



# 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
- General public of the Barents area of Russia

## Online seminar “European Donor Organizations and Programs”

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A multi-sided webinar called Informational online seminar “European Donor Organizations and Programs” was arranged at the PetrSU Barents EU Centre on 28 February 2017. It was held within the framework of the project “EU Centre in the Barents Region of Russia”, implemented with the financial support of the

Erasmus+ program of the European Union.

The seminar covered European organizations and programs that provide financial aid for implementing various types of projects in research, educational, cultural, social, administrative and other areas. It will give the participants an opportunity to ask questions directly to the representatives of these programs and organizations.

The seminar united the representatives of the authorities, civil society institutions, (NGOs, civic organizations), cultural and educational institutions of the Barents region of Russia.

The program of the one-day seminar implied presentations of the participants and discussion in the question-answer format. As a result the participants listened to the presentations of Dmitry Bazegsky, head of the Petrozavodsk branch of the ENI Karelia program, Richard Burger, research and innovation counsellor of the EU



Delegation to Russia, on the Horizon 2020 program, Vadim Deleu, program coordinator of the EU Delegation to Russia, on the Erasmus+ program, Maria Dianova, counsellor of the International Barents Secretariat, on opportunities for financial cooperation in the Barents Region. Aleksei Rogozin, head of the international projects division of the PetrSU department of international projects and programs, spoke about his project experience in the ENPI Karelia project.

In general it is worth mentioning that the online seminar gave the participants an opportunity to gain new knowledge on the previously known and new programs, new skills on writing project applications and implementing a project. They got some useful advice that will help them to develop cooperation with the EU and project activity of their organizations.

## Lecture “The EU-Russia crisis: will there be a reset in 2017”

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On March 17, 2017, research fellow at Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (Spain) Nicolas de Pedro gave lecture on topic “The EU-Russia crisis: will there be a reset in 2017” with support of the project of the European Union “Public Diplomacy. EU and Russia”.



In his presentation he talked about the main points of the history of the development of Russia-EU relations and about the main questions that are of great current interest in these relations today. Participants exchanged opinions on the current situation, cooperation between Russia and the EU and its further prospects.

Lecture was held within the framework of the EU Research club organized by the PetrSU Barents EU Centre within the projects “EU Centre in the Barents region of Russia”, implemented with the financial support of the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.

## Business simulation “Peace Congress in Hague”

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On March 19, 2017, as part of the “EU Days’ within the project “EU Centre in the Barents region of Russia”, implemented with the financial support of the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union, a Business simulation “Peace Congress in Hague” took place in

“Khoroshee Mesto” [Good Place].

The game focused on modelling the situation in Europe at the beginning of the XX century. The game was aimed to provide knowledge on European history in a game format and allow to imagine what could happen, as well as take part in determining Europe’s destiny. Representatives of 10 countries, including France, Great Britain, Russia, the USA, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Serbia, Turkey, Japan, Germany tried to solve issues that were important for their countries at that time.

Among the participants were students of the Institute of Economics and Law, Institute of History, Political and Social Sciences, Institute of Mathematics and Information Technologies, Institute of Physical Education, Sport and Tourism of PetrSU, school students, members of different organizations and members of the public of Petrozavodsk. In their reviews the participants pointed out that through the game format and communication with each other they could improve their knowledge on the history of Europe, gain skills in negotiating, argumentation their position and in general had an interesting time.



## International school “Prospects of European integration: comparison with the regional integration processes in the Northern Europe”

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From 13 to 17 March Petrozavodsk State University hosted international school “Prospects of European integration: comparison with the regional integration processes in the Northern Europe”

The school was organized within the framework of the “EU Centre in the Barents region of Russia” project, implemented with the financial support of the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.

More than 30 people from Petrozavodsk, Rostov-on-Don, Perm, Ekaterinburg, Kazan, Kazakhstan, Finland, Denmark, Spain, Germany and Italy took part in the school. School lecturers – DSc, professor, Head of Department of Political Sciences of Perm State University Liubov Fadeeva, lecturer at the department of foreign studies of the Institute of social and political sciences, deputy head of the EU information centre at Ural Federal University Aleksei Chudinov, Candidate of Sciences, research fellow of the Institute of Economics of the Karelian Research Centre of Russian Academy of Sciences Ekaterina Shlapeko, professor, Head of the Centre for the Study of political change, director of the PhD programme in Political science, European politics and international relation of the University of Siena (Italy) Maurizio Cotta, research fellow at Barcelona Centre for International



Affairs Nicolas de Pedro, head of the PetrSU Department of history, political science and international relations, head of the research center of the WWII problems on the European North, chairman of Karelian Department of the European Studies association Yury Kilin, Candidate of Sciences, assistant professor at the department of History, Political Science and International Relations Ilya Solomesch, and senior lecturer of this department Anton Lapshin.



approaches and freely exchange opinions.

School programme included two main forms of work: lectures and discussion in work groups. Within groups students and lecturers discussed questions that involved a topic of the day and were of special interest to the participants. Such mode of work allowed to consider important questions from different

During the week students of the Institute of History, Political and Social Sciences and the Institute of Foreign Languages of PetrSU, as well as South Federal University, Perm State National Research University, Kazan Federal University, University of Helsinki and Copenhagen were listening to lectures on topics such as ecology as an integration factor in EU and Barents Euro-Arctic Region, European identity, regional organizations in Northern Europe and EU policy in the region, current situation in the EU etc.

Students' polling with evaluative forms showed that participants have positively evaluated the school's organization, content and format. They pointed out that the school was of practical importance for them, and this week has been useful for their future studies and professional activity.

The participation of Nicolas de Pedro was provided by the project of the European Union "Public Diplomacy. EU and Russia".



## Presentation of the Eastern Europe Research Centre of the Warsaw University (Studium Europy Wschodniej UW)

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On May 19, 2017, a presentation of the Eastern Europe Research Centre of the Warsaw University (Studium Europy Wschodniej UW), a recognized Polish scientific institution that specialized on Russian and Eastern Europe studies, took place at the Polish Institute in Saint Petersburg. The Research Centre was established in 1990 and became a place not

only for discussions, but also for meetings, exchanging opinions among outstanding specialists as well as young scientists that focus on problems connected with history, culture and international relations in Central-Eastern Europe.

The presentation took place with the participation of the founder and director of the Centre Jan Malicki. During the presentation the information on studying possibilities for Russian students in Poland (master programs of the Warsaw University, Eastern summer and winter schools, participation in conferences, Skubiszewski's grants) was presented.

Head of the Department of International Projects and Programs G.G. Parikhina took part in the event on PetrSU behalf, within the "EU Center in the Barents Region of Russia" project, implemented with the financial support of the Erasmus+ program of the European Union. She discussed the possibilities for cooperation between PetrSU and the Eastern Europe Research Centre of the Warsaw University in order to develop European research and holding joint events on European problems.



## Scientific conference for young researchers of the problems of modern Europe “Treaty of Rome: Europe after 60 years”



Scientific conference for young researchers of the problems of modern Europe “Treaty of Rome: Europe after 60 years” took place at PetrSU on May 29, 2017. The conference was held within the framework of the “EU Center in the Barents Region of Russia” project, implemented with the financial support of the

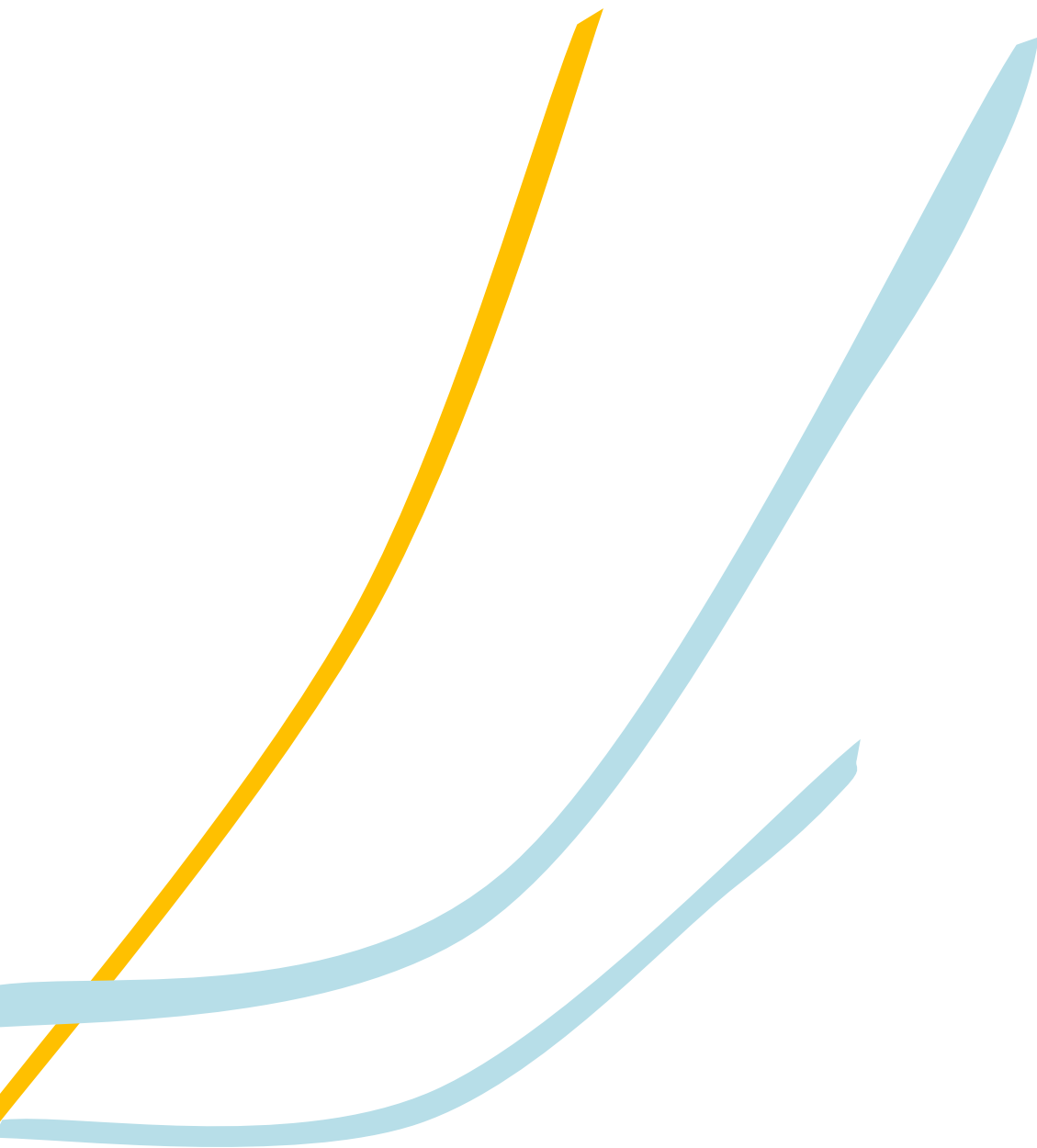
Erasmus+ program of the European Union.

It was organized for the second time by the EU Barents Centre and Karelian Branch of the Association of European Research.

PetrSU lecturers and students from the Institute of History, Political and Social Sciences took part in the event. Event’s moderator was Yury Mikhailovich Kilin, DSc in History, Head of the PetrSU Department of History, Political Science and International Relations, Director of the Institute of North European Research, Petrozavodsk State University, Chairman of Karelian Department of the European Studies Association.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate students and postgraduate students specializing in “International Relations”, “History of International relations”, “History of Northern European Countries” presented their reports on topics like environmental cooperation of the Northern Dimension program, specifics of Great Britain’s migration policy in the cusp on the XX and XXI centuries, Finland in the wake of the North Atlantic Alliance in the 1990s.

In general the conference showed that the interest towards European research at PetrSU is valued among young scientists, students are marked by a good knowledge of European issues. All speakers received certificates and commemorative prizes.



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