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# BARENTS EU CENTRE

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# About Barents EU Centre

The EU Centre in Barents Region was founded on the basis of the EU Information Centre of Petrozavodsk State University in December 2011.

**Overall Objective:** to improve overall awareness and knowledge on EU related issues (structure, policies, economy, law, the European integration, the EU-Russia relations, etc.) among lecturers, students, officials, CSIs and general public in the Republic of Karelia and the Barents area of Russia.



## Specific Objectives:

- to upgrade skills and knowledge of lecturers of the institutions of higher education;
- to improve the existing courses on the EU issues and to develop new courses on the EU issues;
- to improve knowledge of students and schoolchildren on EU related matters;
- to promote better knowledge of the EU and cooperation between the EU and Russian regional officials and CSIs;
- to provide information and consulting services and events on the EU issues;
- to stimulate the EU research;
- to develop functioning of the informing and training structure.

## Main Activities:

- Gathering, exchanging and spreading information on the EU;
- Organization of conferences and seminars;
- Support of the research and educational cooperation on the study of the EU;
- Creation of educational programmes, study courses on the EU issues;
- Training of lecturers and staff members of organizations that cooperate with the EU;
- Assistance in the implementation of students' and lecturers' exchanges;
- Provision of consulting services on the opportunities of academic mobility and project activity.

## Target groups:

- Group of schoolchildren and students of the Barents area of Russia
- Group of lecturers of the Barents area of Russia
- Group of officials and CSIs of the Barents area of Russia

# Study course “History of the European Integration”

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Barents EU Centre started lectures on the course “History of European Integration” at PetrSU. Lectures are given in English in the framework of the “Open Module on the European Union” project, carried out with the financial support of the Erasmus + program of the European Union.



The course includes such topics as the historical and theoretical foundations of European integration, the various stages of its development, the current situation in the EU and possible prospects.

Lecturer - Kuznetsova Anastasia Alexandrovna, Director of the EU Info Centre, Head of the Barents Center of the EU PetrSU.

Total amount - 108 academic hours.

Students have an opportunity to practice and improve their knowledge of the language and get information on the subject of the course. The course is using an interactive teaching methodology, classes included games, debates, role-playing game on the EU model. According to the results of training, all students received a course certificate indicating the number of credits (3 ECTS).



Reviews have led to the conclusion that the course has provided useful and new information for both its own and for the professional development of students. Participants praised the new methods of learning. In addition, they have acquired and improved skills that will be useful for their future study and work.

# Evolution of the European political identity as a social structure of the EU

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The EU Research club meeting: "Evolution of the European political identity as a social structure of the EU"

On February, 21 2017 in the Barents EU Centre the EU research club meeting was organized. The Club was initially based on the project "The EU Centre in the Barents



region of Russia", since then it has been partially sustained and developed within the framework of "Open module on the EU" project co-financed by the Erasmus programme of the European Union.

This time the meeting format was discussion of the topic "Evolution of the European political identity as a social structure of the EU". Representatives of the Institute of international programmes as well as students of the Institute of history, political and social sciences participated in it. At the meeting the participants shared their knowledge of the history of development of relations between the EU and Russia and opinions on the current situation and future. The main discussion was devoted to the development of the social structure of the EU since 1990

The general point of view is that dialogue and partnership are always win-win methods of achievement of mutual understanding and mutually beneficial goals.

**For notes**

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