dimension in the external and cross-border policies of the European Union, 2001-2003
- Second Northern Dimension Action Plan
- Guidelines for the development of a political declaration and policy framework document for Northern Dimension policy from 2007
- Northern Dimension Political Declaration
- Northern Dimension Policy Framework Document

Northern Dimension Area



Main features of the Northern Dimension Area:

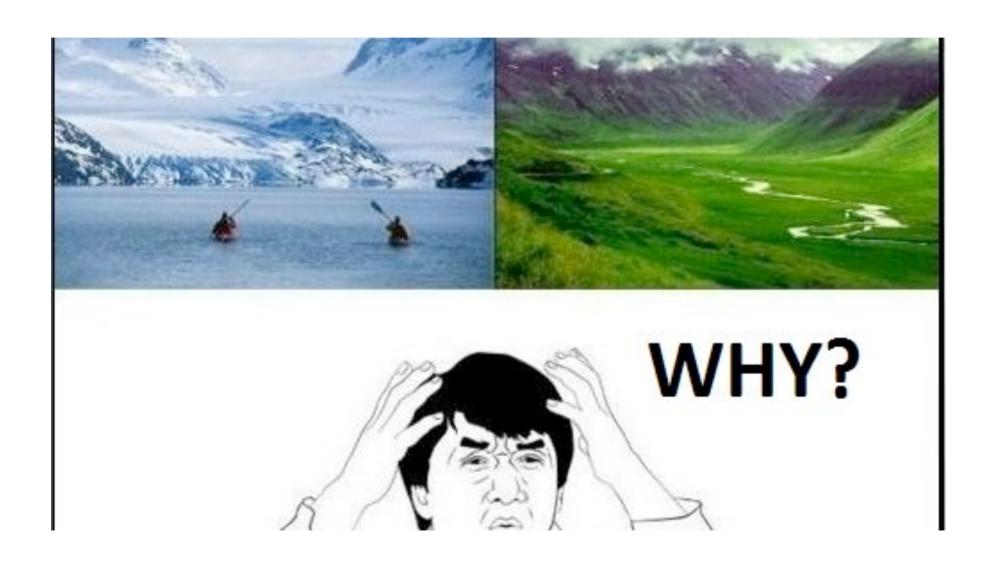
- Unfavorable climate
- Long distances and sparse population
- Vulnerable environment

4 Northern Dimension partnerships

- Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership (with 2 windows: one for the environment, another for nuclear safety)
- Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-Being
- Northern Dimension Partnership in Transport and Logistics
- Northern Dimension Partnership in Culture

Greenland

Iceland



4 parties to the Northern Dimension:

- The European Union
- Russia
- Norway
- Iceland

4 councils of the European North

- Nordic Council / Nordic Council of Ministers
- Council of Baltic Sea States
- Council of Barents Euro-Arctic Region
- Arctic Council

St. Petersburg Central Wastewater Treatment Plant



Other parties:

- The U.S. and Canada are the observers
- Belarus participates in practical cooperation
- Whoever else wishes to participate

Financial Institutions:

- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- European Investment Bank
- Nordic Investment Bank
- Nordic Environment Finance Corporation

Northern Fleet's largest storage facility for spent nuclear fuel in Andreeva Bay



Other Institutions:

- Northern Dimension Institute
- Northern Dimension Business Forum

Role of the Northern Dimension in Russian – EU relations

- "Helping Russians in doing their homework"?
- Functional arrangement between the two
- Space for negotiations

Thank you very much for attention!

Questions, comments, complaints?