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Cities in the counties of Norrbotten and Västerbotten and their twin-cities in Finland, Norway and Russia

Arjeplog

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Salla	Culture	1986
Russia	Umba	Culture, Industry & Business, Social issues, Tourism, Education	1991

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Arvidsjaur

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Kempele	Democracy, Culture, IT, Sports, Tourism, Education	1984

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Bjurholm

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Kuivaniemen Kunta	Experience sharing	1945
Norway	Bardu	School, Education	1965

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Boden

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Oulu	Sports, Culture, Environment, School, Tourism, Work, Education	1947
Norway	Alta	Sports, Culture, Tourism	1950
Russia	Apatity	Culture, School, Social issues, Work, Education	1992

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Gällivare

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Kittilä	EU, Culture, Experience sharing, local development, teacher exchange, Environment, Regional development, school, work, Tourism, Youth, Education	1990
Norway	Tysfjord	Experience sharing, local development, Teacher exchange, Environment, Business development, Regional development, School, Tourism, Youth, Education	2000
Russia	Kirovsk	Culture, Teacher exchange, Tourism, Youth, Education	1990

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Haparanda

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Tornio	Energy, Sports, Culture, Environment, School, Work, Tourism, Education, Water supply, Rescue services	1947
Norway	Hammerfest	Culture, School, Education	1947
Russia	Kovdor	Culture, School, Work, Education	1993

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Kalix

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Pielavesi	Culture, School, Education	1973
Russia	Petrozavodsk	IT, Social issues	2003

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Kiruna

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Rovaniemi	Environment, Culture, School, City planning, Education	1946
Norway	Narvik	General	1946
Russia	Archangelsk	General, Culture, Healthcare, Industry, Tourism, Sports, Rescue services, Youth, School, Education	1999

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Luleå

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Kemi	Sports, Culture, Environment, School, Work, Tourism, Education	1981
Norway	Tromsö	Sports, Culture, Environment, School, Education, Tourism	1981
Russia	Murmansk	Democracy, Energy, Healthcare, Culture, Environment, School, Social issues, Work, Education	1972

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Lycksele

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Paltamo	Sports, Culture, Tourism	1980
Finland	Ähtäri	Waste issues, Energy, EU, Sports, Infrastructure, IT, Culture, Teacher exchange, Environment, Industry, Regional development, School, Social issues, City planning, Work, Tourism, Youth	1986
Norway	Vefsne	Sports, Culture, Experience sharing, City planning, Work	1965
Russia	Olonets	General, Social issues	1990

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Malå

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Larsmo	General	1986
Russia	Medvezhegorsk	General, Sports, Culture, Environment, Industry, Rescue services, School, City planning, Work, Traffic, Tourism, Youth, Education	1998

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Nordmaling

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	<u>Suomisalmi</u>	Sports, School, Education, Tourism	1941

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Norsjö

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Sodankylä	Sports, Culture, School, Tourism	1940
Finland	Vuolijoki	Sports, Culture, School, Tourism	1940

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Pajala

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Finland	Sodankylä	General	
Norway	Målselv	General	
Russia	Olenegorsk	General, Culture, School, Education	1991

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Piteå

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Russia	Kandalaksha	Democracy, Energy, Teacher exchange, School, Social issues, Work	1986

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Robertsfors

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Kuhmo	General	1970
Finland	Ylikiiiminki	General	1960
Norway	Sörföld	General	1976
Russia	Kostamus	Democracy, Environment, School, Youth, Education	1990

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Skellefteå

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
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Norway	Rana	General, Culture, Experience sharing, School, Social issues, Tourism, Youth	1946

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Sorsele

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Norway	Salangen	Culture, School, Education	1990
Russia	Apatity	Healthcare, Industry	2002

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Storuman

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Alajärvi	General	1985

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Umeå

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Vasa	Sports, Culture, School, Work, Tourism, Education	1953
Norway	Harstad	General	1953
Russia	Petrozavodsk	Energy, Sports, Culture, School, Tourism, Education, Water	1976

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Vilhelmina

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Finland	Veteli	Sports, Culture, School, Work, Tourism, Education	1986

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Vindeln

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Pudasjärvi	General	1943
Norway	Pryazha	General, Healthcare	1998

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Vännäs

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Norway	Hemnes	General	1998

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Åsele

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Norway	Alstahaug	Healthcare, Industry, Education	1986

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Älvsbyn

Country	City	Area of co-operation	Twin-city since
Finland	Haapavesi	General, Sports, Culture, Industry, School, Work, Tourism, Education	1974
Norway	Fauske	General, Culture, Industry, School, Work Tourism, Education	1987
Norway	Loppa	General, Sports, Culture, Industrt, School, Work, Tourism, Education	1974

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Överkalix

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Russia	Velsk	Energy, Water	1997

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Övertorneå

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Finland	Haukipudas	General	1985
Finland	Pello	Rescue services	1996
Finland	Ylitornio	Healthcare, Rescue services, Tourism	
Norway	Porsanger	General	1970
Russia	Kola	General	1991

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County Councils of Norrbotten and Västerbotten and the twin-regions in Finland, Norway and Russia

Norrbottens County Council

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Russia	Murmansk Oblast	Healthcare, Exchange doctors	1999 (project co-operation)

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Västerbottens County Council

Country	Region/County	Area of co-operation	Co-operation since
Finland	Österbotten	General, Research, Healthcare, Sports, IT, Culture, Industry, Rescue services, Traffic, Tourism, Youth, Education	1972 (project co-operation)
Norway	Nordland	General, Research, Healthcare, Sports, IT, Culture, Industry, Rescue services, Traffic, Tourism, Youth, Education	1997 (co-operation agreement)
Russia	Republic of Karelia	General, Democracy, Healthcare, Sports, Culture, Industry, Education	1994 (project co-operation)

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