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ANNOUNCEMENTS

15-16 February 2013 Leontief Centre jointly with St Petersburg Government organize traditional Leontief Readings

Conference programme of XII Annual Conference from the series of Leontief Readings "Economic and Geography" will devote to the problems associated with the factors of regional growth and development, causes of regional disparities, regional economic policies, institutions and instruments of territorial development - special zones, development corporations, regional development agencies, etc., international trade, customs union, economic integration and cross-border cooperation, new economic geography and facility location, agglomeration effects, problems in the development of modern cities.

By tradition, the conference will complete by VII Award Ceremony of International Leontief Medal Laureates 2012 for Contribution to Economic Reforms. Among the winners of the past known Russian and foreign economists: Eugeniy Yasin, Yegor Gaidar, Alexey Kudrin, Leshek Baltserovich, Anders Oslund and others.

Leontief Medal laureates 2012:

- Erik Berglöf, Chief Economist and Special Adviser to the President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Revold Entov, Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Professor, Head of the Department of the Theory of Money and Credit, National Research University Higher School of Economics

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.

Development strategy of Tatarstan Republic 2030

Jointly with Ministry of Economy of Tatarstan Republic in the framework of the agreement with NGO "Regional Fund for Social and Economic Development "Tugan IL"

http://president.tatarstan.ru/news/view/115528



Meeting of Leontief Centre delegation with Rustam Minnikhanov, President of Tatarstan Republic in Government House 14.11.2012.

The purpose of study is express analysis of Tatarstan Republic socio-economic and spatial development and preparation of proposals for improvement of strategic planning in the country. Formed several groups of experts from leading Russian and foreign experts, who will present his vision for the development of their areas.

Sustainability and Impact of Municipal Strategic Planning Systems: Empirical Study Project supported by FSBI Russian Foundation for Humanities

In the first year of the project implementation, three articles published and methodology for gathering, analysis, codification and processing information about the processes and outcomes of the establishment and functioning of municipal strategic planning systems prepared. The methodology was discussed at the seminar during the XI All-Russian Forum "Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia» on October 23, 2012.

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"

For information:

«Ust-Luga Company» JSC is the customer-developer of Ust-Luga sea merchant port located in the Luga Bay of the Gulf of Finland. Alongside with the port construction the Company is involved in complex social-economic development of the adjacent territory.

http://www.ust-luga.ru/

Conservation and Use of Cultural Heritage in Russia.

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



Leontief Centre experts provides consulting support to working groups of participating regions in progress reports preparation, received by "Big Window" subprojects and correction (if necessary) of subprojects basic documents.

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. 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.

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

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

Preparation of Development Programme for Innovative Clusters in the Arkhangelsk Region.

Customer - Northern Arctic Federal University named after Mikhail Lomonosov.

During the project, a series of seminars, workshops and international scientific and practical conference prepared. Also the draft "Program of Clusters Development in Arkhangelsk Region for expedite the Innovation and Competitiveness of the Regional Economy" elaborated.



http://www.osu.ru/doc/961/news/4421

Expertise of the Draft Concept for Socio-Economic Development of Leningrad Region till

Customer - Center for Strategic Research "North-West" (CSR "North-West")

In November 2012 ICSER Leontief Centre prepared expert conclusion on the raft Concept for Socio-Economic Development

of Leningrad Region till 2025



http://47news.ru/articles/59568/ http://lenobl2025.ru/uploads/docs/digits.pdf

Expertise of Materials of the first stage on Elaboration of Strategy for Socio-Economic Development of Moscow Region till 2030

In prepared conclusion, based on evaluation of the first stage CSR" North-West "results, in the framework of state contract on research implementation "Elaboration of Strategy for Socio-Economic Development of Moscow Region till 2030".

LEONTIEF CENTRE ENDOWMENT



Implementation of the research included in the plan in 2012:

Analysis of Spatial Development Factors 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 ICSER Leontief Centre for the period up to May 31, 2015 (with possible extension the consent of the parties).

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 4 quarter, review prepared for October-November 2012.

http://www.leontief-centre.ru/content270

PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY – HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS



<u>Leontief Centre Interfaculty Base Department in the St Petersburg Branch of National Research University "Higher School of Economics".</u>

The purpose of Leontief Centre Interfaculty Base Department in the St Petersburg Branch of National Research University "Higher School of Economics" is to improve the educational process training of Masters as on programmes of St Petersburg Branch of National Research University "Higher School of Economics" - "State and Municipal Management" and "Economics "and by the Faculty of Public Administration of National Research University "Higher School of Economics" (Moscow) by strengthening teaching and research ties NRU "Higher School of Economics" with ICSER "Leontief Centre", including on the basis of involvement of teachers and practitioners who are leading researchers of ICSER "Leontief Centre", for conducting courses in Master programs HSE.

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).

In October-November, held a series of workshops discussion of the NIR progress, including analysis of municipal statistics describing the development of suburban belt agglomeration, collect and analyze information concerning the evaluation of the trade concentration and services in the areas exits the ring road and its impact on the development of suburban Petersburg metropolitan area, the population of the survey methodology, dedicated to quality and availability of social services in the suburbs of metropolitan area.

On November 6, 2012 Educational Scientific workshop on discussion of final report preparation for the research in 2012 with presentations: section "Development of Territories at Exits the Ring Road": - researcher E. Korchagina, trainee researcher E. Makarova, section "Results of Econometric Modeling" - graduated student T. Adamenko, A. Shevyakova, A. Shcherbakov and M. Fursova; by the method of St Petersburg commuters survey - Senior Researcher T. Vlasova. Report "Simulation Modeling of Spatial Processes" made M. Kondratiev, expert NIE HSE - St. Petersburg.



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

On October 26, the Second conference of the Faculty of Economics of the National Research University - Higher School of Economics (St. Petersburg) "From Crisis to Crisis: Expectations and Reality" was held. In the conference participated and made reports following Leontief Centre experts: Leonid Limonov, Artur Batchaev, Elizaveta Kolchinskaya, Andrey Zaostrovtsev. Leonid Limonov moderated section "Spatial Economics and Regional Policy", Andrey Zaostrovtsev moderated section "Role of Economic Institutions in Pre-and Post-Crisis Period."

In the framework of Joint Interdisciplinary Seminar of Leontief Centre, Sociological Institute, State University - Higher School of Economics and the Economic and Financial Research in the Leontief Centre Conference Hall the Section 4 Role of Economic Institutions in the Pre-and Post-Crisis Period" of research HSE conference was held.

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

11.10

Presentation of the Next Semi-Annual report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the Russian Economy: State and Forecast• World Bank report was presented by Kaspar Richter, World Bank Lead Economist, Russia Country Sector Coordinator for Economic Policy and Sergei Ulatov, World Bank Senior Economist. http://www.leontief-centre.ru/content276

8.11

Global Entrepreneurship and Transnationalism Meeting was held with participation of of USA Consulate General and Context Fund. Speaker: Ivan Light, Professor Emeritus, Ph. D., University of California, Berkeley.



18.12

Economists about Religion: from the Perspective of Atheist and Believer
Speaker: Andrey Zaostrovtsev, Senior Researcher of Leontief Centre. Discussants: Skorobogatov A.S.,

Leontief Centre. Discussants: Skorobogatov A.S., Professor, Department of Institutional Economics HSE - St. Petersburg, Travin D.Y., Berman V.R, Radchenko E.I., Kolesov D.N, Rozmainsky I.V, Gilinsky Y.I and others.



Participation of Leontief Centre Experts in Conferences, Seminars, Press Conferences

3.10

Boris Zhikharevich participated in the Planning Session Establishing Strategic Priorities of Leningrad Region, held as part of Development Strategy of Leningrad Region that implements by Fund CSR "North-West". The session was held in the Igora Resort with participation of the Governor A.Drozdenko. Leontief Centre will participate in expert support development.

http://www.rbcdaily.ru/2012/10/ 04/focus/562949984852833

9.10

Irina Karelina, Director General participated in the video conference Moscow - St Petersburg, devoted to XI All-Russian Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Potential of Integration (October 22-23, 2012).



11.10

Nina Oding participated in the Annual Conference Networking Regional and Local Labour Market Observatories Across Europe, organized by the Institute for Economics, Labour and Culture (IWAK), University of Frankfurt, Germany in Krakow (Poland) and moderated the working group Exchange of Experiences and Ideas about Measuring Geographical Mobility in Regional and Local Labour Market Observatories.



12.10

Nina Oding took part in the Annual Conference European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring (EN RLMM Skills on "Monitoring in European Regions and Localities» in Krakow, organized by Regional Labour Office in Krakow Labour Market and Education Observatory of Malopolska, and moderated the working group WG 6: How Can Foreign (Educational) Qualifications in Regional and Local Labour Market Monitoring be Depict?

http://www.regionallabourmar ketmonitoring.net/rlmmpdf/ENRLMMAM2012 Presenta tions.pdf

30.10

Director-coordinator of research programs Leonid Limonov participated in expert seminars, organized by the Foundation of CSR "North-West" on Leningrad Region Development - "Prospects of Real Estate Development

http://csrnw.ru/development/89/90/411/9 in Leningrad Region" and "Leningrad Region 2025: Scenarios of 77.html Development". Participants of seminars: vice-governor of the Leningrad region Dmitriy Yalov, heads of relevant committees of the Leningrad region, heads of construction and development companies, engineering and scientific organizations, universities, consulting firms, experts on economic and spatial development of Leningrad Region.

Boris Zhikharevich participated in Strategic Planning session "Scenarios 30.11 of Leningrad Region Development: Projects, Machinery, Road Maps", organized by CSR "North-West" and Government of the Leningrad region. Session was part of the finalizing process of Leningrad Region Development Concept, where Leontief Centre acts as an external examination.

http://www.baltinfo.ru/2012/11/3 O/Lenoblast-reshila-risknut-320798

3.12 Nina Oding, Head of Research Department took part in the Second International Conference of Eurasian Dialogue, held under the auspices of the Federation Council and Rossotrudnichestvo, supported by TION EDB (St Petersburg, Parliamentary Centre IPA CIS) - "Eurasian Integration in I Century" and made report Crossborder Regions of Russia and Kazakhstan in the Customs Union and the Common Economic http://www.souzveche.ru/upload/ iblock/43b/13899_2.pdf

5-6.12 Elena Belova, Secretary General of ICSER Leontief Centre participated in ESPON Internal Seminar "Territorial Development Opportunities in Neighbourhood and its Fostering Competitiveness", which brought together 190 participants representing the ESPON Monitoring Committee, Contact Points and Project Groups as well as stakeholders participating in Targeted Analysis projects. On round table "How to foster Europe's Competitiveness and Integration through Cooperation with Neighbouring Territories?" Elena Belova made presentation "Baltic Sea Transnational Cooperation of EU and Russian Regions".

http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu _Events/Menu_InternalSeminars/ internalseminar12120506

Nina Oding, Head of Research Department made to representatives of the 13.12 Coordination Group "Helsinki Center" a report on changes in the socio-economic life of St Petersburg, the city development and challenges future.

> "Helsinki Center" represents in St Petersburg just four Finnish cities: Helsinki, Tampere, Kotka and Lahti, and also interests of partners in these cities.

17.12 Leontief Centre Experts conducted trainings in the Yamal-Nenetsk Autonomous District Leontief Centre experts conducted trainings in Priuralsky and Shuryshkarsky municipalities of Yamal-Nenetsk Autonomous District. The two-day strategy sessions devoted to the renewal of strategies development in these municipalities.

http://www.r89.ru/novosti/1805.



XI All-Russian Forum « Strategic Planning in the Regions and Cities of Russia»



On October 22-23, 2012 in Saint-Petersburg the XI AII-Russian Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Potential for Innovation was 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, ICSER Leontief Centre. Irina Karelina is member of the Organizing Committee, head of Working Group of the Organizing Committee.



The All-Russian Forum is held annually since 2002 and is regarded as the main platform for discussion of methods and tools of strategic planning, as well as constructive analysis on the most important and sensitive problems of strategic plans and complex projects implementation in urban development of Russian Federation. The two-day Forum program hosted in total 25-30 events, organizers of the events are federal ministries, international organizations, and the leading consulting and expert organizations in Russia and the world. The core International Forum events were the following:

- V INTERNATIONAL ROUND TABLE ON EUROPEAN COOPERATION FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT devoted to EU regional policy, the Cohesion program, CEMAT and the OECD Agenda in Russia
- NORDIC GREEN DAY promoting the POTENTIAL FOR GREEN INTEGRATION, the Nordic region as a leader in green growth development, and bringing together Nordic and Russian partners of the strategic umbrella project: Nordic-Russian Green Growth Arena
- VASAB ROUND TABLE focused on the priorities of the Russian Chairmanship in the VASAB Committee 2012-2013

XI All-Russian Forum gathers a record number of international participants. Among them are heads of the key pan-European organizations: Jan Lundin, Council of the Baltic Sea States. Director General Ralph Michael, European Commission. Adviser to Director General Directorate General for Regional Policy Pascal Goergen, Assembly of European Regions. AER Secretary General Martín Guillermo Ramírez, Association of European Border Regions (AEBR). Secretary General Magelonn Dejean-Pons, Conference of Ministers Responsible for Spatial/Regional Planning (CEMAT).

During the Forum Leontief Centre experts made reports and presentations and were moderated series of roundtables and plenary sessions.



www.forumstrategov.ru



In the general website http://www.2012.forumstrategov.ru/index.php, you can find information about all the events held within this forum, news articles, etc.



PARTNERS AND NETWORKS



On October 5, 2012 in Moscow, the General Meeting of Members and Observers of the Association of Independent Centers of Economic Analysis (ARETT) was held. Irina Karelina was re-elected to ARETT board members.

Also at the Analytical Center of the Russian Government the Conference, devoted to the 10th ARETT anniversary - Russian Economy 2010: Issues and Reform, was held.

Conference took place in three sessions:

- Modernization of the State and Economic Policy" (moderator L.Grigoriev)
- Economic Policy and Society" (moderator E. Gurvich)
- Modernization of Economic Analysis" (moderator A. Auzan).

Presentations were made by the leading experts of the Association, including those working in the government of the Russian Federation.

Also presented ARETT Medals and Awards "New Generation", after which the winners presented their reports. Details: http://www.arett.ru/

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.

In Leontief Centre are also training students SPSU, Faculty of Geography and Geoecology and StPSUEF, Faculty of Economics and Management. Students are engaged in ongoing projects of Leontief Centre.







On 22-23 of October 2012, in St Petersburg in the framework of XI Forum of Strategic Planning Leaders the 2nd Steering Committee and 3rd Working Group Meeting and 1st AP4 coordination meeting of the Est-Lat-Rus Programme Project ELRI-113 "Advancing Remote Areas by Development of Cross-Border VH Tourism Route on basis of Local Resources: VIA HANSEATICA" was held. During the Forum session "Green Solutions and the Technology of Sustainable Development for Regions and Cities: Nordic-Russian Greenways", moderated by Elena Belova, Scientific Secretary of ICSER Leontief Centre, RU project coordinator, Sille Talvet, Project Coordinator, made presentation Via Hanseatica: The Crossroads of Baltic Nature and Culture. Presentation followed by discussion with project partners on possibilities to integrate Greenway approach to elaborating Via Hanseatica packages and products.

http://leontief-centre.ru/UserFiles/Files/Second_SC_minutes_final_merged.pdf.





On October 24, 2012 in Saint Petersburg, 60th Meeting of the VASAB (Vision and Strategies around the Baltic Sea) Committee on Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region took place under the chairmanship of Elena Chuguevskaya, Director of Strategic Planning of Regional Development Department of Russia. On behalf of the Leontief Centre, the meeting was attended by Irina Karelina Director General of the ICSER Leontief Centre and Elena Belova, Secretary General and Head of the Development Department of the Leontief Centre.

The meeting gathered 26 officials from different government institutions, including - Ministry of Regional Development of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Finland, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Regional Development of the Republic of Poland, as well as representatives of the scientific and expert organizations from Russia, Germany, Estonia, Lithuania, Sweden.Current issues and the course of VASAB projects implementation were also taken into consideration. Special attention was paid to the ESPON project Territorial Monitoring in the European macro-region - the experience of the Baltic Sea (Temo-BSR), presented by Nordregio experts. The joint VASAB-HELKOM activity plans in the field of maritime planning and implementation of the PartiSEApate project "Multi-level governance in the field of maritime spatial planning in the Baltic Sea Region", presented by the VASAB Secretariat, were discussed as well.

One of the key themes of the agenda was preparation of the VASAB Conference of Ministers for Spatial Development of the Baltic Sea, which will take place in 2014.



27-28 November, 2012 in Riga (Latvia), meetings of Programming Committee of Transnational Programme (EC) of the Baltic Sea Region 2014-2020 and Meeting of Monitoring Committee of the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013 held. Irina Karelina, Director General of ICSER Leontief Centre participated in meetings as observer. More information on the program website: www.eu.baltic.net



November 29, 2012 the Order of the Leningrad Region Governor 763-pr "On Formation of the Commission on Strategic Planning and Management Efficiency in Leningrad Region" was signed. Boris Zhikharevich was included in the commission.

WEB SITES

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

- ICSER 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.bcpartnerstvo.ru
- The16th Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET) www.eshet2012.ru
- Nordic-Russian Green Growth Arena (http://arena.leontief-centre.ru/)

AWARDS



Irina Karelina, Elena Belova and Boris Zhikharevich were awarded a souvenir medal of the 15th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Spatial/Regional Planning – CEMAT as a recognition of the high consideration of the work done in favour of sustainable spatial planning in the regions and cities of Russia and for the success of the All-Russian Forum «Strategic Planning in the Regions and Cities of Russia», periodically organized in St. Petersburg.

Committee for Culture of St Petersburg and Institute for Cultural Programmes is grateful to Irina Karelina for long-term partnership and support of information publication "St.Petersburg Next Year. Calendar of Events".

State budget (correctional institution for pupils, students with disabilities), special (correctional) boarding school N2 of Admiralteisky District of St Petersburg and Administration of orphanage 26 grateful to Director General I rina Karelina for their charity.

PUBLICATIONS



An information bulletin The Socio-Economic Situation in Saint-Petersburg 119 (September-October) 2012 .

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, NN 6, 7, 8, 2012.

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



Customs Union and Cross-border Cooperation between Kazakhstan and Russia (Report N 7, 2012)

Integration Research Center of Eurasian Development Bank issued report prepared by Leontief Centre experts: Leonid Limonov - lead author, Artur Batchaev, Denis Kadochnikov, Nina Oding, Lev Savulkin, Oxana Charushina, Elena Kostygina and ISSY "TSESSI-Kazakhstan" - "Customs Union and Crossborder Cooperation between Kazakhstan and Russia (Report N 7, 2012)" – St Petersburg, 2012.-p.56. ISBN 978-5-9903368-8-9.

The aim of the study – analyzing the effects of Customs Union for economic cooperation and industrial cooperation of border regions of the Russian Federation and Republic of Kazakhstan. Objectives of the study included assessing the trade effects of the structural and institutional integration in the vehicle, and developing of recommendations for policies improving of bilateral and multilateral economic cooperation and development in the EurAsEC region and CIS.



St Petersburg Metropolitan Area: Spatial Development in the Post-Soviet Period / Artut Batchayev; Mikhail Berezin; Tatyana Vlasova; Denis Kadochnikov; Leonid Limonov, O.Pakhomova, Nina Oding, Lev Savulkin; V.P.Fedorov; under editing of Leonid Limonov, Tatyana Vlasova. – St Petersburg: International Centre for Social and Economic Research "Leontief Centre", 2012. 200 p. Edition of 300 copies.

This publication contains the main results of study of spatial development of St Petersburg metropolitan area in the post-Soviet period. These issues include: consideration of the theoretical foundations of urbanization and the development of urban centers, identifying trends in the world's largest urban agglomerations, analyzes the features of economic and spatial development of St Petersburg metropolitan area. Attention of the authors focused on the identification and analysis of factors affecting the spatial development of St Petersburg metropolitan area, and the definition of value in their series of institutional factors. This publication presents information about the initial test the hypothesis that the decisive influence institutional factors.



Innovation Economy: Realities and Prospects: Scientific Conference, St Petersburg, September 27, 2011: collection of articles/under editing of A.Butukhanov, St Petersburg, 2012.-210 pages, ISBN 978-5-9904107-1-8, in which articles of Leontief Centre experts published:

A.Zaostrovtsev "Russia: Institutional Failure", D.Kadochnikov "Integration of the methodology of the new institutional economics applied to institutional analysis", A.Batchaev "The impact of innovation on the results of economic development (for example, the largest U.S. metropolitan areas)", T.Vlasova "Social capital as a factor of the development of spatial agglomerations", E.Kolchinskaya "An approach to the identification of potential brances for the development in the region in terms of coefficients of localization (for example, the manufacturing sector of Saint-Petersburg)", L.Limonov "Land ownership and management of development as factors of spatial development of the territory", L.Savulkin "Features of innovation in Russian", B.Zhikharevich and Y,Ryabkova "Opportunities of empirical test of the performance of different technologies of territorial strategic planning".



Skills Monitoring in European Regions and Localities. State of the Art and Perspectives.

Nina Oding, Lev Savulkin Highly Skilled Workers in the Innovation Sector of the Economy: The case of St.Petersburg // In: hrista Larsen, Ruth Hasberg, Alfons Schmid, Eugenia Atin, Jan Brozozowski (Eds). "SKILLS MONITORING IN EUROPEAN REGIONS AND LOCALITIES. STATE OF THE ART AND PERSPECTIVES.

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