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## International Conference

### «Legislative base and practice of cross-border cooperation in the Russian Federation, the Republic of Belarus and the European Union»

Opening of the «Baltic Euroregional Network-East» (BEN-East) Project

**23 – 25 May 2007**

The Large Conference hall  
Ministry of Regional Development of the Russian Federation  
Sadovaya-Samotechnaya Street, 10/23, b.1  
Moscow, the Russian Federation

#### PROGRAMME

**Wednesday  
23 May**     **Arrival of the participants in the hotel «Holiday Inn Lesnaya»  
(Lesnaya Street, 15).**

16.00 –19.00     City-tour around Moscow.  
Buses leave from the hotel «Holiday Inn Lesnaya»

19.30 –21.30     Get-together party at the hotel «Holiday Inn Lesnaya».  
Hall "Grand Ball Room 1"

**Thursday  
24 May**     **The first day of the Conference**

08.45             Buses from the hotel to the Ministry of Regional Development of the RF  
(Sadovaya-Samotechnaya str., 10/23, b.1

09.30-10.00     Registration of the conference participants. Tea/coffee

10.00-10.40     **Opening of the Conference.** Moderator – **Minna Hanhijärvi**, Director  
of the Nordic Council of Ministers Information Office in St. Petersburg

**Vitaly Shipov**, Deputy Minister of Regional Development  
of the Russian Federation

**Halldór Ásgrímsson**, Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers

**Pedro Henriques**, Counsellor, the Delegation of the European Commission to  
Russia

- 10.40-11.15 **Session 1. Tendencies of the development of cross-border cooperation.**  
*Moderator – Valery Aleksandrovich Shlyamin, Trade representative of the Russian Federation in Finland*
- Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
- Pedro Henriques**, Counsellor, the Delegation of the European Commission to Russia
- 11.15-11.35 Coffee break and **Press-conference**
- 11.35–12.30 **Continuation of Session 1.**  
**Pavel Viktorovich Petrov**, the Nordic Council of Ministers Information Office in St. Petersburg, BEN-EAST project coordinator.  
 «BEN-EAST («Baltic Euroregional Network - East») project – an example of the creation of network cooperation»
- Šarūnas Radvilavičius**, Deputy Director, the Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania. «Baltic Euroregional Network: Results and Lessons Learned So Far»
- Questions. Discussion**
- 12.30-14.00 Lunch in the restaurant «Taras Bulba», Sadovaya-Samotechnaya str.,13
- 14.00-15.15 **Session 2. Russian and European legislation in the sphere of cross-border cooperation.**  
*Moderator – Boris Peril, the Head of the Centre of innovation and education projects, the North-West Russian Academy of Public Administration*
- Victor Ananyevich Savransky**, Counsellor, Representative of the Council of the Federation, the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
- Sergey Nikolaevich Miroshnikov**, Director of the Department for federative relations, public administration and local self-governance, the Ministry of Regional Development of the Russian Federation
- Jens Gabbe**, Former Secretary General, Honorary member of the Association of European border regions (AEBR)
- 15.15-15.35 Coffee break
- 15.35-17.15 **Session 3 (Part 1). Examples of cross-border cooperation: North-West Russia Federation and the Republic of Belarus**  
*Moderator – Šarūnas Radvilavičius, Deputy Director, the Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania*
- Slava Trofimovich Khodjko**, General Director, North-West Investment Development Agency
- Alexander Borisovich Pavlov**, Head of the Department of International, Cross-border cooperation and Protocol, Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Karelia  
 Co-reporter - **Alexey Konstantinovich Morozov**, Director of the International Programmes, Association "Council of Municipalities of the Republic of Karelia". «

## **Questions. Discussion**

### **Summarizing of the results of the first day of the conference**

- 17.20 Buses to the hotel «Holiday Inn Lesnaya»
- 18.30 Buses from the hotel «Holiday Inn Lesnaya» to the Reception
- 19.00 Reception by the Nordic Council of Ministers**  
Restaurant "Scandinavia", Tverskaya str., 19 / Malyi Palashevsky per., 7
- 21.00 Buses from the restaurant to the city-tour around night Moscow (*optional*)
- 21.30&22.00 Buses to the hotel «Holiday Inn Lesnaya» (*optional*)
- ~00.30 Return to the hotel «Holiday Inn Lesnaya» after the city-tour

## **Friday 25 May**

### **The second day of the Conference**

- 8.45 Buses from the hotel to the Ministry of Regional Development of the RF
- 09.15-11.20 **Session 3 (Part 2). Examples of cross-border cooperation: North-West Russia and the Republic of Belarus**  
*Moderator – Pavel Viktorovich Petrov, the Nordic Council of Ministers Information Office in St. Petersburg*
- Zoya Ivanovna Mechkovskaya**, Director, the Local ecological Found  
"Euroregion "Belovezhskaya puszha", Republic of Belarus
- Victor Moiseevich Romanovsky**, Head of Department for Cross-Border  
Cooperation of Municipal Institutions, Ministry for Development of Territories and  
Interaction with Municipalities of Kaliningrad region  
Co-reporter - **Arne Grove**, Director, the Nordic Council of Ministers Information  
Office in Kaliningrad
- Evgeny Gennadyevich Galkin**, Head of International Affairs and Economic  
Department, Government of Murmansk region
- Mikhail Mikhailovich Orekhov**, Euroregion "Country of Lakes", the Head of  
Sport and tourism department, Council of deputies of Glubokoe district, Vitebsk  
region, Republic of Belarus
- 10.30-10.50 Coffee break
- 10.50-11.40 **Questions. Discussion and recommendations. Closing.**
- 11.25 Buses from the Ministry of Regional Development to the hotel «Holiday Inn  
Lesnaya»
- 12.30-13.45 **The first meeting of the Coordination group of BEN-East project (project  
partners, separate programme). Part 1.** Hotel «Holiday Inn Lesnaya».  
Conference-hall "Grand Ball Room 2"
- 13.45–14.45 Lunch in the restaurant "Red&White", Hotel «Holiday Inn Lesnaya»

- 15.00**      **The first meeting of the Coordination group of BEN-East project. Part 2**  
Hotel «Holiday Inn Lesnaya». Conference-hall "Grand Ball Room 2"
- 16.15-16.30      Coffee break
- 17.30              Departure of the participants of the conference

