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# Barents Cross Border University

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## University of the Arctic

Network of Universities and other Higher Education Organisations

100 + members

Sharing resources

Thematic networks, programs, mobility, research, ...

Higher Education  
Institutions

Students

Researchers

Nordic Region

42

280 000

31 000

North America

36

240 000

43 000

Russia

31

130 000

20 000



Member institutions



University of the Arctic offices

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# UArctic Values

## Circumpolar...

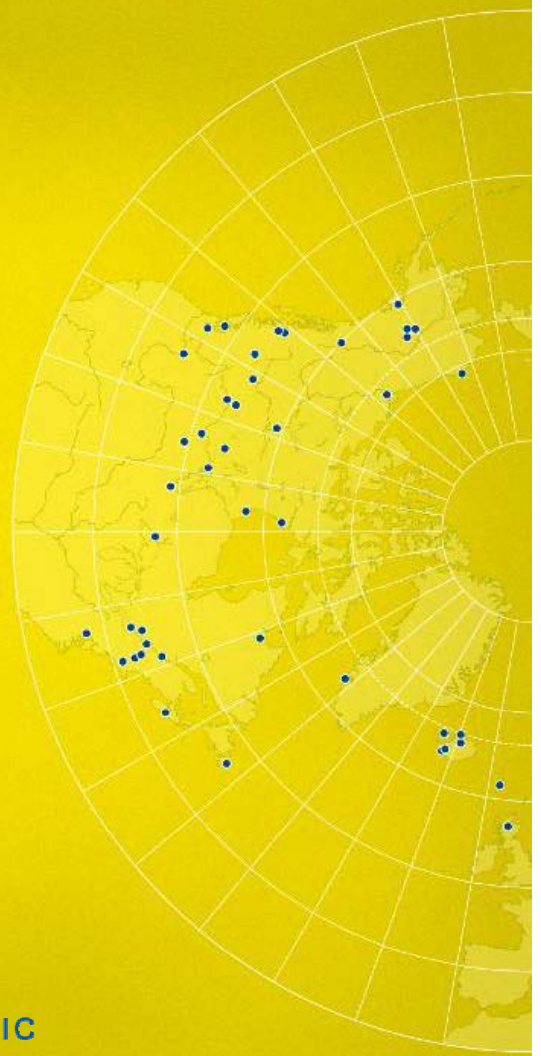
- UArctic promotes a northern voice in the globalizing world that reflects a shared regional identity across all eight Arctic states and among all Northern peoples and cultures

## Holistic...

- UArctic promotes understanding among different learning systems, bringing together perspectives from the arts and both social and natural sciences with traditional and indigenous knowledge

## Diverse...

- UArctic promotes cultural diversity, language plurality, and gender equality



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## Our Mission



Through UArctic, members together shall:

- Empower the North
- Improve access to education
- Serve our community
- Create shared knowledge
- Build regional identity
- Strengthen the voice of the Arctic



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# UArctic Governance

- **Board of Governors**
  - highest decision making body
  - internationally representative Board
  - responsible for strategic development, institutional priorities and finances
- **Council of UArctic**
  - consists of representatives from all UArctic members: 121 in 2009
  - decides on membership of UArctic and nominates members of the Board
  - makes strategic decisions on UArctic's program development
  - gives academic guidance for program implementation and delivery
- **Rectors Forum**
  - Brings together university and college Presidents, Rectors, Provosts, Chancellors as well as Vice-Presidents around specific themes.
  - Established the UArctic charter, which commit to cooperation in education, exchanges and research
- **Strategy and implementation**
  - Strategic Plan
  - Strategic Implementation Plan (5 year plan)
  - Budgets
  - Fundraising strategies

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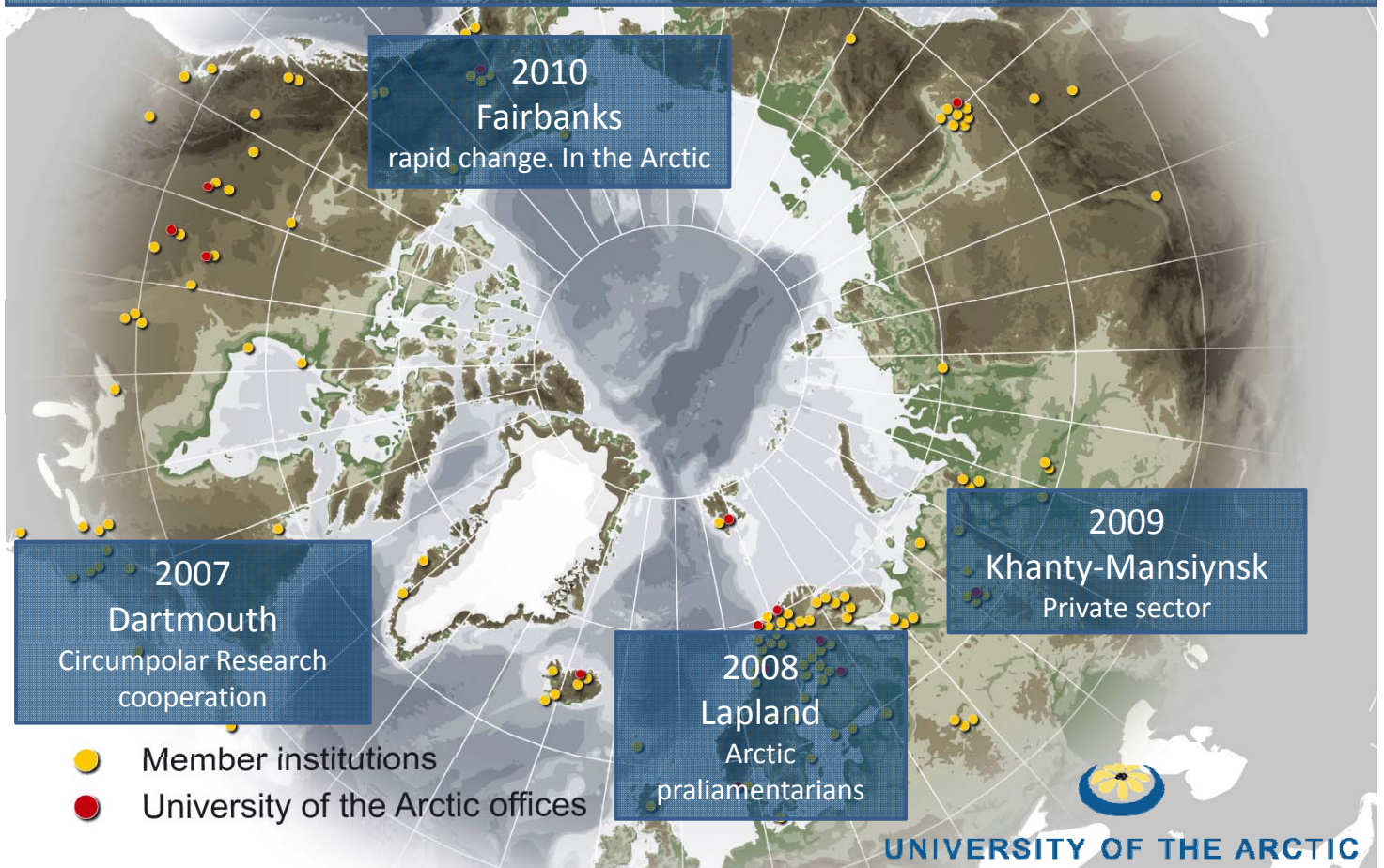
## The Arctic is what we share: Collaboration in Thematic Networks

1. Arctic Medicine
2. Verrde Program
3. UArctic Indigenous Thematic Network on community based natural resource co-management
4. Arctic Agriculture and Nature Use
5. *Global Change in the Arctic*
6. *Local and Regional Development*
7. World Image of the indigenous Peoples of the North
8. **Social Work**
9. *Northern Governance*
10. Arctic Learning Environment (ALE)
11. Indigenous Arts and Crafts
12. Arctic Engineering and Science
13. Digital and Media Arts
14. Distance Education and e-Learning
15. **Energy in a New Time**
16. **Journalism**
17. Northern Tourism
18. Geopolitics and Security



# UArctic Rectors Forum

UArctic Charter



## Yugra declaration of the III UArctic Rectors Forum

The 3rd UArctic Rectors' forum, June 2009

Chaired by Rector Lauri Lajunen and Rector Boris Rudnik

Focus on Private Sector – University partnership

Two key focus areas for the UArctic higher education members:

- Development of educational and research programs by partnership of member institutions
- Development of cooperation between universities, business, and government, focusing on research and innovation

Further the UArctic higher education members of the 3rd UArctic Rectors' Forum agree to, and further encourage governments and the private sector, to develop cooperation in the North in 15 specifically listed areas.



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## UArctic updates Feb 2010

1. UArctic legal entity established in Finland
2. Establishment of membership fee
3. UArctic- feasibility study US foundations
4. UArctic Fund established
5. UArctic permanent meeting place – Arctic Frontiers
6. Nordic Council decision on the Arctic and follow up workshop with Nordic Council of Ministers
7. Danish government Funding
8. Vice President Indigenous Affairs
9. Russian UArctic Catalogue office to be created (Pomor)



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## Key Challenge

- Universities shall be relevant to society needs
- Universities primary roles is generation horizon
- Development towards increased external and short term funding
  - Become the contract research and development laboratories of public and private sector?
  - Driven by short time opportunism?
  - Split & Rule by governments and Industry

## Cooperation is part of the solution!

- "Stand together" towards bigger international companies
- Shared areas of cooperation with multinational business
- Utilise the diversity of competency among Universities



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# University of the Arctic and Barents Region

## Barents cooperation strengths

- cross border initiative
- long history of cooperation
- strong institutional commitment
- regional government support

## Areas of cooperation:

- Use UArctic structures when relevant
- Extend Barents successes to the circumpolar world
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## What we are



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A label ...

- ... that ensures core values are reflected in programs
- ... that promotes thematic network cooperation
- ... that promotes northern institutions in the global arctic “knowledge industry”



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# Thank you



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## The collective of northern Universities and Colleges

Polar  
Year

PP's and  
the institutions they  
represents

China

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Shared resources exists  
How to let it speak

Southern  
Research  
community

EU



# Our Vision

*In the North, For the  
North, By the North –  
Towards a  
Sustainable World*

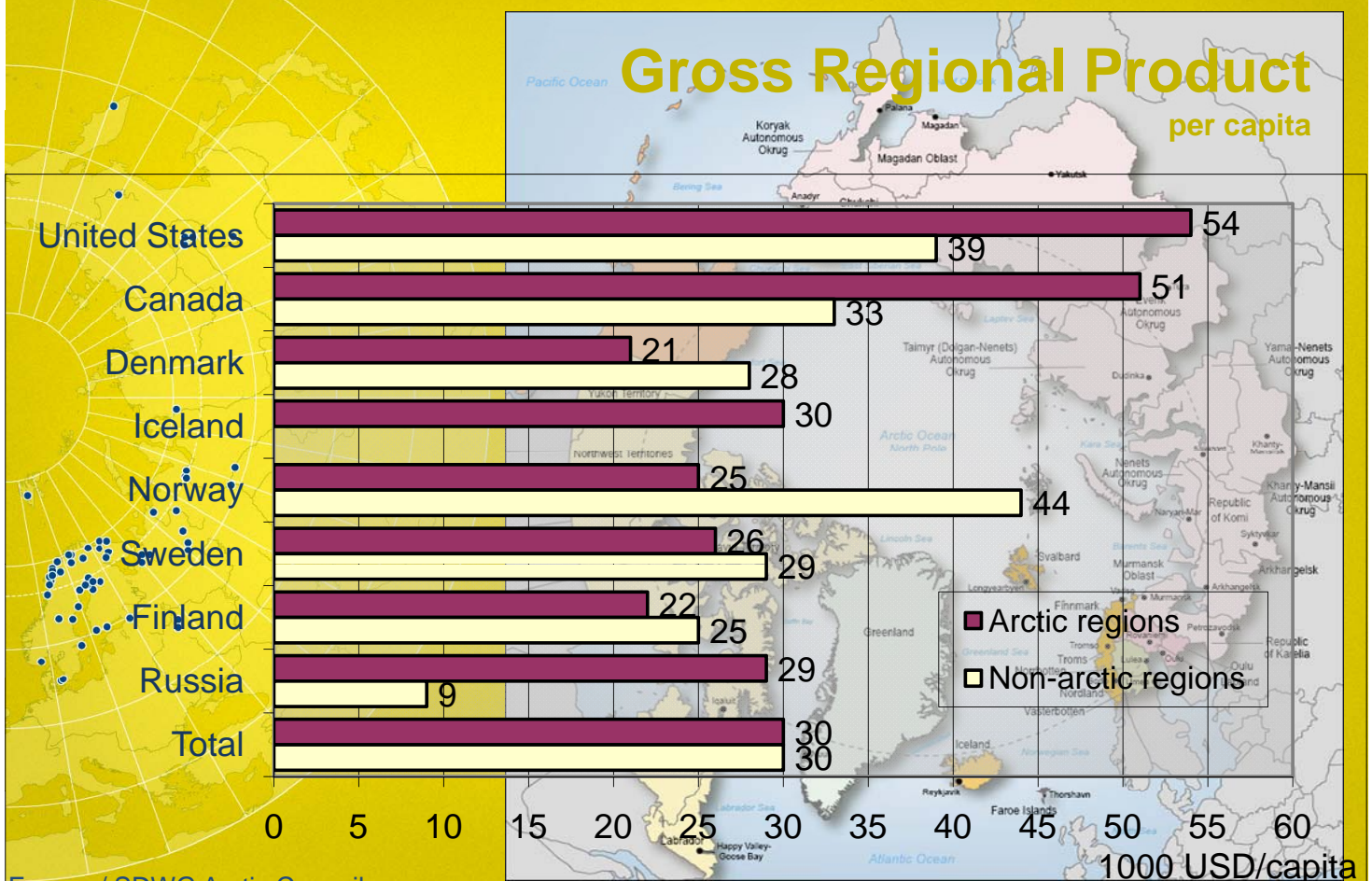
# Our Motto

*With Shared Voices*



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## Economics of the North





# UArctic Structure: Strategic Areas

UArctic Board of Governors appoints the UArctic president, who lead the implementation of UArctic operations. UArctic operations are organized into seven strategic areas, each consisting of one or several programs / units.

Strategic Areas are:

Shared Focus

Shared Learning

Shared Competence

Shared Knowledge

Shared Experiences

Shared Resources

Shared Organization

– Thematic Networks

– Undergraduate Studies

– Graduate Studies

– Research and Development

– Mobility Programs

– Services to Members

– UArctic Organization



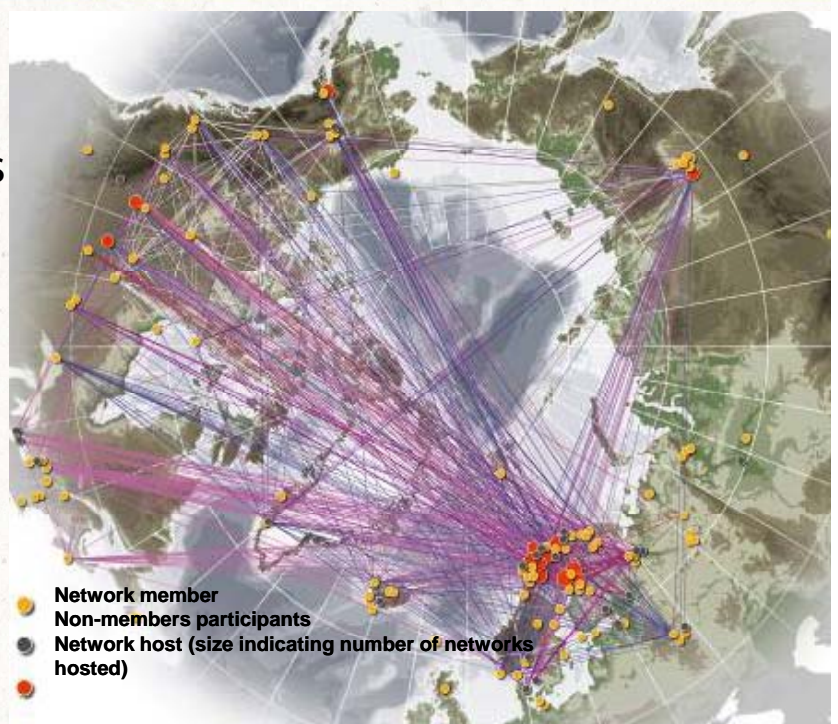
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## Shared Focus: Thematic Networks

A Thematic Network is a group of UArctic members working together on subjects of shared interest to create learning experiences for students, faculty and communities.

This includes:

- student and faculty exchange,
- curriculum development,
- joint degrees and
- research.



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## *Our World*





# The Arctic is what we share

## Collaboration is the way to promote Sustainable Development

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UArctic promote:

- traditional knowledge as an integral part of northern research, training and education
- thematic, or issues-based, cooperation
- the next generation of northern leaders
- programs and services that are based on the needs of the region.
- cost-effectiveness through shared training, education and cooperation in thematic research