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XV session  
**Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme Dialogue:  
Joint Actions and Priorities 2021+**

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Park Inn by Radisson Pribaltiyskaya Hotel and Online

**Organizers:** Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Russian National Sub-Committee of the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020, St. Petersburg Committee for External Relations, Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat, IC SER Leontief Centre

#### Moderators

- **Irina Karelina**, Russian National Sub-Committee Executive Secretary, Director-General of IC SER Leontief Centre
- **Elena Kolosova**, Project Officer/Advisor for External Cooperation, Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat

#### Summary

The XV session of the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme Stakeholder Dialogue marks the 30th anniversary of the Interreg – the main EU regions' cooperation instrument both within the EU and beyond. This year we look back on how the cooperation between Russian regions and BSR EU partners started more than 20 years ago and how it has evolved, what the current results are and what we can expect from the upcoming programme period.

Partners from Russia have taken part in 48 out of 140 projects of Interreg Baltic Sea Region, covering all three Programme priorities: capacity for innovation, sustainable transport and management of natural resources. Over 500 partner organizations from all Baltic Sea region countries cooperate in international projects with Russian participation.

This year dialogue focuses on the tangible results that projects achieved in the funding period 2014-2020: Russian and EU partners share what main benefits they see in transnational cooperation and what it brings to their regions.

- What are the main results of transnational cooperation projects?
- How do the projects engage local, regional and national stakeholders? How people living in the region benefit from the projects?
- Are there any ideas for future transnational cooperation?

In addition, the audience learns about the cooperation prospects for the funding period 2021-2027 between Russian regions and BSR EU partners. The Russian National Sub-committee of the programme shares their opinion on draft topics for the future cooperation, considering strategic sustainable development goals for constituent entities of Russia and the North-West Federal District as a whole:

innovative and resilient economies and societies and responsive public services, sustainable management of the Baltic Sea and regional water resources and blue economy, climate change mitigation with circular economy, low-carbon energy and green and intelligent transport and mobility.

- What are those specific areas where transnational cooperation will bring biggest benefits?
- What should such projects deliver as a main result of their implementation?

## Welcome

- **Anna Popova**, Department of Development of integration projects and CIS countries, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation
- **Igor Kapryin**, Deputy Director of European Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
- **Susanne Scherrer**, Director of the Managing Authority and the Joint Secretariat, Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme
- **Pekka Jounila**, Policy Coordinator, European Commission, DG for Regional and Urban Policy (*confirmation is pending*)

## Speakers

*For some speakers, confirmation is pending.*

### ***Twenty years of transnational cooperation between Russian and EU regions in the Baltic Sea region***

- **Irina Karelina**, Russian National Sub-Committee Executive Secretary since 2001

### ***Current achievements: dialogue with Russian and EU partners of Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects***

- **Topic: circularity and economic resilience**  
**SmartUp Accelerator / Innovation ecosystem to foster consumer cleantech markets in the Baltic Sea Region & BIS/ Baltic Industrial Symbiosis**  
**Maxim Balanev**, St. Petersburg Foundation for SME Development, Russia  
**Nikolai Pitirimov**, St. Petersburg House Property Owners Association, Russia  
**Lennart Walldén**, Innovatum AB, Sweden  
**Elena Oparina**, Enviro Co Ltd, Russia  
**Nikita Lomagin**, Tyreman Group LLC  
**Susanne Boesen**, Symbiosis Center Denmark, Kalundborg Municipality
- **Topic: sustainable water management**  
**BSR WATER / Platform on integrated water cooperation, BEST / Better efficiency for industrial sewage treatment & IWAMA / Interactive water management**  
**Ivan A. Serebriksky**, Committee for Nature Use, Environmental Protection and Ecological Safety, City of St. Petersburg, Russia  
**Natalia Bobyleva**, State Geological Unitary Company «Mineral», Russia  
**Björn Grönholm**, Union of the Baltic Cities, Sustainable Cities Commission, Finland  
**Olga Sheshukova**, Environmental Center "ECAT-Kaliningrad", Russia
- **Topic: green mobility**  
**Cities.multimodal / Urban transport system in transition towards low carbon mobility**  
**Kristina Kobyz**, Administration of city of Pskov, Russia  
**Natalia Goleva**, Administration of Pskov region, Russia  
**Steffen Nozon**, city of Rostock, Germany  
**Olga Iakimenko**, ICSEER Leontief Centre, Russia

***Future cooperation in Interreg Baltic Sea Region 2021-2027: draft topics and expectations 30 min***

- **Elena Kolosova**, Project Officer/Advisor for External Cooperation, Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat 10 min
- **Liana Maximova**, co-chair of the Russian National Sub-Committee of the Programme, Kaliningrad region
- Members of the RNSC of the Programme, Russian regions