

Contractual arrangements in BCBU

* Rector forum (Oulu February 20, 2009) gave an assignment to update the general BCBU agreement, if considered necessary by the partners, and prepare individual agreements on implementation of each BCBU Master's Programme

* Individual agreements of the BCBU Master's Programmes: the Finnish BCBU coordination team has prepared a very first draft of the agreement with main stipulations for further processing by the responsible persons and bodies of the Programmes

* General agreement: Vice-Rector meeting (Petrozavodsk November 3, 2009) processed the matter further → inquiry to the partners Nov-Dec 2009

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Health and Well-being in the Circumpolar Area

- Agreement on planning
- Amendment to the agreement (pilot phase)

Comparative Social Work

- Agreement ready to be signed

Barents Environmental Engineering

- Agreement in process

Software, Systems and Services Development in Global Environment

- Agreement in process

Law

- Agreement to be processed

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General agreement

On the grounds of received comments the BCBU coordination team proposes **not to submit the General agreement for further considerations at this stage**

- It as a binding declaration of intention of the partners to co-operate in the field of development and running of joint master's programmes still serves as a good basis for the co-operation. The General agreement is valid until March 2012. Renewal/amendment will be presented to the partners for consideration well before this deadline and can be signed by the rectors in the Rector forum of 2012.
- In the meanwhile decisions on general BCBU policy and other matters belonging to the authority of the BCBU Rector forum can be fixed in the Minutes of the Rectors' meetings → decision on the procedure of processing the Minutes → Minutes considered official and binding extension of the General agreement
- Details of the co-operation, possible updates and programme specific issues of each BCBU Master's Programme can and must be fixed in the individual agreements of the Master's Programmes in compliance of the General agreement