Ecotourism, History and Cultural Heritage of the Conservation Areas
in the Finnish-Russian-Norwegian Border Region
[GREEN ZONE]

Research subject:
The multidisciplinary project aims to develop and analyze the relationship between local communities and conservation areas in terms of historical and cultural sites and ecotourism in the Finnish-Russian-Norwegian Green Belt region by utilizing the principles of sustainable development.

The three main research packages:
• Use of History and Cultural Heritage
• Sustainable Tourism
• Future Co-operation between Finnish and Russian Conservation stakeholders

Methods:
Both quantitative and qualitative approaches
Sources: Archival documents, interviews, oral history, maps, historical aerial and satellite images

Case study areas:
Finnish Karelia
Transnational Pasvik conservation region in the European Arctic
Ladoga lake skerries, White Sea and Archangelsk region in Russia

Partners:
University of Eastern Finland (UEF)
State Forest Enterprise of Finland
Northern (Arctic) Federal University, Arkhangelsk (NARFU) Russia
Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø (UiT) Norway
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