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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 "European Law"

On July 20, 2017 the work on developing and delivering lectures on the course "European Law" was completed at the EU Info 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 concept of European law, the relationship between European law and the national legislation of EU member states, EU institutions and the decision-making process, the legal basis of relations between Russia and the EU and an analysis of their development.

The teacher was Anastasia A. Kuznetsova, Director of the EU Info Center.

The total volume of the course is 108 academic hours.



The 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 and debates.

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.

Study course "The Middle East policy of the European Union at the beginning of the XXI century"



Natalia Vladimirovna Silina, an expert from the International Scientific and Educational Center on the History and Culture of the European North of the Institute of History, Political and Social Sciences of PetrSU, taught the 3rd year undergraduate students of the IIPISN course "Middle Eastern Policy of the European Union at the Beginning of the 21st Century"

The main goal of the course was to provide students with an insight into the current situation in the Middle East and the main policies of the leading European Union member states regarding this region.

The objectives of the course were to highlight the main aspects of EU foreign policy at the end of the 20th and the beginning of the 21st centuries; to acquaint students with the political situation in the Middle East in the XX - at the beginning of the XXI centuries; analyze the main directions of the policy pursued by the EU towards the countries of the Middle East region; and assess the role of the European Union in the Middle East conflict.



The course consisted of 4 aspen topics:

- Topic 1. EU foreign policy at the end of the 20th - beginning of the 21st centuries.
- Topic 2. The Middle East conflict at the turn of the XX-XXI centuries

Theme 3. The European approach to the peace process in the Middle East
Topic 4. Leading European Union member countries and the political situation in the Middle East region at the beginning of the 21st century

The enlargement of the European Union, the economic and political trends and the convergence process



On the 21st of November 2017 the third meeting of the EU Research Club took place at PetrSU. The Club was founded within the framework of the international project 'Establishing the EU Centre in the Barents area of Russia' and then supported again by another project "Open module on the EU" project co-financed by the Erasmus

programme of the EU.

This time the meeting was held as a roundtable on the following topic: 'The enlargement of the European Union, the economic and political trends and the convergence process'. Students and lecturers from faculties of Law, Economics, Political and Social Sciences, as well as the staff of the department of the International project and programs participated in the roundtable.

Within the course of the roundtable the following questions were covered upon: the character and reasons of the crisis; definition of the field, where crisis started; interests and goals of the EU member states; future of the EU and Russia's position on the current situation in the EU. The discussion was held in a form of a debate, and the participants actively exchanged opinions.

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