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ANNOUNCEMENTS

On October 21-22, 2013 in St Petersburg XII Annual All Russian Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia will be held. Specific feature of the Forum 2013 is displayed by the main Forum Theme: BUILDING A SYSTEM.



The choice of the CORE FORUM THEME is determined by adoption of the Federal Law on the State Strategic Planning, which has been finally submitted to the State Duma after years of development.

FORUM GOALS 2013: to discuss practical issues of building a unified system of State Territorial Strategic Planning and Territorial Cooperation in Russia within new legislative framework and to provide examples of the best international and Russian experience of system solutions for development, management and implementation of STRATEGIES, based on the current challenges of globalization and transition to green economy, creative technologies and cluster development, increasing importance of innovation, human and social capital.

FORUM ORGANIZERS: State Duma of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Regional Development of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Finance of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Economic Development of the Russian Federation, Saint-Petersburg City Administration, Center of Strategic Research, ICSE Leontief Centre.

For more information about Forum Programme or registration, accommodation options and visa support please visit the official Forum web site www.forumstrategov.ru.

PROJECTS

Strengthening the Capacity of Russian Rospotrebnadzor Specialists in the Area of Financial Literacy and Financial Consumer Protection
 Customer – Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation with financial support of the World Bank



Leontief Centre is consultant of the project in consortium Institute for Financial Planning (Moscow). The key objective of the Project is to establish the frameworks for the system of qualification upgrading and retraining of Rospotrebnadzor specialists to ensure effective implementation of financial consumer protection function through conducting urgent training of employees currently responsible for financial consumer protection. Rospotrebnadzor is the Federal Service for Control of Consumers Protection in Russia.

During the project two full-time training were held: in April (St Petersburg) for Rospotrebnadzor specialists of Northwestern Federal District, Ural Federal District and Privolzhsky Federal District; in June (Moscow) for specialists of Siberian Federal District and Far Eastern Federal District. At that time the studies visits in Belgium, Poland, Brazil for Rospotrebnadzor specialists to adopt the best practices of financial consumer protection.



Elaboration of Project Strategy of Social and Economic Development of St Petersburg
 Customer - Committee on Economic Policy and Strategic Planning of St Petersburg

INCSE Leontief center realizes the Project with support of key Russian and foreign research centers. The project objective is elaboration of Strategy of Social and Economic Development of St Petersburg until 2030 to

identify strategic and interim objects, priorities of social and economic policy for 2020 and 2030 for St Petersburg Government

Advancing Remote Areas by Development of Cross-Border Via Hanseatica Tourism Route on basis of Local Resources (EstoniaLatvia-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.

On April 15-16, 2013 in Vyritsiye Tarkhany (Gatchina District) the Second Training Programme on VH Product Development was held. Training Programme participants: Russian composer Isaac Schwartz's House Museum, Rozhdestveno Memorial Estate, The Stationmaster's House Museum, The House of Aleksandr Pushkin's Nanny, Suida Estate Museum, representatives of government authorities of Leningrad region, Gatchina District Municipality, AMO "Ivangorod", tourist information centers, Centers for sustainable development, museums, guest houses, mass media and other interested organizations.

On 5-6 June 2013 in Gatchina district International workshop on Product Development was held. The workshop merged touristic companies and experts from Estonia, Latvia, Russia. (more than 60 partnership) It made it possible to enter into cooperation and to find friends and partnerships. Discussion of common tools and events, itineraries and VH products presentation was included in the workshop program. Introductory visits of Gatchina palace, Rozhdestveno Memorial Estate, The House of Aleksandr Pushkin's Nanny, The Stationmaster's House Museum were also included. <http://www.leontief-centre.ru/project231>

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

The purpose of the umbrella project NORDIC-RUSSIAN GREEN GROWTH ARENA is to implement green growth development principles in the North-west Russian regions and municipalities based on Nordic experience. The project will help municipalities, regions and other organizations to create sustainable platform for joint decisions realization. Plans of the project - conferences, seminars, study visits to the Nordic countries for Russian experts and other events.

<http://arena.leontief-centre.ru/>



Project Sustainability and Effectiveness of Municipal Strategic Planning Systems: Empirical Study.

Project a grant program of the Russian Foundation for the Humanities.

The project is a continuation of the work of 2012th. At the present time the classifier of the municipal strategies on the ground of 100 documents is developed.

LEONTIEF CENTRE ENDOWMENT



Themes of research 2013:

Analysis of Economic and Spatial Cities Development of and Urban Agglomerations

Joint project with the Institute of Economic Research (Halle, Germany) and with support of NUL urban research School of Economics.

In the framework of theme research «Economic Development in the Post-Soviet Period » was conducted. The project is carried out in order to identify factors that have a significant impact on the economic development of cities with population over 100 thousand people in the PostSoviet period. <http://www.leontief-centre.ru/content118>

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 European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region - <http://www.balticsea-region-strategy.eu>

The main objective of the reviews - tracking key events and decisions of the EU regional policy. In the second quarter reviews for March - May 2013 were prepared. From January 2013 the to the review posted on the Russian page of the site of the Baltic Sea Region Programme (2007-2013). <http://eu.baltic.net/RU.3908.html>

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".

Leontief Centre Interfaculty Base Department web site in a domain area of the HSE: <http://www.hse.ru/org/spb/mfk/bkic/>

Department for Urban and Regional Economy

In the Leontief Centre offer classes on a number of disciplines of urban and regional economics HSE - St. Petersburg:

- Strategic Planning,
- Regional Economy,
- Regional Economic Policy

As well as the lessons of the research seminar of the second year master.

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 Economic Development in the Post-Soviet Period (leader – Leonid Limonov). More 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:

Details: <http://www.leontief-centre.ru/content34>

01.04

Byzantine Lesson: Institutions are Relevant

Speaker: Sergey Vasilyev, Deputy Chairman of Vnesheconombank, Scientific Head of ICSE Leontief Centre



17.05

Possible Effects of State Regulation of Private Companies Trade Practices
Speaker: Andrey Shastitko, Professor at Department of Applied Institutional Economics, Faculty of Economics, Lomonosov Moscow State University; Director of Center for research in competition and economic regulation, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration



30.05

Discussion The City and the suburbs: the subtleties of coordination
Speakers: Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Research Programmes of ICSE Leontief Centre, Artur Batchaev, ICSE Leontief Centre.
The seminar was attended by experts of "Context"Fund, Leontief Centre, managers and employees of research, design, urban planning, transportation, education, real estate, information communities and companies. Video on Context website: <http://www.contextfound.org/events/y2013/m5/n85>.



04.06 Eurasian Continental Integration
Speaker: E. Vinokurov, Director of the Center for Integrative Studies of the Eurasian Development Bank



18.06 Liberal economy of James M. Buchanan
Speaker: Zaoostrovtshev Andrei, General Research Assistant of Leontief Center, Professor of State University - Higher School of Economics.



<http://www.leontief-centre.ru/content280>



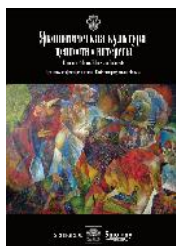
April 2-4, 2013 Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of research programs and Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre participated in XIV April International Scientific Conference on Economic and Social Development. Leonid Limonov moderated section "City Management and Urban Sub-Systems" and made report "Commuter Belt of St Petersburg Metropolitan Area: Socio-economic and Institutional Features Spatial Development" in the section "Spatial Development of the City: Intra-Urban Agglomeration and Measurement". More details on the HSE website: <http://conf.hse.ru/2013/>



April 5, 2013 Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Research Programs of Leontief Centre took part in the Round Table "Urban Agglomerations Development - Features of State Regulation", organized by the Ministry of Regional Development. At the round table discussed the problems of the formation and development of agglomerations, Russian and foreign practice, issues of legal and regulatory support and approaches to regulation and management of agglomerations development in Russia. Round table was attended by representatives of the federal government, heads of Russian regions, municipalities, planning and research institutes, as well as consulting companies and public organizations.



5-8 May, 2013 in Tampere (Finland) Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Research Programmes of ICSE Leontief Centre participated in Regional Studies Association European Conference 2013 – Shape and be Shaped: The Future Dynamics of Regional Development. The Conference gathered more than 300 participants from different countries. During the Conference Leonid Limonov made report «Cross-Border Economic Cooperation of Russian and Kazakhstan Regions (Under Customs Union and Unified Economic Space Conditions), participated in plenary sessions, in work of number of sections and round tables and was coorganizers and speaker and discussant of Round Table "Borders, Border Regions and Cross-border Learning". More information on RSA web site: <http://www.regionalstudies.org/conferences/conference/rsa-european-conference-2013>.



On April 25-26, 2013 Nina Oding, Head of Research Department and senior researcher Denis Kadochnikov participated in the conference Economic culture: Values and Interests, which held at the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences of St Petersburg State University. Nina Oding made report "State and Private Property in Russia" and Denis Kadochnikov made report "Political and ideological arguments in the discussions on the rationale for international policy coordination between two world wars".



16-18 May, 2013 in Kingston University (London) Denis Kadochnikov, Senior researcher of ICSE Leontief Centre participated in the Conference of European Society for the History of Economic Thought, ESHET. As ESHET member, Denis Kadochnikov made report "Co-evolution theory of exchange rate formation and the theory of money demand", devoted to historical, theoretical and methodological review of two theories interaction in the 20th century.

On 30 May, 2013 Boris Zhikharevich participated in the Project Session "Basic Outlines of St Petersburg Development in the Long Term - 40 years", which was held at the House of Architects under the guidance of Yuri Perelygin.



On May 30, 2013 in the North-West Management Institute of the Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration under the President of the Russian Federation, Irina Karelina, Director General of ICSE Leontief Centre participated in Round Table on Territorial Planning. The organizers of the meeting, held in the framework of IV Congress of Construction of the North-West, were strategic partnership "North-West" and the North-West Management Institute (SZIU).

The round table was attended by representatives of the North-West, the leading research and design organizations and experts.

More information at the web site: http://www.n-west.ru/2013-05-3_1/



On 20-22 June Director General of ICSEER Leontief Centre Irina Karelina as a member of St Petersburg delegation took part in the work of St Petersburg International Economic Forum. On 21 June Director General of ICSEER Leontief Centre Irina Karelina participated and made a statement in Russian-Finland round-table conference "Northern Bridge - Northern Corridor of Growth and Development" in the framework of St Petersburg International Economic Forum. The round table was attended by the

Chairman of External Relations Committee of St Petersburg Mr Prokhorenko and the mayor of Turku Mr Randell. Mr. Randell delivered the keynote address "The Northern Corridor of growth - «Northern Bridge» as a regional model for global sustainable development."

On 27 June Dr. Nina Oding, Head of Research Department ICSEER Leontief Center, participated in International Business Fellowship (iBF): Executive Programme (EP) on Russia and made report «Labour Market and Practices in Russia»



On 27 June Denis Kadochnikov made report "Co-evolution theory of exchange rate formation and the theory of money demand" in ICSEER Leontief Centre's meeting (on the basis of the Conference of European Society for the History of Economic Thought, ESHET in London, 2013).

PARTNERS AND NETWORKS



April 3, 2013 in Moscow Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre took part in the meeting of Academic Committee of National Prize in Applied Economics for Outstanding Published Research Papers on Analysis of Russian Economy. More details: <http://econprize.ru/>



On April 5, 2013 in Moscow, Irina Karelina, General Director of Leontief Center, participated in the meeting of the Association of Russian Economic Think Tanks Board. More information on the web site www.aret.ru



On April 20, 2013 Boris Zhikharevich, Director of Resource Center for Strategic Planning at Leontief Centre in the delegation of the Republic of Tatarstan headed by Rustam Minnikhanov, President of Tatarstan Republic visited China city - Dalian. Leontief Centre participated in the preparation of part of the travel programme, related to study of strategic projects for regional development in Liaoning Province. <http://tatarstan.ru/rus/press/video.htm/video/560712.htm>



April 26, 2013 Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Research Programs of Leontief Centre participated in the First Meeting of the Economic Council at St Petersburg Governor and made report "Experience of Strategic Planning in St Petersburg."



On April 25-26, 2013 at the invitation of Committee for External Relations of St Petersburg, Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre, in the delegation of St Petersburg took part in St Petersburg Days in Helsinki. On 26 April, in the framework of the seminar, devoted to the 20th anniversary of cooperation between St Petersburg and Helsinki, Irina Karelina made presentation "20 Years of Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region: St Petersburg Participation in Formation and Implementation of Programs and Projects".



May 6-7, 2013 in Berlin Director General of Leontief Centre Irina Karelina participated in Task Force meeting of the Baltic Sea Region Joint Programming Committee 2014-2020. Working Group considered policy documents preparation.



On May 8, 2013 in Helsinki, Finland, VASAB Open Troika meeting was held under the chairmanship of Irina Karelina, Deputy Committee Chairman, Director General of Leontief Centre (Chairman of the Committee on Spatial Development in the Baltic Sea Region Initiative VASAB - Elena Chuguevskaya, Director of Strategic Planning Department of Ministry for Regional Development of the Russian Federation). The meeting was devoted to 62 VASAB meeting preparation (Moscow, 6-7 June 2013), the

final period of Russian presidency in the Committee on Spatial Development in the Baltic Sea Region Initiative VASAB.



On June 11-12, 2013 in Tallinn (Estonia) Task Force working group meeting on the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020 and Monitoring committee meeting on the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013 were held.

Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre also participated in the meetings as observer.

For more details: www.eu.baltic.net



On 18 June 2013 St Petersburg Governor Resolution about Economic Council at St Petersburg Governor 31-PG has been published. Irina Karelina and Leonid Limonov are a part of the Council.

20 June St Petersburg Governor Mr Poltavchenko met with Panel members of Economic Council in the framework of St Petersburg International Economic Forum. Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre also participated in the meetings as member.

Theme of the meeting: Determinants and Forecast of Economic Growth in the Long Term Period. The Economic Council has been created for the first time and it has started working on March of 2013. Participants: Dr Aganbegyan, Dr Okrepilov, Dr Ivanter, Dr Kvint, members of St Petersburg Government, directors of institutes and universities, general experts, heads of enterprises.

Georgy Poltavchenko discussed with the members of the Council's Presidium the priorities of socio-economic development that would be included in the strategy of St. Petersburg until 2030.

Georgy Poltavchenko supported the Council to make an expertise of projects included in government programs of social and economic development at the design stage. Economic Council is the most important advisory commission of experts in the field of economic policy. For more details: <http://www.osspsb.ru/osnews>



AWARDS



On May 20, 2013 in Saint-Petersburg (House of Scientists) VIII Award Ceremony of Professor Boris Ovsievich was held. Award Ceremony was established under St Petersburg Scientific Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg Institute for Economics and Mathematics of Russian Academy of Sciences for education and science support and is awarded for fundamental economic and mathematic research and Alferov Foundation for Education and Science Support. Alfred Koch, Ph.D., pupil of Boris Ovsievich has become the initiator of the Award Ceremony and philanthropist. For 2005-2011 the award was received by 30 young scientists.

Laureates 2012:

- I Award (posthumously) - Evgeny Zhelobodko (Novosibirsk State University, Department of Economics, HSE Center for Market Studies and Spatial Economics, NRU Higher School of Economics) for work series Theory of Monopolistic Competition.
- The second premium was not awarded.
- III Award
 - Marina Sandomirskaja (Institute for Economics and Mathematics RAS, St. Petersburg) for the work "Stock-market agent-based model using game theory";
 - Mihail Goubko (Institute of Control Sciences, Russian Academy of Sciences) for the work "Mathematical modeling and structural optimization"
- Honorable Award - Daniel Karabekyan (Department of Theoretical Economics, Subdepartment of Microeconomic, National Research University Higher School of Economics) for the work "Problem of manipulation in a voting".



TRAINING

In March- May 2013 in Leontief Centre trained students of the Economic Faculty of St Petersburg State University, under the guidance of Professor Boris Zhikharevich. Students were actively involved in the classification of regional strategies. Currently, Leontief Centre supervise graduate of SPbGEU and seven graduate students from the HSE St Petersburg.

PUBLICATIONS



An information bulletin The Socio-Economic Situation in Saint-Petersburg 122 (March-April) 2013.

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/>



Overview of key events and decisions of the European Union Regional Policy, 10-12 2013

Interdivisional research group of Leontief Centre prepared monthly relevant EU websites review.

The main objective of the reviews - tracking key events and decisions of the EU regional policy.

Current review is prepared on the basis of the 5 web sites:

- 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 European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) - <http://www.balticsea-region-strategy.eu>

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)
- All-Russian Forum of Strategic Planning (www.forumstrategov.ru)
- Internet portal of business centre Partnerstvo has started its work <http://www.bcpartnerstvo.ru>



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