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ANNOUNCEMENTS



On October 22-23, 2012 in Saint-Petersburg **XI All-Russian Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Potential for Innovation** will be held. Permanent Forum Organizers: State Duma of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Finance of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Economic Development of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Regional Development of the Russian Federation, Saint-Petersburg City Administration, ICSE Leontief Centre. Registration of the participants is open on the web site <http://www.forumstrategov.ru>

RESEARCH & PROJECTS

Strengthening the Capacity of Rospotrebnadzor Experts in Financial Literacy and Consumer Protection of Financial Services (emergency training)

Customer - Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation with financial support of World Bank Based on competitive selection, Leontief Centre in consortium with Institute of Financial Planning (Moscow) was elected as consultant for this project. Main task of the Project - creating basis for system on advanced studies and retraining of Rospotrebnadzor experts for effective implementation of functions consumer rights protection in financial services through an emergency training employees responsible for consumer protection in the field of finance. The main project beneficiary is Rospotrebnadzor whose 250 employees (central and regional structures) will be trained in the field of consumer protection of financial services.

Sustainability and Impact of Municipal Strategic Planning Systems: Empirical Study

Project supported by FSBI Russian Foundation for Humanities

Within the project, will prepared Methodology for collecting, analyzing, codifying and processing information about the processes and results of creation and functioning of municipal strategic planning systems. Methodology will discussed at special seminar which will be held in the framework of XI All-Russian Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia (October 23, 2012). An article prepared with the financial support of RHF grant: Boris Zhikharevich Stability Factors in Russia's Municipal Strategic Planning Systems / / Regional Research of Russia, 2012, Vol. 2, No. 3, pp. 241-254. © Pleiades Publishing, Ltd., 2012. ISSN 2079_9705

Preparation of Sustainable Development Indicators for Priority Investment Project "Integrated Development of Ust-Luga Port and Adjacent to the ICC Territory" and Methodological Recommendations Implementation

Customer - JSC "Ust-Luga"

Tasks of the Project:

- Preparation of summary of world and Russian experiences and approaches to the development, use and application of indicators for sustainable development;
- Description of the current state of the territory on the basic directions (economic, social, institutional);
- Identification of key stability characteristics according to the expected dynamics of development territory;
- Justification of set of qualitative and quantitative indicators of sustainable development;
- Description of the procedure using indicators to analyze the dynamics of change.

Conservation and Use of Cultural Heritage in Russia

The project of the Ministry for Culture with support of the World Bank

Leontief Centre experts take part in procedures of the second stage of competitive selection of cultural heritage objects in project regions-participants (Leningrad Region, Novgorod Region, Pskov Region). During July-August 2012, consultants participated in the adjustments to the bids of regions and provide additional materials as requested by the World Bank and experts of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation.



Nordic-Russian Green Growth Arena

Customer – Nordic Council of Ministries Office in St Petersburg

The purpose of the umbrella project NORDIC-RUSSIAN GREEN GROWTH ARENA is to implement green growth development principles in the North-west (NW) Russian regions and municipalities based on Nordic experience. To achieve the stated above purpose, Nordic-Russian Green Growth Arena project identifies three priority areas (sub-projects) under its umbrella:

- Green Planning Instruments and Strategies;
- Nordic-Russian Green Routes;
- Sustainable Business Hubs and Clean Tech Clusters



Advancing Remote Areas by Development of Cross-Border Via Hanseatica Tourism Route on basis of Local Resources (Estonia-Latvia-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme within European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument 2007-2013)

Via Hanseatica (VH) is a tourism route connecting St Petersburg, Narva/Ivangorod, Tartu, Valga/Valka, Valmiera and Sigulda in the Programme territory. In addition to the abovementioned towns, the

route passes through areas rich in nature and cultural heritage. As VH is a tourism route passing Russia, Estonia and Latvia, and its potential based on the diversity of these countries, the most efficient and beneficial way to promote VH is doing it via cross-border cooperation. Leontief Centre coordinates the activities of the Russian partners in the implementation of all project tasks and activities of partners from all countries to meet targets for the development of infrastructure and prepare the necessary project and technical documentation. The project implementation period is from January 2012 until December 2014. The project lead partner is the Vidzeme Planning Region (Latvia). The total number of partners is 18.

On August 22-24, 2012 in the Leningrad Region State Cultural Institution Museum Agency (St Petersburg) the Second Project Working Group and Second AP 2&3 Coordination Meeting of the Via Hanseatica Project was held. The Meeting was organized by Russian Project Partners – Committee for Culture of Leningrad Region and ICSE Leontief Centre. On the meeting project participants discussed the lessons learned from the first period, challenges of the administrative and financial management of the project and agree on the joint steps toward to implementation of next activities of Activity Packages 2 and 3.



united by borders

The Analysis of Trade and Industrial Relations between the Border Regions of Russia and Kazakhstan: Impact of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space

Customer - The Eurasian Development Bank (EDB)

The goal of the study - an analysis of the influence of the Customs Union on economic cooperation and industrial cooperation of border regions of Russia and Kazakhstan.

Preparation of Development Programme for Innovative Clusters in the Arkhangelsk Region

Jointly with the Northern Arctic Federal University named after Mikhail Lomonosov

On July 30 - August 3, 2012 in the framework of the project, Boris Zhikharvich, Director of the Resource Center for Strategic Planning visited City Arkhangelsk and Solovki.

On August 3, in Rural Settlement Solovki the seminar on tourism cluster formation in Arkhangelsk Region was held. On September 4 – 5, 2012, Leontief Centre experts organized in Arkhangelsk search seminar Support Programme of Cluster Development in Arkhangelsk Region: Goals, Objectives, Priorities - <http://primadm.ru/about/info/news/4043/?ID=4043>

Assessment of draft Methodology of Regional Evaluating of Activities Efficiency of the Executive Authorities of the Arkhangelsk Region on Common Indicators

Customer – Ministry of Economic Development and Competition Policy of the Arkhangelsk Region
Leontief Centre provides assessment of draft methodology, which was developed for improvement of management system in executive powers of Arkhangelsk Region, increase motivation and accountability of executive bodies in the achievement of goals and objectives.

Features of the Socio-Economic Development of St Petersburg in 2000-2010

Customer - *Institute of Geography of RAS*

In the framework of the project the progress, challenges and main results of the city development over the past 20 years is studied. This period is contained in itself so important multifaceted of the events that can be put on a par with the most important milestones in the history of the city. The study identified seven stages in St Petersburg development. At each stage its characteristics and the most relevant results will be presented.

In the framework of **University Project of the Association of Russian Economic Think Tanks (ARETT)**, 8 students from St Petersburg Branch of National Research University" Higher School of Economics" received grant to study in the Leontief Centre. Students will participate in Leontief Centre research programmes and preparing the XI All-Russian Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia.

LEONTIEF CENTRE ENDOWMENT

Implementation of the research included in the plan in 2012:

Analysis of Spatial Development Factors of the Russian metropolitan commuter belt (on example of Saint-Petersburg metropolitan area)

The project is implemented jointly with the Laboratory of Urban Researches HSE - St Petersburg.
The purpose of research - to determine the characteristics of the spatial development of the suburban area of the Russian metropolis and the determinants of these features.

The Economic Repositioning of Post-Socialist Cities – Institutional Settings, Local Strategies and Urban Economic Growth

Joint project with the Institute of Economic Research (Halle, Germany)

This work includes the study of characteristics of urban economic development in Russia and East Germany, the institutional framework of the municipal government and other institutions of influence on local development.

On June 4, 2012 Institute for Economic Research in Halle (Germany) offered for Leonid Limonov, Director Coordinator of Research Programs of ICSE Leontief Centre for the period up to May 31, 2015 (with possible extension the consent of the parties). This honorary position requires scientific co-operation with the staff and participation in scientific activities of the Institute.

EU Regional Policy. Cooperation in the Baltic Sea region

Interdivisional research group of Leontief Centre has started publishing of monthly relevant EU websites review:

- Committee of the Regions - <http://www.cor.europa.eu/>
- The European Commission (Regional Policy) - http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy
- Assembly of European Regions - <http://www.aer.eu/>
- The Association of European Border Regions - <http://www.aebr.eu/en/index.php>

The main objective of the reviews - tracking key events and decisions of the EU regional policy. During the third quarter, review prepared for June-September 2012.

PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY – HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Leontief Centre Interfaculty Base Department in the St Petersburg Branch of National Research University "Higher School of Economics"

During April-June 2012 at the Leontief Centre Interfaculty Base Department in the St Petersburg Branch of National Research University "Higher School of Economics", 3 undergraduate students of the Management Faculty, final qualifying works were prepared.

The website of the Base Chair of Leontief Centre is now based within domain zone of the Higher School of Economics: <http://www.hse.ru/org/spb/mfk/bklc/>

Department for Urban and Regional Economy

Leontief Centre, besides creating of Base Department, organizes this number of training courses, read the profile department of urban and regional economics in the master's program of HSE-Petersburg on the economy. In particular, on September-December 2012, in Leontief Centre will offer classes in the following subjects:

- Spatial Economics and Regional Development
- Organization and Regulation of Land Use and Urban Real Estate Markets
- Investments in Territories Development: Planning, Analysis and Evaluation

Laboratory of Urban Researches

In cooperation with the St. Petersburg branch of National Research University – Higher School of Economics, Leontief Centre takes part in scientific and educational project **Analysis of Institutional Factors of Urban Agglomerations Spatial Development** (leader - Leonid Limonov).

During July-September, 2012 3 working meetings of Laboratory of Urban Researches experts were held. In the framework of meetings the the processing of municipal statistics describing the development of the suburban belt agglomeration were discussed.

Details: <http://www.lui.hse.spb.ru>

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Meetings of the **Joint Interdisciplinary Seminar «Economy and Society»**, established by Leontief Centre, Sociological Institute, State University - Higher School of Economics and the Economic and Financial Research

- On September 11, theme: **Modern Urban Transport Planning in USA and other Countries**. Speaker: Prof. Vukan R. Vuchic, University of Pennsylvania (USA).
- On September 28, theme: **Property Rights, Land Liquidity and Internal Migration: Stolypin Reforms and Resettlement in Siberia**. Speaker: Andrey Markiewicz, Ph.D., Professor at the New Economic School, Moscow.

From July 30 - August 3, 2012 under the contract between Leontief Centre and Northern (Arctic) Federal University named after Mikhail Lomonosov on the project Elaboration of Development Program of Clusters in Arkhangelsk Region for Accelerating of Innovation and Competitiveness of the Regional Economy, the working visit of **Boris Zhikharevich**, Director of the Resource Center for Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre in Arkhangelsk and Solovki was held. On August 3, 2012 in Solovki Municipality, Boris Zhikharevich provided the **Seminar on Tourism Cluster Development in Arkhangelsk Region**.

Seminar organizers: Arkhangelsk Regional Tourist Association, Administration of Primorsk Municipality, Center for Technology Transfer and Cluster Development Northern (Arctic) Federal University named after Mikhail Lomonosov jointly with Tourism and Excursion Company "Pomorie - Tour", Solovki State Historical and Architectural Preserve Natural Museum and ICSE Leontief Centre. <http://primadm.ru/about/info/news/4043/?ID=4043>

On August 24, 2012 in Bratislava Boris Zhikharevich, Director of the Resource Center for Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre participated in **52nd European Congress of the European Regional Science Association** and made report Economic Strategies and Economic Development (on example of St Petersburg). Report, which was prepared jointly with Artur Batchaev, Senior

Researcher of ICSE Leontief Centre, became part of the preparations for the 54th Congress, which will be held in 2014 in St Petersburg.

On August 27, 2012 in Mariinsky Palace (St Petersburg), Elena Belova, Secretary General of ICSE Leontief Centre participated in the **21st Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference "Energy, Ecology and Social Welfare: Cooperation for a Sustainable Development of the Baltic Sea Region"**. In the framework of Conference Elena Belova presented Project Nordic-Russian Green Growth Arena funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers.

On September 4-5, 2012 Leontief Centre experts conducted in Arkhangelsk search seminar **Programme of Cluster Support Development in Arkhangelsk Region: Goals, Objectives, Priorities**. Workshop is the important stage of the project Elaboration of Cluster Support Development in Arkhangelsk Region to Accelerate the Innovation and Competitiveness of the Economy of Region, which is implemented on the initiative of the Northern (Arctic) Federal University. <http://narfu.ru/university/news/41632/>

On September 4-5, 2012 in Cyprus Leonid Limonov and Nina Oding participated in the final conference **Crossing the Macroeconomic Horizons of TransBaltic Project (2009-2012) of Baltic Sea Region Program 2007-2013**.

The conference was structured into following themes:

1. The Macroeconomic Transport Action Plan
2. The heritage of TransBaltic in the context of the EU Baltic Sea Strategy
3. Synergies between joint transport development work in the two macroregions of the Baltic Sea Region and of the Mediterranean area

On September 6-7, 2012 in Pskov with support of ICSE Leontief Centre the **VIII Conference «Cross-border Cooperation: the Russian Federation, the European Union and Norway»** was held. Irina Karelina, Director General of ICSE Leontief Centre made presentation in the framework of Plenary session 3. Cooperation in the Baltic Sea region. The Russian Federation presidency in the Council of the Baltic Sea States 2012-2013.

Green Growth Agenda of the North-West of Russia: Cross-Border and Transnational Instruments was presented on the conference by partners of Nordic-Russian Green Growth Arena Programme of the Nordic Council of Ministers' and by Elena Belova, Programme Coordinator.

September 6-7, 2012 in Arkhangelsk the **Seminar Modern Technologies of Strategic Planning** was held. The seminar was organized by the Ministry of Economic Development and Competition Policy of the Arkhangelsk region for policymakers and economic departments of municipalities. The seminar was chaired by experts of Resource Centre for Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre – Boris Zhikharevich, Nikolay Zhunda and Natalia Lebedeva, executive director of the Association of Economic Developers. In the adopted resolution contains the recommendation for municipalities use the technique of strategic planning of Leontief Centre.

PARTNERS AND NETWORKS

On July 17, 2012 Boris Zhikharevich, Director of Resource Centre on Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre participated in the first **Public Advisory Council Potential Russia: Investment and Modernization of Regions**, organized on the platform of International Club "The Economist". The meeting was held in Moscow in business centre Alexander House. Boris Zhikharevich invited as member of Council on direction Council of Experts on Modernization.

On July 27, 2012 Elena Belova, Secretary General, Head of Development Department of Leontief Centre, participated in the meeting of **Public Council for SME Development of St Petersburg Governor** with participation of Georgiy Poltavchenko, St Petersburg Governor. More information on the Public Council website: www.osspsb.ru

In August, **Agreement on strategic partnership between the Resource Center for Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre and Arkhangelsk Regional Tourist Association** was signed.

On September 20, 2012 in Lillehammer (Norway) the working group meeting of **Baltic Sea Region Programming Committee 2014-2020** was held. In the meeting participated as observer Irina Karelina, Director General of ICSE Leontief Centre. From Russian side also participated Olga

Batanova, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation and Meri Abramyan, Ministry for Regional Development of Russian Federation.

At the meeting was discussed main priorities of the Programme. Ministry for Regional Development of Russian Federation expects to extend this consideration to the regions for comment.

More information: www.eu.baltic.net

On September 28, 2012 Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Center participated in the **Constituent Assembly of ANO "Strategic Partnership for Economic and Social Development of the North-West of the Russian Federation"**. ICSEER "Leontief Centre" joined the founders of the Partnership.

In connection with reforming of North-West Association on Economic Cooperation, the Council of Plenipotentiary of RF President in the North-West Federal District, with all top officials of the Russian Federation located within the North-West Federal District, the decision on establishing ANO "Strategic Partnership for Economic and Social Development of the North-West of the Russian Federation" was making.

For participation in Partnership invited more than 50 largest strategic enterprises and organizations of region and heads of RF subjects, located within the North-West Federal District.

WEB SITES

Efficient updating of following sections of Leontief Centre web-sites was held:

- ICSEER Leontief Centre (www.leontief-centre.ru)
- Wassily Leontief (www.wassily.leontief.net)
- Strategic Planning in the Regions and Cities of Russia (<http://www.city-strategy.ru>)
- All-Russian Forum of Strategic Planning (www.forumstrategov.ru)
- Internet portal of business centre Partnerstvo has started its work <http://www.bc-partnerstvo.ru>

PUBLICATIONS



An information bulletin The Socio-Economic Situation in Saint-Petersburg № 117 (May-June), № 118 (July-August) 2012 г.

This analytical overview is a bi-monthly edition brought to you by the Leontief Centre in Russian and in English since 1992.

Each issue (25-30 pages in length) contains summary of statistical data and information materials (including unpublished ones) on the city's industry, infrastructure, budget, privatization, investment projects as well as on employment and living standards of St. Petersburg residents.

For more information you can go to Leontief Centre web-site <http://www.obzor.leontief.ru/>



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