



BARENTS EU CENTRE

NEWSLETTER

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Open module on the EU



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.



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

Study course “History of European Integration”

On January 23, 2017, the lectures on the course “History of European Integration” finished in the EU Barents Centre of PetrSU.

Lectures were 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 included 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 had the opportunity to practice and improve their knowledge of the language and get information on the subject of the course. The course used 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.

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.

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.

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2) European vs public identity: is confirmation existing?

On May 16, 2017 the space bridge "European vs public identity: is confirmation existing?" was arranged in the Barents EU Centre within the framework of EU Research Club.

The Club has existed since 2012 and it was created within



the framework of the project "Establishing the EU Centre in the Barents Region of Russia", implemented under financial support of the European Union.

This time the meeting had the format of space bridge with the representatives from the Faculties of Law, Economics and Philology and public members participated in the meeting. Such variety of participants allowed to discuss the questions of EU development, public identity and relations between Russian and the EU from different points of view.

The meeting was arranged during the interesting period when some questions related to external policy of the EU and European identity were especially sharp. Thus, the discussion was very active. So, both sides came to conclusion that such meetings should be conducted more often as they allow to exchange the opinions and be informed about first-hand position of experts.

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