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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

The EU Research Club

The Club is the platform for development of the EU research. It is established for all people who are interested in the development of research activities on the EU and who want to gain new knowledge and exchange opinions with specialists, experts, researchers and just interested people. It presupposes regular meetings about topical issues of the EU in such forms as round-table discussions, presentations, lectures, seminars, etc. The club is oriented, first



of all, on graduate and postgraduate students who develop research on the EU issues, but it is open for all representatives of the general public. It provides the possibility to get consultations of lecturers and experts, to discuss scientific topics, urgent news and the issues of the EU and to communicate with each other. It assures scientific, professional and personal development of the EU Research Club participants. The club will develop the EU research in the Barents area of Russia and provide its profound, interdisciplinary and multi-approach nature.

The meeting of the EU Research club took place on December 4, 2015. This time the meeting took form of a discussion of the topic “Migration situation in the EU”. Institute of International Programs staff members, students of the Institute of History, Political and Social Studies took part in this meeting. The expert was Yuri Kilin, DSc in history, head of the PetrSU chair 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.

During the meeting participants watched video materials related to the topic, heard the expert opinion, and exchanged their knowledge and evaluations of the situation.



Many participants shared their personal experience of communicating with migrants and European citizens concerning the migration situation in the region.

The participants gave positive feedback concerning organization of the meeting and expressed the readiness to be a part of the EU Research Center in the future.

Webinar with Center of European Studies of Carleton University



On December 8, 2015, the Barents EU Center held a webinar with the Center of European Studies in Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada). Institute of International programs staff members took part in that meeting.

Shale gas development policy in Europe was the webinar's topic. Francis McGowan, senior lecturer at Sussex University, one of the leading universities in Great Britain, presented his position on the subject.

There are people who support and there are people who argue against the development of such energy source. Some people say that such policy will be beneficial for the economic and energy situation in Europe, other argue that it will lead to breaching the environmental, health and safety standards. Different viewpoints, as well as debates at the EU institutions level were presented during the webinar.

Exhibition “The EU Today”

The exhibition “The EU Today” was opened in PetrSU library on October 14, 2015 within the framework of “EU Centre in the Barents region of Russia” project co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union. Various materials on European history, the European Union, EU countries, European integration, the



history of EU founding, European educational opportunities and the work of the EU Centre in the Barents region of Russia were displayed.

The exhibition enabled visitors to extend their knowledge of the EU, learn more about this organization and collaboration opportunities they can take. The exhibition took place until October 30, 2015.

Meeting with project lecturers

The presentation of “EU Center in the Barents region of Russia” project took place at PetrSU on November 23, 2015. The project is implemented with the financial support of the Erasmus+ program of the European Union. Lecturers from the Institute of History, Political and Social Sciences, as well as from the Faculty of Ecology and Biology and the Faculty of Law, who will be directly involved in the implementation of the project since 2016, took part in this meeting.



The project's aims and objectives, financial and organizational issues, as well as future events were discussed during the meeting.

All participants have expressed their willingness to support the project and its successful implementation, as well as achieving of planned results.

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