



# BCBU

## Meeting of Vice-Rectors

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## Challenges

- Cooperation
  - Importance of carrying out the agreed responsibilities by all partners;
  - Importance of staff stability inside the MA programmes;
  - Importance of strengthening English language skills.



# Challenges

- Student intake
  - The number of students admitted to the programmes should be big enough;
    - to ensure efficiency of the programme and sufficient number of graduates
  - To find sufficient number of motivated students for the programmes;
  - To keep students studying actively in the 2-year programme;
  - To have students for the programme from all BCBU partner universities.



# Challenges

- Development of virtual campus
  - Necessary for effective collaboration
  - What are the present facilities and resources of universities for virtual teaching?
  - How to build up the virtual campus?
    - Funding?
    - Practical issues?



# Funding and Resources

- Importance of the funding programmes
  - Kolarctic ENPI, Tempus, other EU-funding
- Resources from the universities are needed for carrying out the studies
  - Staff resources
  - Premises and equipment
  - Students' travel costs



# Next Steps

- Next call for application in CSW (opens at Ulapland in December 2010)
- Development of virtual campus
- Strengthening the role of associate partner universities
- Quality assurance handbook
  - Consolidation of study requirements, master theses, grades
- Development of PhD studies together with Russian, Finnish, Swedish and Norwegian universities
- University of Arctic (UArctic) collaboration



Thank you!  
Спасибо!