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## WORKSHOP

### Issues and Prospects for Regional Cooperation between the European Union and the Russian Federation in the Baltic Sea Area

*December 11, 2008, St Petersburg, Smolny, Conference Hall 242*

10.00-10.15

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

Representative of the Committee for External Relations of St. Petersburg

**Irina Karelina**, Director General of ICSE Leontief Centre

**Dmitri Trenin**, Deputy Director of Carnegie Moscow Center

**Carolina Vendil Pallin**, Researcher of Swedish Institute of International Affairs

10.15-11.45

#### BUILDING A BETTER EU-RUSSIA INTERFACE: INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

**Chair:** **Dmitri Trenin**, Deputy Director of Carnegie Moscow Center

This session will focus on how to develop the infrastructure in order to facilitate greater exchange between the EU and Russia.

- *What are the main barriers to infrastructure development?*
- *Can they be removed or can they be mitigated through, for example, better financing of existing projects?*
- *How can EU-Russia regional cooperation help and which regions should be prioritized?*
- *What role can the ND Partnership on Transport and Logistics come to play?*

*The Role of North-West Russia Transport Complex in EU-Russia Regional Cooperation: Opportunities and Threats*

**Yuri Chizhkov**, Deputy Chairman of Executive Committee of Association of Economic Interaction of North-West Subjects of Russian Federation (North-West Association)

*The Future ND partnership on Transport and Logistics and its Role in Infrastructure Development*

**Monika Hencsey**, International Relations Officer of DG Relex of European Commission  
*Why Infrastructure is Vital for the Wealth of the Baltic Sea Region*

**Per Frankelius**, Associate Professor of the Swedish Business School, Örebro University  
Coffee

11.45-12.00

12.00- 13.30

#### INNOVATION OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTH-WEST OF RUSSIA

**Chair:** **Carolina Vendil Pallin**, Researcher of Swedish Institute of International Affairs

This session will focus innovation as a growth engine in North-West of Russia.

- *How can innovation be stimulated through practical regional cooperation? Which lessons can North-West Russia learn from the EU experience on regional cooperation?*
- *How can innovation be stimulated in the Baltic Sea region through both competition and cooperation between regions and countries?*
- *Which are the main innovation advantages of the Baltic Sea Region in conditions of globalization? How can these advantages be enhanced?*
- *Could cross-border innovation clusters be the way ahead?*
- *Can the ENPI fulfil a task?*

*Promoting Regional Innovation System in St. Petersburg through Transnational Cooperation*

**Ekaterina Belyakova**, Head of Department for Coordination of Foreign Economic Relations and Regional Cooperation of Committee for External Relations of St. Petersburg

*Stimulating Venture Capital Schemes and Networks for Innovative Companies*

**Igor Gladkih**, Executive Director St. Petersburg Regional Foundation for Scientific and Technological Development

*Clusters in the Baltic Sea Region – Collaboration to Attract Money, Bright People and Companies*

**Helene Vogelmann**, Innovation Actors Division of Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems – Vinnova, Programme Manager, Baltic Sea Region Clusters and Innovation Systems

13.30-14.30

Lunch

14.30-16.15

## INVESTMENT PROSPECTS OF NORTH-WESTERN RUSSIA

**Chair:** **Leonid Limonov**, Director-Coordinator of Research Programmes of IC SER Leontief Centre

This session will focus on how to improve the investment climate through closer regional cooperation.

- *How can North Western Russia attract more investment and then not least from the EU?*
- *How can less developed regions become attractive to investors and how can cooperation diminish differences in development between regions?*

*St Petersburg Investment Development as a Factor for Increasing Investments to North-West Russia*

**Nina Oding**, Head of Research Department of IC SER Leontief Centre

*Economic Integration of St Petersburg and Leningrad Region as Factor for Enhancing Regional Investment Attractiveness*

**Alexander Khodachek**, Director of St. Petersburg Branch of State University – Higher School of Economics

*Project Financing as the method for Direct Investment Realization in North-West Region with Participation of Banks with European Funds*

**Alexander Ryabov**, Head of the Loan Department of ZAO Danske Bank, St Petersburg

*Investments in Culture: Cooperation and Project Activities in St Petersburg*

**Irina Kizilova**, Deputy Director of Institute for Cultural Programs

16.15-17.15

## CLOSING DISCUSSION: EU-RUSSIA REGIONAL COOPERATION: PROSPECTS AND STRATEGIC GOALS AHEAD

*Cross-Border Cooperation/ Northern Dimension*

**Johannes Van Vliet**, Counsellor of Delegation of the European Commission

*Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013: First Results and Perspectives*

**Elena Kolosova**, TACIS Project Manager (Russia) BSR INTERREG III B Joint Secretariat Riga

Representative of Ministry for Regional Development of Russian Federation

17.15

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