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Centre for Problems  
of the North, Arctic and  
Cross-border Cooperation**

### **First announcement**

## **4<sup>th</sup> International Conference “Innovative and Safe Cooperation in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region”**

**Petrozavodsk  
May 22–24, 2014**

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the prime-ministers and senior officials of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council member states signed the Declaration on cooperation in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region (Kirkenes Declaration II). Over the 20 years since the adoption of the first Declaration a unique two-tiered system of socio-economic and humanitarian regional cooperation has been built with regard to the natural geography and cultural characteristics, historical experience, as well as the synergy of the geopolitical interests of the countries and local communities.

To enable a scientific and practical analysis and discussion of the specific tasks arising from the new declaration the National Institute of Research of Global Security (NIRGlobS), Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences (KarRC RAS), and the non-profit partnership Centre for Problems of the North, Arctic and Cross-border Cooperation (North-Centre) shall organize the **4<sup>th</sup> International Conference “Innovative and Safe Cooperation in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region”**.

#### **Conference thematic areas:**

- Kirkenes Declaration II: from contacts to innovative contracts
- The secure Arctic and BEAC
- Issues of sovereignty in the Arctic and the Barents Euro-Arctic Region
- Priorities for scientific cooperation and cooperation in higher education in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region

The conference shall be held in **Petrozavodsk at KarRC RAS on May 22-24, 2014** with support from the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, Russian Hi-Tech Foundation, Russian Znanie (Knowledge) Society, and the International and Norwegian Barents Secretariats.

The conference shall gather experts and researchers from Russia, Norway, Sweden, Finland, as well as other countries.

#### **CONFERENCE WORKFRAME:**

**22.05.2014**

Arrival in Petrozavodsk.  
Working meetings, social programme.

- 23.05.2014** Conference opening, keynote speeches and sessions.  
Participants' press-conference.
- 24.05.2014** Social programme.  
Departure from Petrozavodsk.

You are invited to take part in the conference and make a presentation.

The conference organizers undertake to provide transfers within Petrozavodsk, print and circulate handouts and reference materials, arrange for interpretation of presentations.

Please inform the Organizing Committee of your intention to participate, and submit the following information before **April 12, 2014**:

- names (last, first, middle);
- passport info;
- DOB;
- affiliation and position;
- scientific degree and title;
- subject of the presentation, and the technical facilities you will need.

Registered participants shall receive the conference programme with the Second circular around the end of April 2014.

Simultaneously with the Conference the **International Summer School “Sovereignty in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region”** will take place at the Petrozavodsk State University (PetrSU) on **May 19-25, 2014**. The School is organized by the Aleksanteri Institute at the University of Helsinki, the University of Lapland and PetrSU within the project “Establishing the EU Centre in the Barents Region of Russia” co-financed by the European Union.

The International Summer School is the venue where students and scientists investigating various issues related to the EU and international relations in Northern Europe can meet. The principal aim of the School is to bring together students from Russia and Finland, as well as from other European countries to set up a discussion on topical problems.

More information about the School can be found on the PetrSU website at: <http://petsu.ru/Structure/Inter/beuc.html>.

Students participating in the Conference can apply to take part also in the International Summer School at PetrSU as audience, and experts – as lecturers.

On **May 23, 2014** the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference “Innovative and Safe Cooperation in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region” has scheduled to hold a session jointly with the PetrSU International Summer School to discuss political, economic and social aspects of sovereignty in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region.

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