



## THE SECOND CIRCULAR

**Institute of Economics of Karelian Research Centre  
of Russian Academy of Sciences**

**Invites you to take part in the  
International Conference**

**«The perspectives of socio-economic development of border regions»**

**June 10, 2015**

**Petrozavodsk, Karelian Research Centre of RAS  
(11 Pushkinskaya St.)**

The conference offers the opportunities to discuss the following issues:

- Priorities and problems of border regions in the new geopolitical conditions and an escalation of international tension;
- The economic security of border regions;
- Social and economic differentiation of border regions;
- New institutions of economic cooperation between border regions;
- Features of regional policy in relation of border regions;
- Import substitution as a factor of development of border regions;
- Cross-border cooperation and modernization of the economy;
- Investment climate and foreign investment in border regions;
- Migration in border regions;
- The practice of cross-border cooperation at the municipal level.

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# PROGRAMME

9.30 – 10.00 **Registration**  
(Conference Hall, KarRC RAS, 11 Pushkinskaya St.)

## PLENARY SESSION

Moderator:  
*Yury Saveliev, Director, Institute of Economics, KarRC RAS*

10.00 – 10.20 **Opening of the Conference. Greetings.**

10.20 – 10.40 Cross-border co-operation of the Republic of Karelia as a resource for social and economic development of the region  
*Dmitry Kislov, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Republic of Karelia*

10.40 – 11.00 Cross-border co-operation and the functions of the border: reflections on the Finnish-Russian case in 2015  
*Heikki Eskelinen, Vice Director, Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland*

11.00 – 11.20 The Russian-Ukrainian cross-border co-operation in terms of counter integrations  
*Alexey Kiryukhin, Kharkov' National University in honor of V.N. Karazin, the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)*

11.20 – 11.40 Evaluation of the project Cross Border Cooperation Programme in the Euroregion "Karelia" in 2014-2020  
*Dmitry Zimin, Researcher, the University of Eastern Finland*

11.40 – 12.00 Tourism as a sphere of international cooperation of border regions  
*Eugeny Zhirnel, Deputy director, Institute of Economics, KarRC of RAS*

12.00 – 12.20 The economic security of border regions in the new geopolitical conditions  
*Oleg Tolstoguzov, Head of the Department, Institute of Economics, KarRC of RAS*

12.20 – 14.00 **LUNCH**

14.00 – 17.00 **SESSIONS AND ROUND TABLES**

### SESSION 1

#### **Integration and economic cooperation of border regions in the new geopolitical conditions**

(Conference-hall, Institute of Economics, KarRC RAS, 50 A. Nevsky St.)

Moderator:  
*Sergey Tishkov, Researcher, Institute of Economics, KarRC of RAS*

The section devoted to the issues of cross-border and interregional cooperation, evaluation of its impact on the socio-economic development of border regions, integration processes on the post-Soviet space, as well as between regions of Russia and the EU. Special attention will be paid to the integration of the border regions and as a deliberate policy of interrelated changes in the regional economy.

## **SESSION 2**

### **The economic development of the border regions**

*(Meeting Room of the Institute of Language, Literature and History, KarRC RAS, 11 Pushkinskaya St.)*

Moderator:

*Nikolay Kolesnikov, Researcher, Institute of Economics, KarRC of RAS*

The section devoted to the questions of various aspects of the economic development of border regions. There will be issues on challenges of innovation, spatial development, dynamics of structural changes in the regional economy, monitoring as a management tool for the regions' development. The focus will be on sectoral aspects of the economy of the border regions, including tourism, agriculture, energy, transportation, etc.

## **SESSION 3**

### **The development of the human capital in the border regions**

*(Meeting Room of Institute of Applied Mathematical Research, KarRC RAS, 11 Pushkinskaya St.)*

Moderator:

*Tatiana Morozova, Head of the Department, Institute of Economics, KarRC of RAS*

The section is devoted to various aspects of development the human capital in the border regions. It is planned to discuss the development of the educational potential of international educational programs and exchange of youth position in the labor market, social policy in the border regions. Special attention will be paid to the problems of migration in border regions. Potential social inclusion of people with disabilities by creating an accessible environment, including the use of foreign experience will be considered also.

## **ROUND TABLE**

### **Increasing the investment attractiveness of the border regions**

*(Library Hall, KarRC RAS, 11 Pushkinskaya St.)*

Moderator:

*Yury Saveliev, Director, Institute of Economics, KarRC RAS*

The round table is devoted to issues of improving the investment attractiveness and reduce the investment risks in the border regions in the present conditions of escalation of the geopolitical situation. New opportunities to attract investments in the Republic of Karelia and the areas of joint work of government and business in the area of improving the investment climate will be considered.

## **ROUND TABLE**

**International cooperation in the field of NGOs: problems and prospects**  
(Meeting Room 221, KarRC RAS, 11 Pushkinskaya St.)

Moderator:

*Artem Shishkin, Senior Researcher, Institute of Economics, KarRC RAS*

The round table is devoted to issues related to changes in priorities and forms of international cooperation in the field of non-profit and community organizations, the risks and problems of cross-border cooperation in the field of NGOs, as well as new tools and programs of international cooperation.

15.30 – 15.50 **Coffee break**

15.50 – 17.00 **SESSIONS AND ROUND TABLES**

17.00 – 18.00 **SUMMARY SESSION**

Moderator:

*Yury Saveliev, Director, Institute of Economics, KarRC RAS*

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