Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme 2014 – 2020

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2007 – 2013: More than half of the main projects includes the Arctic, some examples:

- Climate Change, Adaptation to the impacts
- Craft International
- Sustainable Aquaculture of Arctic Charr
- Our life as Elderly
- Recruitment and Retention of Health Care Providers
- Rural Youth Entrepreneurship
- Micro-generation, Energy Saving Technology
- Sustainable transport in Rural Tourism
Peripherality & low population density = key challenge

- Lack of critical mass
- Weak access to key markets
- Little external orientation of SMEs
- Little economic diversity
- Shrinking rural communities
- Aging/gender imbalance
Natural resources & versatile business sector = key potential

- Globalisation ➔ New Global Order
- Climate change
- Green Economy
- Rising demand and prices for minerals, biomass, food etc. at world market
- Innovation capacity & place based competences
More dynamic and external oriented local economies = overall strategy

- Higher external orientation and interaction of SMEs
- Better utilisation of innovation capacity
- Higher level of entrepreneurship
- Promoting economic strengths
- Innovation of public service provision
The content of the new Programme form new products and services to specific changes

- Increasing innovation in low dense populated areas
- Increasing innovation of public services
- Increasing number of start ups
- Broadening the market for SMEs
- Higher energy efficiency in housing sector and public buildings
- Enhance capacity building, resilient communities
Integrating Arctic into the new programme (the outcome of Preparatory project)

⇒ Instead of a dedicated priority for the Arctic cooperation, a mainstreaming approach is recommended

⇒ The descriptions of Specific objectives shall include ”Arctic themes”

⇒ Integration of Arctic partners in all relevant projects
Thank you for your attention!

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