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PROGRAMME

10th October, Wednesday

- Trip of journalists to the objects of frontier infrastructure and objects being developed within the framework of the Northern Dimension
- Meeting of BEN-EAST project Coordination group

11th October, Thursday

Museum of the World Ocean, Hall "Bolshoy"

08.30-09.30	Registration
09.30-10.00	<p><i>Opening of the conference</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sergey Yastrzhembsky, Aide to the President of the Russian Federation ▪ Halldór Ásgrímsson, Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers ▪ Evgeny Lukyanov, Deputy Plenipotentiary Envoy of the President of the Russian Federation to the North-West Federal District ▪ Yury Shalimov, Vice Prime-minister, Government of the Kaliningrad Oblast
10.00-11.30	<p>Session 1. C operation between the Russian Federation and the European Union: the role of interregional and cross-border cooperation. Part I.</p> <p>Moderator: Slava Khodko, Chairman of the Board of the North-West Development and Investment Promotion Agency, Head of the Expert group of Coordination Council on cross-border cooperation under the Plenipotentiary Envoy of the President of the Russian Federation to the NWFD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mikhail Ponomarev, Deputy Minister for Regional Development of the Russian Federation <i>«Cross-border cooperation of Russia with the European Union countries and Norway»</i> ▪ Marc Franco, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Russia <i>«Importance of cross-border cooperation for EU-Russia relations»</i> ▪ Sergey Ryabkov, Director of the European Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation <i>«Cross-border cooperation of the Russian Federation and the European Union: current situation and perspectives»</i> ▪ Jānis Urbanovičs, Member of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, President of the Baltic Forum <i>«Latvia as the centre of successful development of EU-Russia partnership and cooperation»</i> ▪ Andrey Klimov, Member of the Committee on International Affairs, State Duma of the Federal Assembly, Russian Federation <i>«Parliament component of interregional cooperation of the Russian Federation and the European Union»</i> ▪ Maxim Tokarev, Counsellor of the Committee on International Affairs, Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly, Russian Federation <i>«Report on the results of the activity of the delegation of the Federal Assembly of the RF in the EU-Russia parliamentary cooperation Committee on cross-border cooperation»</i>

11.30-12.00	Coffee-break (Hall "Kashalot")
12.00-13.45	<p>Session 2. Cross-border cooperation component in the Northern Dimension policy</p> <p>Moderator: Harri Mäki-Reinikka, Ambassador, Chief of the Secretariat for Nordic Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aigars Štokenbergs, Minister of Regional Development and Local Government, the Republic of Latvia «<i>Cross-border cooperation in the Baltic Sea region: achievements and perspectives</i>» ▪ Igor Maksimov, First Deputy Governor, Pskov Oblast «<i>Specific features of cross-border cooperation of the Pskov oblast</i>» ▪ Vladimir Lashov, Deputy Head, Arkhangelsk Oblast Administration «<i>Project implementation within the framework of Barents Euro-Arctic Council on the territory of the Arkhangelsk oblast and some proposals for cooperation</i>» ▪ Rune Åsheim, Consul General of Norway in Murmansk «<i>Cross-border cooperation in the North and the Northern Dimension. The Norwegian Experience</i>» ▪ Viktor Gorbunov, Deputy Head of Economic Development Department, Murmansk Oblast «<i>Cross-border cooperation of the Murmansk oblast in terms of the Northern Dimension</i>» ▪ Valdis Krastiņš, Chairman of the Committee of Senior Officials, Council of the Baltic Sea States «<i>Cross-border cooperation component in the Northern Dimension policy: angle of the CBSS</i>» ▪ Vladimir Kolesnikov, Chairman of the Committee on External Economic and Interregional Relations, Leningrad Oblast «<i>Cross-border cooperation of the Leningrad oblast and the new Northern Dimension policy</i>»
13.45-14.45	Lunch (Hall "Kashalot")
14.45-16.00	<p>Session 3. Special presentation. Focus on Kaliningrad oblast</p> <p>Moderator: to be confirmed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vladimir Kuzin, Acting Minister of Economy, Government of the Kaliningrad Oblast «<i>Kaliningrad oblast – perspectives of the development and cooperation</i>» ▪ Raimondas Šukys, Minister of the Interior, Republic of Lithuania «<i>Importance of regional cooperation in creating of open to neighbours and united Europe</i>» ▪ Elżbieta Sidorkiewicz, Counsellor of the Minister of the Interior and Administration, Republic of Poland «<i>Borders can unite people</i>» ▪ Tobias Bergner, Head of the Department for External Relations with the EU, German Federal Foreign Office «<i>Regional cooperation - chances and challenges</i>» ▪ Yury Kadzhojan, Director General of Lukoil-Kaliningradmorneft «<i>LUKOIL oil company in the Baltic Sea region in terms of international cooperation</i>»
16.00-16.30	Coffee-break (Hall "Kashalot")
16.00	Press-conference (Hall "Maly")

<p>16.30-18.30</p>	<p>Session 4. Development of trade and economic cooperation of border regions</p> <p>Moderator: Alexey Slizkov, Deputy Director of the International Economic Relations Department, Ministry for Economic Development and Trade, the Russian Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evgeny Lukyanov, Deputy Plenipotentiary Envoy of the President of the Russian Federation to the North-West Federal District <i>«Perspectives of the development of economic relations on the near-border territories of the North-West federal district»</i> ▪ Valery Shlyamin, Trade Representative of the Russian Federation in Finland <i>«Role of cross-border economic cooperation of Russia and Finland in the development of EU-Russia trade and economic relations»</i> ▪ Dmitry Kislov, Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Republic of Karelia <i>«Trade and economic external relations of the Republic of Karelia»</i> ▪ Igor Semenov, Chairman of the Committee on Investments, Administration of the Pskov Oblast <i>«Development of trade and economic relations of the Pskov oblast»</i> ▪ Nikolay Zakhmatov, Trade Representative of the Russian Federation in Poland <i>«Russian-Polish trade and economic cooperation on Kaliningrad direction»</i> ▪ Ekaterina Belyakova, Head of the Directorate, Committee on External Relations of St.Petersburg <i>«Cross-border and trans-border cooperation of St Petersburg: achievements, problems, perspectives»</i> ▪ Igor Zotov, Trade Representative of the Russian Federation in Lithuania <i>«Russian-Lithuanian trade and economic relations in terms of cross-border cooperation in the Kaliningrad oblast»</i> ▪ Leonid Korovin, Director General of the St.Petersburg NGO "Ecology and Business" <i>«Well-being of the Baltic Sea – mutual responsibility of partners»</i> <p>Questions. Discussion</p>
<p>19.00-21.00</p>	<p>Reception on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Envoy of the President of the Russian Federation to the North-West federal district Mr. Ilya Klebanov, of the Aide to the President of the Russian Federation Mr. Sergey Yastrzhembsky and on behalf of the Governor of the Kaliningrad oblast Mr. Georgy Boos (Kaliningrad Oblast Philharmonic Hall)</p>

12th October, Friday

Museum of the World Ocean, Hall "Bolshoy"

<p>09.00-09.50</p>	<p>Session 5. Cooperation between the Russian Federation and the European Union: the role of interregional and cross-border cooperation. Part II.</p> <p>Moderator: Reinhard Krumm, Head of Friedrich Ebert Foundation Branch in the Russian Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Member of the European Commission in charge of External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy▪ Sergey Yastrzhembsky, Aide to the President of the Russian Federation▪ Jan Vapaavuori, Minister for Nordic Cooperation, Minister of Housing, Finland▪ Georgy Boos, Governor of the Kaliningrad Oblast
<p style="text-align: center;">Parallel Sessions</p>	
<p>10.00-11.30</p>	<p>Session 6.1. Russian national Round table «Institutional and financial capacity of organizations working in the sphere of cross-border cooperation» within the frames of BEN and BEN-EAST projects (Hall "Bolshoy")</p> <p>Part 1. Increase of the capacity of organizations working in the sphere of CBC</p> <p>Moderator: Minna Hanhijärvi, Director of the Nordic Council of Ministers Information Office in St.Petersburg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sergey Miroshnikov, Director of the Department, Ministry for Regional Development of the Russian Federation <i>«Interregional cooperation as the basis for development of near-border territories»</i>▪ Alexander Kudryashov, Head of the Unit, Department for Relations with Subjects of Federation, Parliament and Non-governmental Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation <i>«Some factors in realization of CBC capacity»</i>▪ Mikhail Plyukhin, Minister for Territorial Development and Cooperation with Local Authorities, Kaliningrad Oblast Government <i>«Instruments of cross-border cooperation as factors of regional development»</i>▪ Olga Vasilenko, Chairperson, NGO "Chudskoj Project", Pskov <i>«Lessons learnt from transboundary projects implementation. Experience of Peipsi CTC (Estonia) and NGO "Lake Peipsi Project, Pskov» (Russia)»</i>▪ Boris Peril, Head of the Centre of Innovation Education Programmes, North-West Academy of Public Administration, St.Petersburg <i>«The role of educational programmes in quality's improvement of cross-border cooperation in local and regional authorities of the Russian Federation»</i>▪ Nikolay Mezhevich, Professor of the European Studies Chair, School of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University <i>«Modern state of scientific research in the sphere of cross-border cooperation»</i> <p>Questions. Discussion</p>

	<p>Session 7.1. Transport and logistics in cross-border cooperation (Hall “Maly”)</p> <p>Moderator: Yuliya Zvorykina, Director of Department of Economy and Investments, Ministry of Transport, Russian Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alexander Donkin, Director General, Centre of Transport Service, Russian Railways «Positioning of the Russian Railways on the transport services market in the Baltic Sea and Barents Region» ▪ Mikhail Prokofiev, Head of the North-West Custom Administration of the Russian Federation «Automobile and railway checkpoints in the North West federal district. Problems of functioning» ▪ Yury Radionov, Acting Head of Frontier Office for the Kaliningrad Oblast, Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation «Role of the frontier service in the management system of external economic activity as exemplified by Frontier Office for the Kaliningrad oblast of Federal security service of Russia» ▪ Victor Stepov, Head of Oktyabrskaya Railways «The most important projects of Oktyabrskaya Railways for strengthening of cross-border cooperation» ▪ Catharina Sikow-Magny, Principal Policy officer, Directorate-General on Energy and Transport, European Commission «Transport connections between the EU, Russia and Norway – the importance of efficient border-crossing procedures» ▪ Adam Klaude, Commercial Director, “EUROCHEM” company «Development of cross-border translogistic activity. The case of EUROCHEM» <p>Questions. Discussion</p>
11.30-12.00	<p>Coffee-break on behalf of the EUROCHEM company (Hall “Kashalot”)</p>
12.00-14.00	<p>Session 6.2. Russian national Round table «Institutional and financial capacity of organizations working in the sphere of cross-border cooperation»</p> <p>Part 2. Financial instruments for CBC projects’ implementation</p> <p>Moderator: Pavel Petrov, Head of the Nordic Council of Ministers Contact Centre in Petrozavodsk, BEN-EAST project Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dmitry Bukin, Head of the Unit, European Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation «Cofinancing of Russia-EU cross-border cooperation: angle of the Ministry for foreign affairs of Russia» ▪ Bodil Persson, Principal Administrator, Coordinator for Cross-Border Cooperation, EuropeAid Co-operation Office, European Commission Jakub Urbanik, Policy officer, European Neighbourhood Policy - General Coordination Unit, External Relations Directorate-General, European Commission «European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument. Provisions for Cross Border Co-operation» ▪ Minna Hanhijärvi, Director of the Nordic Council of Ministers Information Office in St.Petersburg «Funding instruments of the Nordic Council of Ministers to the Nordic-Russian cooperation in the North-West Russia» ▪ Jaakko Henttonen, NDEP Fund Manager, European Bank of Reconstruction and Development «EBRD and NDEP - cross border cooperation in the North-West Russia» ▪ Irina Karelina, Responsible Secretary, Russian National Sub-Committee of the Interreg Programme in BSR «Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013» <p>Questions. Discussion</p>

12.00-13.00	<p>Session 7.2. Transport and logistics in cross-border cooperation continuation</p> <p>Moderator: Rady Gurkov, Director General & Managing Vice-President, Interregional, Inter-branch Transport and Entrepreneurship Union</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evgeny Sudakov, First Vice-President, Association of International Road Carriers <i>«Problems of Kaliningrad region in organizing international motor transportation: infrastructure, barriers»</i> ▪ Vasily Belyaev, Head of the Federal State Institution "Administration of the Kaliningrad Seaport" – Capitan of the Port <i>«Necessity of reinventing of philosophy of governmental control in Russian ports»</i> ▪ Dietrich Thess, Director for Marketing, Logistics Network "Berlin-Brandenburg" <i>«Berlin-Brandenburg as the logistic centre for traffic flow between the EU and the Eastern Europe and Russia»</i> ▪ Evgeny Apassov, Director of International Freight, Group of companies "TRANSSPHERE" <i>«Efficiency of organization and operation of logistic complexes of the group of companies TRANSSHERE»</i> ▪ Andrey Pchelkin, Director General, North-West Alliance <i>«The case of Vistino sea terminal (the Leningrad region)»</i> <p>Questions. Discussion</p>
14.00-15.00	<p>Lunch (Hall "Kashalot")</p>
after 15.00	<p>Excursions around the Museum of the World Ocean, Excursion around Kaliningrad, including visit of the Amber Museum <i>by additional requests of the participants</i> (for those leaving with the evening flights – on the way to the airport)</p> <p>Departure of the participants</p>