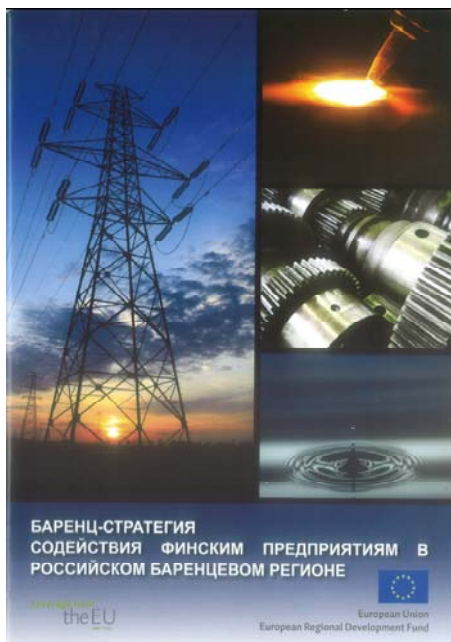


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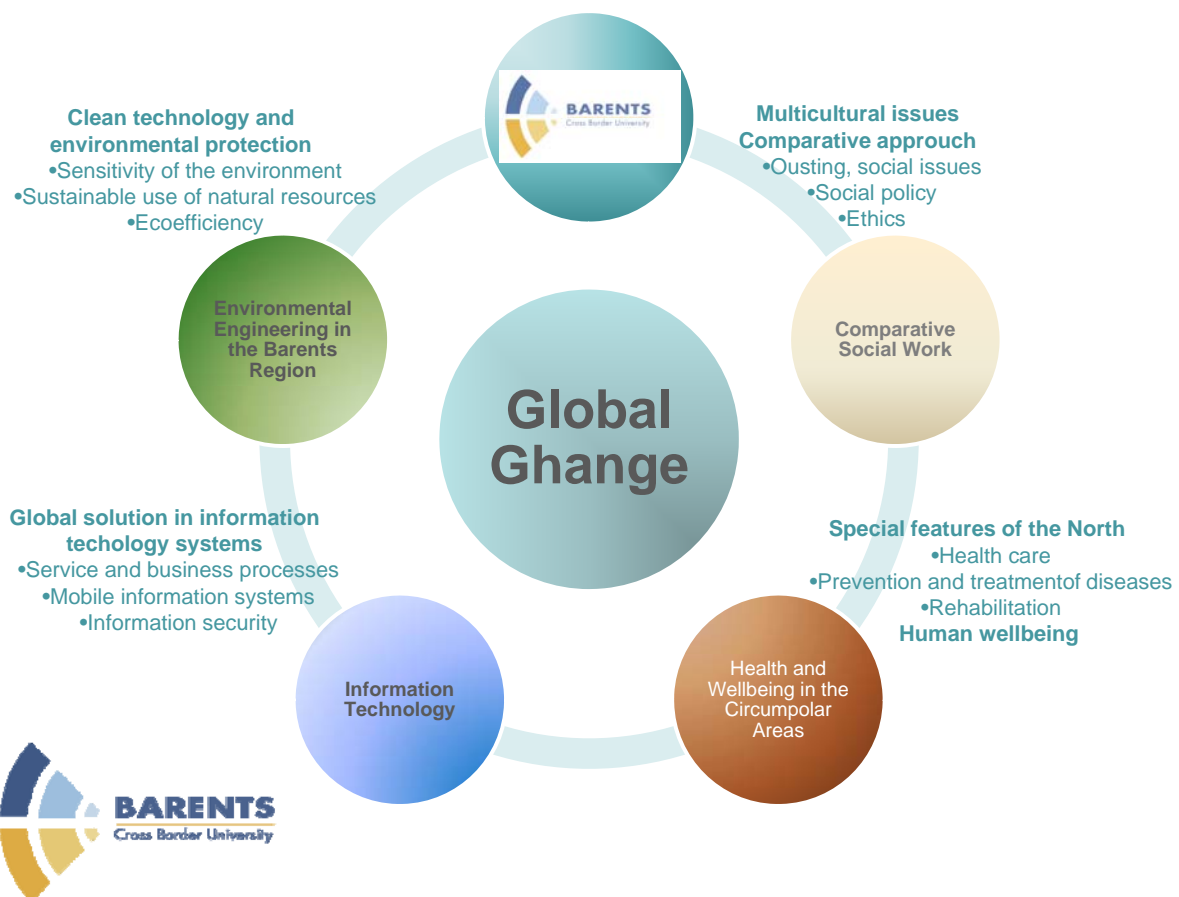
The Barents Cross-Border University (BCBU) project

- The **BCBU project**, started in 2006, is based on the cooperation between the universities of Lapland and Oulu and other universities within the Barents region, especially in the Northwest-Russia and Nordic countries
- The starting point is in the **mutual interests of the partner universities** as well as in the **principles and aims of partnership programs and the EU's Northern Dimension and Arctic policy**
- The main aim is to launch several Master's programs, which subjects falls in the priorities of the Northern Dimension



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Context for BCBU activities



BCBU Master's Degree Programmes 2010

- Master's Degree Programme (BCBU) in Circumpolar Health and Wellbeing
 - coordinator University of Oulu, started in the beginning of 2009
- Master's Degree Programme (BCBU) in Environmental Engineering
 - coordinator University of Oulu, started in autumn 2009
- Master's Degree Programme (BCBU) in Software and Systems Development in Global Environment
 - coordinator University of Oulu, will start in fall 2010
- Master's Degree Programme (BCBU) in Comparative Social Work
 - coordinator University of Lapland, started in autumn 2009

Finnish Ministry of Education has in 2008 accepted these programs to be included in the Decree on the Master's programmes



Barents cooperation

The Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC) was established by signing the Kirkenes Declaration in 1993. The Council members are the Nordic countries, Russia and the European Commission. The BEAC meets at the Foreign Minister level every second year. Between the BEAC meetings the cooperation is coordinated by the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO).

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