



# BARENTS EU CENTRE

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# About Barents EU Centre

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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.



## Main Activities:

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

## Target groups:

- Undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students of the Barents area;
- Lecturers of the Barents area;
- Officials of regional and municipal administrations and civil society institutions of the Barents area dealing with the EU cooperation;
- General public of the Barents area interested in information on the EU, the EU studies, research, education and project activities

## Working visit to the Saimaa University of Applied Sciences

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From January 11 to January 14 Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work, PetrSU, Yulia Alexandrovna Petrovskaya visited Saimaa University of Applied Sciences (Lappeenranta, Finland). Representatives of two universities discussed the possibility of international cooperation in the sphere of green care, social work

and international students exchange.

During the visit Yulia organised a series of working meetings with representatives of the international office, teachers and students of a Finnish university was held to exchange experiences and discuss opportunities for international cooperation.

The trip took place within the framework of the project "EU Center in the Barents Region of Russia", carried out with the financial support of the Erasmus + program of the European Union.



## New forms of cooperation between PetrSU and Hungarian universities.

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On March 24, a scientific and methodological seminar on Russia - Hungary cooperation was held at the RCSC in Budapest with the participation of the leading scientists of RKI and representatives of 12 Hungarian universities.

Head of the international department of Petrozavodsk State University A. Rogozin

spoke at the seminar with information on possible areas of cooperation with the Hungarian side. Currently this university is the chairman of the Association of Finno-Ugric Universities. Cooperation in the sphere of project management, culture and academic mobility were discussed during the seminar.

## Days of Germany in Russia

From 18 to 26 April 2018 in St. Petersburg, with the assistance of the German Academic Exchange Service, were held days of Germany in Russia.

Participants of the Week were presented a number of German universities with detailed information on possible training and exchange programs. Also within the framework of the Week an exhibition “Russian-German double degree programs” and a round table on the topic “Double degree programs: theory and practice” were held.



Petrozavodsk State University at the events was represented by the head of the department of international projects and programs G. G. Parikhina

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## Focus on the Barents Region, the EU and the Entire North (ISSK 2018)

The Boiling Point – Petrozavodsk hosts the 15<sup>th</sup> International Summer School in Karelia (ISSK) “Discourses and dimensions of the Barents Region, the EU and the entire North - theories & methods of Arctic studies”. The school convened over 30 Bachelor and Master Degree students, postgraduates and teachers from PetrSU, representatives of universities of Finland, Spain, Estonia,



Canada and other countries, as well as specialists of public and academic organizations, engaged in research in this area.

In the course of a week, they attended lectures, seminars and training sessions to deepen their knowledge of the Barents region, the EU and the entire North, and develop skills of working in an

international team.

The Vice-Rector for International Affairs Marina Gvozdeva addressed the participants with a welcoming word. She noted that for 15 years the organizers have managed to pinpoint the most relevant issues to be discussed at the Summer School in Karelia. "For Petrozavodsk State University, the Flagship University of Karelia, this event is essential, as our university is the actor of "soft security" in the border region. It promotes solid neighborhood relations and facilitates cooperation in the Arctic and Barents regions. I hope that the school will help lay the groundwork for both new research projects in priority areas and practical interdisciplinary projects in pressing issues, implemented by international teams," said Marina Gvozdeva.



The participants were also welcomed by the Director of the Institute of History, Political and Social Sciences, Sergey Verigin: "I am sure that you will learn a lot and have fruitful discussions. Good luck!"

According to the curator of the school Aleksandra Smirnova, each time the school involves not only scientists and researchers but also those who are engaged in practical work. For instance, this year Pavel Petrov, the Head of the Department of International Cooperation of the Karelian Research Center of the RAS, and Igor Shevshuk, the Director of the Swedish-Karelian Information Business Center, will share their expertise in project work, applying for grants of international foundations and organizations.

The school is organized by Petrozavodsk State University and its Finnish partners: the University of Lapland and the Aleksanteri Institute of the University of Helsinki

under the project “EU Center in the Barents Region of Russia” implemented with the financial support of the Erasmus+ program of the European Union.

## "Green care" seminar at PetrSU



A two-day seminar was held in Petrozavodsk State University - a meeting dedicated to the issues of "green care".

The participants were students and teachers of the three institutes of PetrSU (Institute of Biology, Ecology and Agrotechnologies, Institute of History, Political and Social

Sciences, and Medical Institute).

Representatives of the University of Applied Sciences Savonia (Savonia University of Applied Sciences (Savonia UAS), Iisalmi, Finland) - senior teachers, masters of natural sciences Katriina Pulkkanen and Susanne Hamalainen shared their experience and knowledge in this field.

Participants spoke about the possibilities of “green care” to ensure the well-being and development of rural areas, the Finnish health care system, hippotherapy using social pedagogy methods, etc.

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## International school "The problems of social well-being of the population in modern conditions"

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"The problems of social well-being of the population in modern conditions are of particular relevance on both sides of the Russian-Finnish border," said Yu.A. Petrovskaya, acting Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work, during the work of the international school for social work. The event was held in Petrozavodsk

State University, gathering teachers and students of PetrSU and Saimaa University of Applied Sciences (Saimaa University of Applied Sciences), Lappeenranta (Finland) to discuss this topical issue.

Within the school, lectures and discussions were held on the problems of social work with family, children, elderly people and other categories of the population, and possible directions for further cooperation between PetrSU and Saimen University of Applied Sciences were identified. The school was held within the framework of the project "EU Center in the Barents Region of Russia", implemented with the financial support of the European Union's Erasmus + program.



## The Annual BSRUN Forum "Implementing University Strategy and Mobilities" (07.06.2018, Saint Petersburg)

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In cooperation with Saint Petersburg State University of Economics (UNECON) BSRUN has conducted its annual Forum on June, 7 2018.

The annual forums concern significant tendencies in the higher education in the Baltic Sea Region. This time Forum was devoted to the topic “Implementing University Strategy and Mobilities”

After the welcome addresses by Igor Maksimtsev, rector of UNECON, and Kari Hyppönen, president of BSRUN, the plenary session “University strategies” started the work of the forum.

Representatives of University of Turku (Irinja Paakkanen & Mari Leino), National Research University “Higher School of Economics” (Marina Batalina), Saimaa UAS (Anneli Pirttilä), Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University (Kseniya Prasolova), Pskov State University (Marina Makhotaeva) and Saint Petersburg State University (Stanislav Tkachenko) presented cases of internationalization development strategy of their institutions by means of academic and staff mobility.

In the end of plenary session *Tadas Juknevičius (MOSTA)* and *Mari Leino (University of Turku)* presented the research report of Baltic Science Network about challenges in mobility in the Baltic Sea Region.

Moderator of the plenary session was Dmitry Vasilenko (UNECON).

After lunch during the second panel session “Managing international mobility” more practical questions were discussed: problems of students mobility by Olga Krylova (Higher School of Economics – Saint Petersburg), regulation of study periods recognition by Evgeniy Shevchenko (AVRIR),

engaging international talents by Adam Jagiello-Rusilowski (University of Gdansk), international accreditation by Igor Postula (University of Warsaw) and special software facilitating mobility programmes by Valentin Iani (QS Unisolution).



This session was moderated by Irinja Pakkanen (University of Turku).



Final part of the conference was panel discussion with university cases of mobility programmes: Saint Petersburg State University (Natalia Petrova and Natalia Taranova), Yaroslav-The-Wise Novgorod State University (Natalia Shaydorova), North-West Institute of Management of RANEPA (Evgeniya Chernyavskaya) and Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno (Alena Belakoz).

After short presentation Mari Leino (University of Turku) discussed with colleagues the actual problems of international mobility management.

The forum attended more than 80 persons from 8 countries (Belarus, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russia).

The work of the conference was finished by informal reception.

PetrSU on this Forum was represented by Marina Gvozdeva, vice-rector for academic affairs.

## Meetings with representatives of Hungarian universities



meeting with all international coordinators of the University of Szeged, the University of Gyor, as well as the University of Pécs and the University of Penonia.

During the series of meetings participants of the meeting discussed practical issues on the preparation of joint applications for Erasmus + programs in the field of

Head of the international projects sector A.A. Rogozin took part in a series of working meetings with representatives of universities in Hungary.

July 31 - Peter Pazman University (a working meeting devoted to creation of custodial sites on the territory of PetrSU and Hungarian universities) The meeting was held with the assistants of the university rector - Irisz Horvat.

On August 1 Alexey Rogozin had a



agricultural technologies and biotechnology. One of the most debatable question was about possibilities for Hungarian students to participate in academic mobility programs at PetrSU ( currently there are two large programs: Russian governmental program, Campus Mundi Program)

On August 2 Alexey delivered presentation about programs of academic exchange and academic mobility for students of the University of Gyor.

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