

Arctic Award for BuSK project

The Third Arctic Award – an award which highlights successful and impactful development projects from Arctic areas - was granted to the BuSK project (*Building shared knowledge capital to support natural resource governance in the northern periphery*), coordinated by the Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke) with NUI Galway as a research partner. The award ceremony was held in Copenhagen on Tuesday 17th of September and the prize was presented by Jari Vilén a Senior Adviser for Arctic Policy in the EU Commission. BuSK was awarded this prize in the category for projects dealing with sustainable use of natural resources. The BuSK project focused on tourism, reindeer herding, mining and the use of conservation areas. The project developed solutions for enhancing the participation of local and indigenous peoples in planning, land use and natural resource governance. The project consisted of 11 partners from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland and Ireland. **The BuSK team in Ireland included Dr John McDonagh (PI); Dr Marie Mahon, Dr Maura Farrell and Dr Therese Conway, all from the Discipline of Geography at NUI Galway.** The BuSK project ended in August 2019.

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Pictured below receiving the Award [with Christopher Parker, Programme Manager for Project Development Support in the NPA Secretariat (far left) and Kirsti Mijnhijmer, Head of the NPA Secretariat (far right)] on behalf of the BuSK team are Ari Nikula, Seija Tuulentie and Per Sandstrom

