



North-
Centre

IV International Conference on Research and Application 'Innovative and security cooperation in Barents Euro Arctic region'

22-24 May, 2014

Cross-border cooperation and Barents/Euro-Arctic region: security and sovereignty

Non-profit partnership
«Centre for Problems of the
North, Arctic and Cross-border
Cooperation»

Igor Shevchuk, Liubov Petrova
northcentre.ru



**North-
Centre**

Cross-border cooperation and Barents/Euro-Arctic region: security and sovereignty.

**‘Human security is absence from threats to individuals and quality of their life, along with the establishment of conditions for free personal development and implementation of human rights (including the right to participate in public life at national and global levels)’
(D. Balyev ‘International processes: Notion of Human Security in modern political sciences’**

<http://www.intertrends.ru/one/008.htm>)

Human security is about the security of individuals and the communities in which they live; It is about material and physical security, about life-threatening risks that emanate from poverty or from 3 natural disasters and require economic cooperation; And it is about the extension of rule-governed as opposed to war-based security. (PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 129, A. Makarychev ‘Hard, Soft, or Human? Security discourses in the EU, NATOm and Russia’:

http://www.ponarseurasia.org/sites/default/files/policy-memos/pdf/pepm_129.pdf)

northcentre.ru



**North-
Centre**

The outcome: to extend the notion of Human security through analyzing practical activities aimed at providing Human security. It is sufficient to take into account distinctive characters of different regions.

Examples from Barents Euro-Arctic Region:

- **Legal restraints in Kostomuksha (regime of environmental security of especially secured natural area)**
- **Visa-free regime (Ukrainian crisis)**

The main obstacle for further development is sovereignty issue.



**North-
Centre**

Factor of sovereignty is dominating the international relations and influencing cross-border relations as well.

Human security as such does not contradict with sovereignty but there might be certain clashes at some points.

In the context of globalization it is impossible to ignore international trends, therefore all the actors should adjust to the interests of each other and find new ways for cooperation.