

25 October 2021
12:00–14:00

Round Table International Interregional Cooperation Amidst Overcoming the COVID-19 Pandemic

ORGANIZERS

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

MODERATORS

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

Irina Karelina, Director-General, ICSEER Leontief Centre

Elena Sadovnikova, Expert on International Cooperation

ABSTRACT

XIV round table devoted to international cooperation 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 be focused on developing interregional cooperation amidst overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic. Leading experts from 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. XIV International Roundtable also plans to start a dialogue on the preparation and signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the most influential international, Russian and interregional network organisations. This document would expand direct contacts between regions and organisations, promote experience exchange, highlight new ideas and facilitate local projects as well as regional development in general.

Special attention will be paid to the 50th anniversary of the AEBR-Association of European Border Regions and its activities.

Cross-Border Cooperation, International Round Tables and Strategic Planning Forum
Martin Guillermo-Ramirez, Secretary General, Association of European Border Regions

Victor Kidyaev, Deputy of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation,
President of the All-Russian Congress of Municipalities

Cees Loggen, President of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, Regional Minister
of the Province of Noord-Holland

Christian Spahr, Secretary General, Assembly of European Regions

Jean-Luc Vanraes, Vice President, Assembly of European Regions

*Historical heritage of the Kaliningrad region: Pan-European significance and international
cooperation*

Andrey Gorokhov, Deputy of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian
Federation

Internation Experts

Border Management in Africa: challenges, lessons learnt and Way Forward

Aguibou Diarra, Ambassador, Executive Director, Center of African Borderland Security and
Development Studies

Covid 19 and Interregional Response: The case of Open Higher Education

Nikolaos Vagionis, Center of Planning and Economic Research of Greece, Deputy Scientific
Director

The Youth Dimension of the Cross Border Cooperation in the Balkans

Ana Nikolov, Executive Director, Institute for International and Cross-border Cooperation

Florian Schmid, President of the GFGZ (Society for the Promotion of Cross-Border
Cooperation)

Russian experts

*Experience exchange in sustainable urban environment development as an important part of
interregional and municipal cooperation. Overcoming Covid-19*

Svetlana Razvorotneva, Deputy of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian
Federation

Olga Bozhok, Head of the International Department of the Non-Commercial Partnership
“Reformation of the Local Self-Government Foundation”

Interregional cooperation in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic

Ekaterina Goloulina, Investment Director of JSC LOESK - Electric Networks of St. Petersburg
and the Leningrad Region

Liliya Nurgatina, Deputy of Head of Department of Socially Significant Goods Development,
Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation (tbc)