

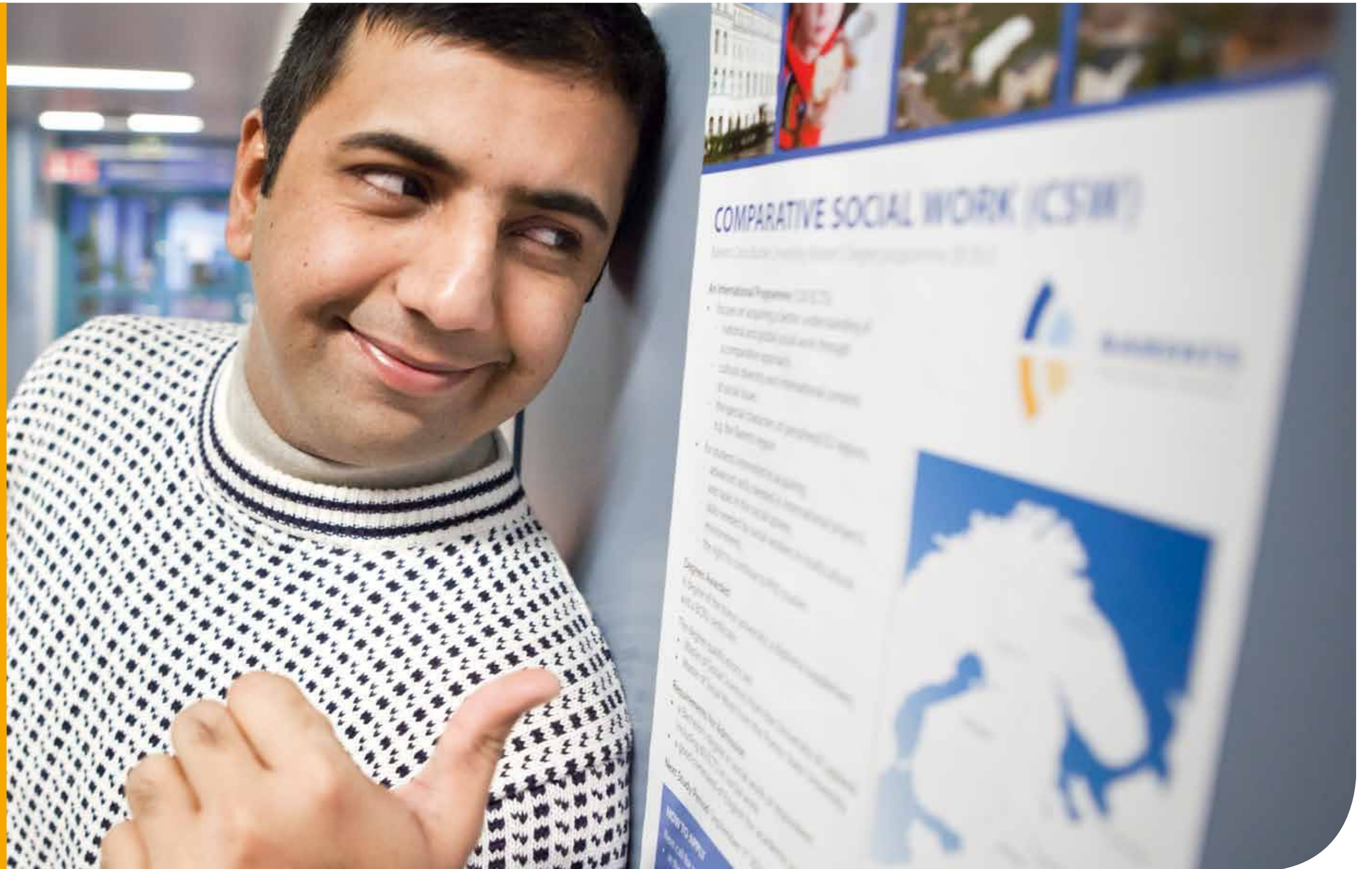
# Barents Cross Border University development project 2011 – 2013

## Funding

- Kolarctic ENPI CBC program, Economic and Social development
- Budget 944 576 EUR
- Implementation period 2 years

## Partners

- Lead Partner: University of Lapland
- University of Oulu
- Northern (Arctic) Federal University
- Northern State Medical University
- Murmansk State Humanities University
- Murmansk State Technical University
- Karelian State Pedagogical Academy
- Petrozavodsk State University
- Luleå University of Technology
- Narvik University College



## INTRODUCTION

International mobility, knowledge society and higher education are powerful forces in economic growth. This growth can be enhanced by encouraging smooth flow of ideas, best practices, exchange students, lecturers and experts, knowledge, learning and teaching technologies, values and culture across the borders.

**The Barents Cross Border University development (BCBU+) project** is based on the cooperation among partner universities involved in the Barents Cross Border University network (BCBU). The project contributes to establishment of higher education in the Barents region by developing jointly international multidisciplinary Master's programs of BCBU in the fields of comparative social work, information systems, circumpolar health and wellbeing and environmental engineering. The two-year study programmes are in the central fields of the EU Northern Dimension priorities and follow the principles of the Bologna process.

## OVERALL OBJECTIVES

- To contribute to the development of the Barents region by promoting cross-border academic cooperation
- To train highly skilled, technologically literate workforce for the knowledge-based economies in the Barents region

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- With cost effective measures to further develop and integrate MA programs to regular activities of BCBU partner universities aimed at meeting the labour markets need in the program area
- To develop models of best practices for implementation and cooperation for MA programs
- To strengthen and institutionalise a cross-border campus for implementing the MA and later the PhD degree education

## RESULTS

### Virtual Campus

- Established cross-border e-learning and web conferencing platform
- Increased flow of academic and research information across the border

### Best Practices

- Designed and piloted mobility programs for students, teachers and supervisors
- Increased professional development of BCBU teachers and supervisors
- Designed and piloted programs of intensive training for teachers and supervisors
- Improved quality of cross-border academic education

**Increased regional know-how for implementing future cross-border degrees in cost-effective way**

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