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Panel Discussion SDGs Implementation: Financing, Monitoring, and the Best Practice in Cities and Regions

ORGANIZERS

Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, Council of the Baltic Sea States, SGM Agency, IC SER Leontief Centre

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ABSTRACT

An important area of implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda in Russia is its promotion to the regional and local levels. The focus of the participants in the second cycle of the panel discussion is the application of the recommendations of the Accounts Chamber in terms of the organizational and managerial aspects of SDG integration, the development of a methodology, of systems for monitoring, audit and voluntary reporting at the regional and municipal levels. The first initiatives and experience of Russian cities and regions will be presented, as well as the best practices of implementing the 2030 Agenda and voluntary reporting of world leading cities in promoting the SDGs. At the end of May 2021, the Ministry of Economic Development submitted to the Government of the Russian Federation for approval a package of basic documents for launching sustainable development projects and "green" financing tools in Russia. The use of international instruments for responsible sustainable investment, the formation of a domestic system of green finance will allow attracting private capital to finance green and adaptation projects of cities and regions, as well as ensuring Russia's contribution to the implementation of the global The SDG achievement agenda.

Topics to be discussed:

- Monitoring SDGs implementation in the regions of Russia: first results and development challenges.

- International recommendations and best practices of foreign cities - leaders in promoting the SDG agenda.
- Russian taxonomy of green projects and the first experience of green financing of regions.
- Russia-EU financial cooperation tools aimed at incorporating the SDGs into regional and municipal strategies.

SPEAKERS

Dmitry Zaitsev, Auditor, Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation

Anton Tsvetov, Deputy Director of the Department of Multilateral Economic Cooperation and Special Projects of the Ministry of Economic Development of Russia

Marina Samoilova, Head, Federal State Statistics Service in the Rostov Region

Kristina Kobyz, Chairman of the Committee for the Implementation of Cross-Border Cooperation and Tourism Programs, Pskov City Administration

Alexei Loshkin, Chairman, Control and Accounting Chamber of the Chelyabinsk Region

Askar Japparkulov, Director of the Macroeconomic Policy Department of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Nelya Rakhimova, Coordinator of Coalition for Sustainable Development of Russia, Founder of Open School of Sustainable Development

Valery Vakulenko, Chairman of the Pushkinsky (Tsarskoe Selo) Council for Sustainable Development, President of the Eco-Development Innovation Center "ECOESTATE"

Jukka Kopra, Member of the Parliament, Chairman of the Board, Regional Council of South Karelia

Best practice in integrating and financing the SDGs of the Union of the Baltic Cities

Bjorn Gronholm, Head of Secretariat of the Union of the Baltic Cities - Sustainable Cities Commission