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THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE EUROPEAN UNION  
II Annual International Conference**

**28-29 September 2006, Petrozavodsk**

**28 September, Thursday**

<b>08.30 – 10.00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10.00 – 10.30</b>	<i>Opening of the conference. Welcoming Addresses:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy of the Russian Federation to the North-West federal district, I. Klebanov</li><li>▪ UNDP Resident Representative a.i. in the Russian Federation, K. Immonen</li><li>▪ Head of the Republic of Karelia, S. Katanandov</li><li>▪ Director of the Nordic Council of Ministers' Information Office in St.Petersburg, M.Hanhijarvi</li><li>▪ Head of the Representative office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in the Russian Federation, M. Buhbe</li></ul>
<b>10.30 – 11.15</b>	<b>Plenary session № 1. Cross-Border Cooperation in the context of Interaction between the Russian Federation and the European Union</b>  Moderator: Chairman of the Board, North-West Development and Investment Promotion Agency, S.Khodko  <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Aide to the President of the Russian Federation, S. Yastrzhembsky</li><li>▪ Ambassador and Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Russia, M.Franco</li><li>▪ Minister of Regional Development of the Russian Federation, V. Yakovlev</li><li>▪ Deputy Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of the Council of Federation, V.Likhachev</li></ul>
<b>11.15 – 11.45</b>	<b>Coffee-break</b>
<b>11.45 – 13.15</b>	<b>Plenary session № 2. Factor of Cross-Border Cooperation within Intergovernmental relations</b>  Moderator: Head of the Representative Office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in the Russian Federation, M. Buhbe  <i>Introduction:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, A. Grushko</li><li>▪ Governor of the Vologda oblast, Chairman of the Working group of the Council of the Heads of the subjects of Federation under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, V. Pozgalev</li></ul> <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Minister of the Interior of Lithuania, R. Šukys</li><li>▪ Minister of Regional Affairs of Estonia, J.Õunapuu</li><li>▪ Deputy State Secretary of Ministry of Regional Development and Local Government of Latvia, Z.Kalniņa-Lukaševica</li><li>▪ Counsellor to the Minister of the Interior and Administration of Poland, E.Sidorkiewicz and Director of Department for INTERREG Initiative of the Ministry of Regional Development of Poland, D.Lasek</li></ul>

	<p><i>Special presentation: “Experience of South-East Karelia as a Result of Long-term Strategy”</i>. Head of Secretariat of the Regional Council of South Karelia, M.Hulkkonen</p> <p><i>Presentation of Informational web-page “Cross-Border Cooperation between Russia and Europe”</i> – Director of Interregional Press-Center, O.Dramaretskaya</p>
13.15 – 14.15	<b>Lunch</b>
14.15 – 16.00	<p><b>Plenary session № 3. Cross-Border Cooperation: Infrastructure and Interests of Business</b></p> <p>Moderator: Counsellor of the Head of the Secretariat, Russian Federation Presidential Executive Office, Y.Tikhomirov</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Head of the Oktyabrskaya Railways, V.Stepov</li> <li>▪ First Deputy Head of the North-West Directory on Customs Control, M. Prokofiev</li> <li>▪ Head of the Frontier bureau, FSS of the Russian Federation in the Republic of Karelia, R.Teziev</li> <li>▪ Vice-president of “LUKOIL”, A.Barkov</li> <li>▪ Member of the Board of Directors of RAO “UES of Russia”, A.Chikunov</li> <li>▪ Vice-president of “Russian Railways”, S.Babaev</li> <li>▪ Head of Rosprirodnadzor in the North-West federal district, A.Obykhovskiy</li> <li>▪ Director of the North-West branch of the Russian Union of Tourist Industry, S.Korneev</li> </ul>
16.00 – 16.30	<b>Coffee-break</b>
16.30 – 17.30	<b>Press conference</b>
16.30 – 18.30	<p><b>Session 1.1. The 2nd Russian National Roundtable</b> “Legislative basis for the creation and development of Euroregions in the Russian Federation”</p> <p>Moderators: Deputy Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of the Council of Federation, V.Likhachev and Head of the Information Office of Nordic Council of Ministers in Petrozavodsk, P.Petrov</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Co-ordinator of the BEN project, Nordic Council of Ministers’ Office in Lithuania, Š.Radvilavičius</li> <li>▪ Minister on Territorial Development and Interaction with Local Authorities, Kaliningrad oblast Administration, M.Plukhin</li> <li>▪ Head of the local government of Pitkjaranta district of the Republic of Karelia, V.Zakharov</li> <li>▪ Professor of the European Studies Chair, School of International Relations, St.Petersburg State University, N.Mezhevich</li> </ul>
16.30 – 17.30	<p><b>Session 1.2.1. Cross Border Co-operation within the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument: key concepts.</b></p> <p>Moderator: Director of the Department on federal relations, state and local governance, Ministry of Regional Development of the Russian Federation, S.Miroshnikov</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deputy Head of Unit, DG RELEX – ENP General Coordination, E.Canciani</li> </ul> <p><i>Comments:</i></p> <p>Counsellor to the Department of European Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, D.Bukin</p>
17.30 – 18.30	<p><b>Session 1.2.2. Baltic Sea Region: perspectives for trans-frontier cooperation</b></p> <p>Moderator: Trade Representative of The Russian Federation in Finland, V.Shlyamin</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chairman of the EU's Commission for External Relations, Committee of the Regions, H.Kaliff</li> <li>▪ Deputy Chairman of the Committee on CIS Affairs and Relations with compatriots abroad, State Duma, V.Churov</li> <li>▪ Head of the Representative office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in the Russian Federation, M. Buhbe</li> <li>▪ Director on Research, Baltic Research Center, P.Kazin</li> </ul> <p><i>Comments:</i> Associate Professor of the European Studies Chair, School of International Relations, St.Petersburg State University, D.Lanko</p>
19.30 – 22.00	<b>Reception on behalf of Aide to the President of the Russian Federation Sergey Yastrzhembsky (by invitations). Concert</b>

09.00 – 11.50	Round tables “Regional Cooperation and Priorities of the Neighbourhood Programmes”
10.15 – 10.45	Coffee-break
<b>Session 2.1. Cooperation between St.Petersburg, Leningrad oblast, Karelia Republic, Murmansk oblast and Finland</b>	
Moderator: Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Republic of Karelia, D.Kislov	
Speakers:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Consultant to the Ministry of Economic Development, Republic of Karelia, Y.Filimonov</li><li>▪ Chairman of the Committee on International and Interregional Relations, Leningrad oblast Administration, Z.Alexandrova</li><li>▪ Adviser, Unit for Neighbouring Area Cooperation of Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, P.Laamanen</li><li>▪ Head of Department on Intersectoral Interaction and Informative Support of the External Economic Relations, Committee for external relations of St.-Petersburg, E.Belyakova</li><li>▪ Acting Head of Unit, Department of Economic Development, Murmansk oblast, E. Breslavets</li><li>▪ Administrative Officer on EU Affaires, Lappeenranta city, H. Aikas</li></ul>	
Comments:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Head of Sector of Cross-Border Cooperation and External Relations, Municipality “Vyborgsky region” of the Leningrad oblast, O.Kareva</li></ul>	
Discussion	
<b>Session 2.2. Cooperation between Kaliningrad oblast, Lithuania and Poland</b>	
Moderators: Co-ordinator of the BEN project, Nordic Council of Ministers’ Office in Lithuania Š. Radvilavičius and Director of the Innovation Educational Center, North-West Academy of Public Administration, B. Peril	
Speakers:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Minister on Territorial Development and Interaction with Local Authorities, Kaliningrad oblast Administration, M. Plukhin</li><li>▪ Director of Department for INTERREG Initiative, Ministry of Regional Development of Poland, D.Lasek</li><li>▪ Secretary of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Lithuanian Republic, G. Švedienė</li><li>▪ Deputy Director of Implementing Authority of Cross Border Cooperation, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration of Poland, M. Kasprzhik</li></ul>	
Comments:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Head of the Russian Secretariat, Euroregion “Baltika”; Deputy Head of the Baltiysky urban district Administration on spatial planning and external relations, Kaliningrad oblast, V. Koshelev</li></ul>	
Discussion	
<b>Session 2.3. Cooperation between St.Petersburg, Leningrad oblast, Pskov oblast and Estonia and Latvia</b>	
Moderators: Chief Specialist of of European Territorial Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of the Interior of Estonia, M. Efimova and Professor of the European Studies Chair, School of International Relations, St.Petersburg State University, N.Mezhevich	
Speakers:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Head of the Department of international programs, cross-border and bilateral cooperation, Committee of international and regional relations of Leningrad oblast, O. Malinovskaya</li><li>▪ Head of the Unit on External Economic Relations, State Committee on Economic Development and Property Relations, Pskov oblast Administration, V.Lopatin</li><li>▪ Head of the Bureau of the European territorial cooperation, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Estonian republic, K. Kampus</li><li>▪ Head of the Department on cooperation with international business associations, Committee for external relations of St.-Petersburg, S. Nikolaev</li><li>▪ Director of the Department of realization of programs of the Ministry of regional development and local government of the Latvian Republic, A. Andreičika</li></ul>	
Comments:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Executive Director, Association “Euroregion Pskov-Livonia”, Pskov section, A. Zhigalov</li></ul>	
Discussion	

<p><b>12.00 – 13.00</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary session №4. Summing-up</b></p> <p>Moderator: Minister of Finance of the Republic of Karelia, A. Kolesov</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Moderators of round tables and sessions</li> <li>▪ Director of the Department on federal relations, state and local governance, Ministry of Regional Development of the Russian Federation, S.Miroshnikov</li> <li>▪ Head of Unit, Department on Relations with Subjects of Federation, Parliament and Socio-Political Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, A.Kudryashov</li> <li>▪ Chairman of the Board, North-West Development and Investment Promotion Agency, S.Khodko</li> </ul> <p>Final Discussion</p>
<p><b>13.00 – 14.00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch on behalf of the Head of the Republic of Karelia Sergey Katanandov (by invitations)</b></p>
<p><b>14.00 – 18.30</b></p>	<p><b>Excursion to Kizhi Island</b></p>