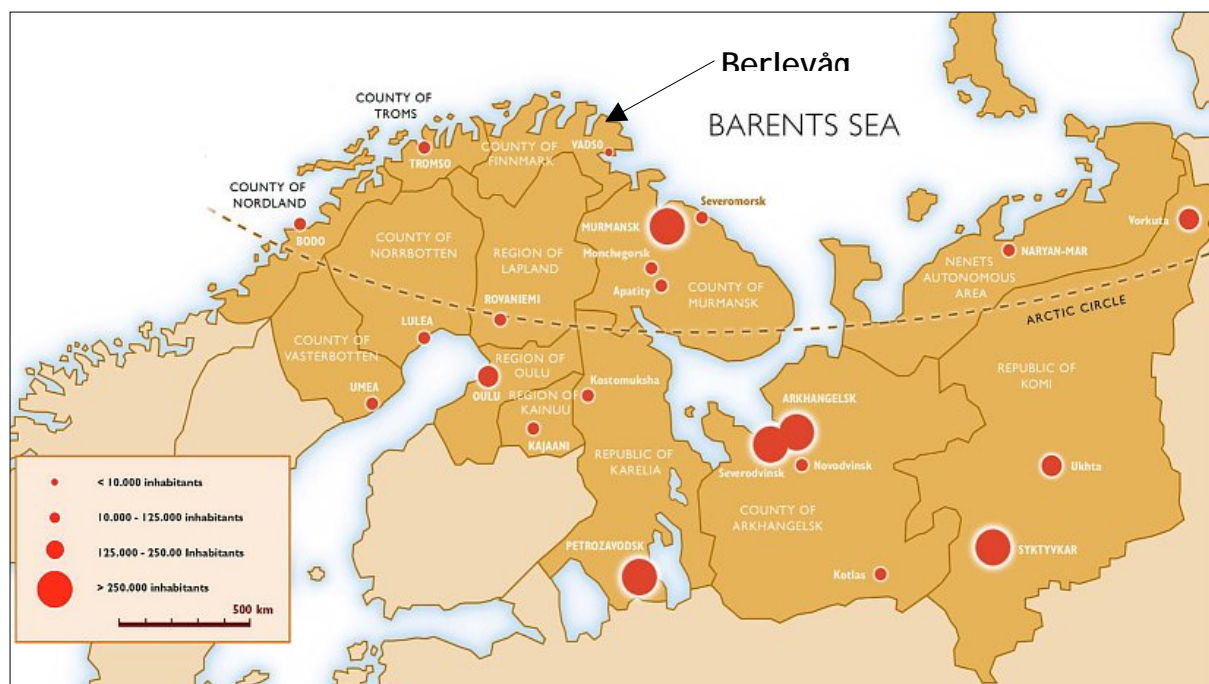


## Kirstin Biti Johansen, Berlevåg municipality "Berlevåg - industry and possibilities"

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. My name is Kirstin Biti Johansen and I'm chief manager of Berlevåg municipality. First of all I would like to thank Svanhovd Environmental Centre for the invitation to this conference. I want to tell you about Berlevågs industry and possibilities



Berlevåg municipality is situated northwest on Varanger peninsula, on the coast halfway between Murmansk and Hammerfest. The number of inhabitants is 1.115. The settlement is centralized in the fishing village where we have our own primary school, kindergarden, hospital, sportshall, library etc

The main industries of Berlevåg are fishing and fish processing. We have 3 fish factories. Large fleet of small fishing-vessels landing 7 - 10.000 tonnes/yearly. Export value 2 - 300 mill Nkr/yearly, approximately 1.350 mill rubels. We have also production of hydraulic systems and engineering workshop for the fishing fleet

Berlevåg has 30 cultural organisations. Best known is the Berlevåg male voice choir and the movie "Heftig og Begeistret" - "Cool and Crazy". A part of this movie is recorded here in Murmansk. But we have also mixed choir, children theater, brass band, glass-artist, diving club etc. Hotels, camping site, trolling and deep sea fishing and other travelling adventures

On September 23rd 2004 Berlevåg local council passed the following :  
*The local authority is considering oil and gas activity as an important additional industry in the future for the municipality. Focus will especially be on safety, supply, and waste handling*

Berlevåg municipality's position (halfway between Murmansk and Hammerfest) and proximity to the oil production and transportation is advantageous for;

- State of readiness and rescue
- Health, Environment and Safety
- Landing and waste handling
- Supply
- Communication

We look forward to learn about both positive and negative experiences regarding oil and gas activities from the other participants during this conference

Finally - I would like to thank you for your attention and I wish you all welcome to visit us in Berlevåg.