



Round Table International Cooperation for Regional Development

26 October 2020, 12.00–14.00

Organizers: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, St. Petersburg Committee for External Relations, ICSEER Leontief Centre

Moderators

- **Irina Karelina**, Director-General of ICSEER Leontief Centre
- **Elena Sadovnikova**, Expert on International Cooperation

Abstract

XIII round table "International cooperation for regional development" continues its traditional work on addressing current challenges, discussing and highlighting the goals of international regional development and strategic territorial planning, based on the experience of the near and far abroad, as well as on the leading Russian experience. This year the discussion will involve the views of the participants for the main short-, mid- and long term problems in their activities in three thematic rounds:

- *Round one: cross-border cooperation issues*
- *Round two: development in the context of COVID-19*
- *Third round: cultural aspects of territorial / regional planning*

Leading experts from Europe: Germany, Finland, Greece, Belgium, France, Switzerland - African countries and other countries will present their ideas and best practices in the context of the specific areas and the main topic of the round table in the social, cultural, environmental, economic fields. In addition, leading Russian experts will share their experience and results regarding the main themes of the session. The round table will also provide an opportunity to establish direct contacts and exchange experience of both foreign experts and the Russian authorities.

Program

Andrey Hlutkov, Deputy Chairman, Committee for External Relations of Saint Petersburg

Igor Kapyrin, Deputy Director of Department of European Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Evgeny Karpichev, Assistant to the Plenipotentiary Envoy of the President of the Russian Federation in the North-West Federal District

Grzegorz Poznanski, Director General, Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat

“Border Country” in Africa; First All African Forum on “Border Country” to be held in Bamako Mali 7 June 2021

Aguibou Diarrah, Ambassador, Executive Director, Center of African Borderland Security and Development studies

International experience of cross-border relations in times of pandemic

Martin Guillermo Ramires, Association of European Border Regions (AEBR), General Secretary

Regional Cooperation in Tourism for Better Regional Development

Jean-Luc Vanraes, Member of the Executive Board, Assembly of European Regions (AER)

There is no life without water: Council of Europe’s activities on water resources

Maguelonne Dejeant-Pons, Council of Europe. Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention

Ana Nikolov, Executive Director, Institute for International and Cross-border Cooperation (ICBC), Serbia

The border closure and its consequences on the politics of the border municipalities - at the example of the border regions in the middle of Europe

Florian Schmid, President of the GFGZ

Culture in Cross-Border Cooperation

Johannes Moisis, Association of European Border Regions (AEBR), Task Force of External Borders, Chairman

The case for better use of land

Richard Wakeford, rural development policy expert, Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, Honorary Life Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute

COVID-19: Regional Policy Challenges and Responses

William Tompson, Head of the Eurasia Division, Global Relation Secretariat of the OECD

Mediterranean Tourism and the Covid-19 pandemic

Lila Leontidou, Professor Emerita, Hellenic Open University

Nikolaos Vagionis, Center of Planning and Economic Research (Greece), Senior Researcher

Folk arts and crafts in the Russian regions as an important factor of the industrial development

Gulnaz Kadyrova, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation

Liliya Nurgatina, Deputy Director of the Department for the Development of the Industry of Socially Important Goods, Ministry of Industry and Trade of Russia

Development of the Kaliningrad region tourist brand: The value of the historical heritage of the border region

Andrey Gorokhov, investor-entrepreneur, Chairman of the Charitable Foundation

Panelists

MAKANA, Singer, Songwriter, Hawaiian Cultural Ambassador

Michael Jansen, Administrator at the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, former Policy Advisor to the President of the European Committee of the Regions

Luc-Emile Bouche-Florin, Honorary President of the European Council of Spatial Planners

Daria Akhutina, Senior Adviser, Department Head for Sustainable and Prosperous Region, Council of the Baltic Sea States

Ekaterina Goloulina, Acting Director of the International Institute for Monitoring Democracy Development, CIS Interparliamentary Assembly

Aleksander Shishonin, Chief Medical Officer, Clinic of doctor Shishonin