



International seminar «Cooperation of regional and national authorities and institutions on the border of EU and neighbouring states»

- Date:**
- February 20-22, 2006
- Venue:**
- Hotel "Raivola", Pesochnaya street, 1, Roshchino, Leningrad Region
- Organizers:**
- Administration of the Municipal Formation *Vyborg Region* in Leningrad Region
 - Information Office of the Nordic Council of Ministers in Saint Petersburg

Recommendations and Suggestions

1. Seminar participants support the policy of Northern Dimension of the European Union, find it effective, and propose all interested parties to develop unified and conjoint position towards it.
2. The seminar participants call all interested parties to promote practical implementation of political agreements between the Russian Federation and the European Union, concerning the question of signing a new Agreement on cross-border co-operation.
3. The seminar participants suggest that a proposal should be submitted to the Government of the Russian Federation in order to discuss the question of Russian co-financing of cross-border co-operation projects on regional and local levels.
4. The seminar participants suggest that a monitoring of the legislation of the Russian Federation and the European Union in the sphere of transnational and cross-border cooperation should be done and steps towards its systematization should be promoted.
5. The seminar participants suggest that local governmental bodies of the Russian Federation should be empowered legally to develop cross-border co-operation.
6. The seminar participants suggest that the positive experience of transnational and cross-border co-operation in the North-Western Federal District of the Russian Federation should be summarized for its further distribution and promotion.
7. The seminar participants suggest that working groups of journalists should be built with the aim to establish a joint edition (the Russian

- Federation and the European Union) covering questions of regional and cross-border co-operation.
8. The seminar participants suggest that a thematic seminar in collaboration between law-enforcement and customs bodies of the neighboring Baltic sea region countries should be organized.
 9. The seminar participants recommend that Euroregions participate in designing cross-border co-operation development programs for the subjects of Federation in the North-Western Federal District of the Russian Federation.
 10. The seminar participants express the recommendation to the Government of the Russian Federation to work out and sign intergovernmental cross-border co-operation agreements with the interested countries.
 11. The seminar participants suggest that a request on urgent discussion and ratification of a Cross-Border Cooperation Program for 2005 should be forwarded to the Russian Federation Government (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade and the Ministry of Regional Development).