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**ROUNDTABLE
Youth Initiatives in International Cooperation**

Organizers: Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Karelia, Youth Government of the Republic of Karelia, Institute of Economics KarRC RAS, youth non-government organization NUORI KARJALA, Nordic Council of Ministers' Contact Center in Petrozavodsk

Moderator: Dmitriy Kislov, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Republic of Karelia

Venue: Conference hall at the Ministry of Economic Development, Andropov St., 2

Time-limit: 10-15 min.

Key speakers:

1. Opening speech. Alexander Khudilainen, Head of the Republic of Karelia.
2. Opening speech. Andrei Silchenko (temporary acting representative of Ministry of Inner Affairs in Petrozavodsk).
3. **«Young people of Karelia and northern life style: youth cooperation in Barents Euro-Arctic region»** Chikarev Alexei (member of Expert mechanism for the matters of the native people in the Office for the human rights in the UN).
4. **«Master and post-graduate programs in Freie Universität Berlin (Free University of Berlin)»** Stüdemann Tobias (Representative of Freie Universität Berlin in Moscow).
5. Paul Petrov (representative of the Nordic Council of Ministers in Petrozavodsk)
6. **About the participation of youth advisory bodies in international cooperation** (Youth Government, Youth Parliament), Demushkina Ilyana, Alexeeva Ekaterina.

Abstract

Nowadays, the issue of the role of youth in modern socio-economic dimension has gained particular urgency. This is caused primarily by the increase in the young people's interest in the processes taking place in modern society. Common information space, increased mobility, living standards and open borders allow young people to realize fully their ideas.

International educational, volunteer and cultural programs, as well as bilateral exchanges are opportunities for young people to get acquainted with culture and customs of other countries, make new friends and expand their horizons. This allows young people share best practices and learn experience at interregional and international levels, and involve foreign partners in projects.

The role of youth in solving international problems is unique and is determined by several factors:

1. Young people are interested in the solution of urgent problems of modernity as their future depends on it.
2. Representatives of young generation from different countries reach mutual understanding between themselves easier than seniors.
3. Young people are more receptive to innovations and changes, and capable to offer new approaches to solving problems.

The most popular mechanism for youth participation in solving global and regional problems is the work of the international youth associations.

Topics for discussion:

- Participation of youth in international projects: issues and prospects
- Forms and options for international youth cooperation
- Opportunities for participation in international programmes
- Seeking for partners abroad
- Fundraising for youth projects
- Establishing cooperation between youth non-profit organizations
- Eurasian integration

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