



## Impact assessment, v1

### I. Guidelines

#### 1. Context

The evaluation report is provided September 2018 at the end of the Nordic – Russian NGO project, entitled: Nordic and Russian NGOs building bridges, April 2017 – Sept 2018.

#### 2. The aim

is to provide feeds for our impact evaluation, where we assess the extent to which the project has achieved its intended effects and other effects it may have had on the project's participants or the environment, and it reveals whether the project did what it was designed to do, and provides recommendations for future sustainable activities in the field.

#### 3. Methodology

In a standard impact evaluation we would try to involve a wide range of respondent groups from the main type of stakeholders by using questionnaires for quantitative feeds as well as interviews with a minor group of representative stakeholders .

However this is not realistic to do or needed in this context. Instead we can as the key stakeholders make our own assessments of the outcome and present it in a small assessment report.

#### 4. Topics of report

1. Why did you join the project: Background - own experiences and interests for Nordic – Russian cooperation.
2. Present your main activities in the project including the challenges to provide them!
3. Outcome for your own organisation: Degree of changed motivation for and know-how and ability to be involved in future Nordic – Russian cooperation. Will such cross-border cooperation be embedded in your organisation and be a priority for your organisation's future tasks plans?
4. Outcome for other NGOs in your country: Did other NGOs in your country get involved and motivated for increased Nordic – Russian cooperation?
5. Outcome for other NGOs in the Nordic (or Northwest Russian) region: Did NGOs from other Nordic countries outside the partner countries (Other Northwest Russian regions outside the Arkhangelsk and Pskov Regions) get involved and motivated for increased Nordic – Russian cooperation?
6. Outcome for other key stakeholders, such as political decision-makers: Did the project have any impact on the positions or involvement of political decision-makers etc from your country and region?

#### 5. Amount of text

Max 1/3 page per question, in total max 2 pages.

#### 6. Deadline

for sending your own 1-2 page outcome assessment is 8 October 2018

## II. Assessments

### 1. Why did you join the project?

Present your Background - own experiences and interests for Nordic – Russian cooperation

Husavik Academic Center has over the last couple of years been more interested in international projects, and we are participants in a big Erasmus+ project as well. We like working with the other Nordic countries but reaching out to Russia was interesting as well. Our hope was to learn from this project, learn from others and meet new possible partners, as well as bringing others together through the project.

### 2. Your main activities in the project?

Present your main activities in the project including the challenges to provide them.

Main activities were reaching out to Icelandic NGO's, getting them to sign up on the web page once that was finished. Tasks were also to read through material of the leaflet and in the web database. There was also some time in the traveling and meetings with the partners of the project, as well as several Spype meetings.

### 3. Outcome for your own organisation?

Present possible changed motivation for and know-how and ability to be involved in future Nordic – Russian cooperation. Will such cross-border cooperation be embedded in your organisation and be a priority for your organisation's future tasks plans?

Working in this project has been good to realise how little, or none, communication and cooperation there is with Russia, even though there can be many things found to a common ground, i.e. fisheries, rural development, arctic connection. HAC will be open to cooperation and will guide others seeking partners if possible.

**4. Outcome for other NGOs in your country?**

Did other NGOs in your country get involved and motivated for increased Nordic – Russian cooperation?

It turned out to be hard getting other NGO's to participate and register to the database, as well as coming to Russia for the conference. Only one NGO came with us to Arkhangelsk, but they were none the less quite happy with their participation. Two more have registered into the database but have not done more in reaching out for partners.

**5. Outcome for other NGOs in the Nordic (or Northwest Russian) region?**

Did NGOs from other Nordic countries outside DK, FI, IS (Other Northwest Russian regions outside the Arkhangelsk and Pskov Regions) get involved and motivated for increased Nordic – Russian cooperation?

There was some fruitful communication and discussions between the NGO's at the conference which will hopefully lead to further partnership. At least there is now the database, with NGO's that want to find partners for projects and cooperation. It is a challenge though in the language, that is, where many Russian NGO's don't have people speaking English.

**6. Outcome for other key stakeholders, such as political decision-makers?**

Did the project have any impact on the positions or involvement of political decision-makers etc from your country and region?

Not that we know of. Iceland is quite open to all kinds of international cooperation and no official barriers that need to be addressed especially.

*Thank you for your time!*