

**The programme of the Russian Federation presidency in the Steering  
Committee of the Barents Euro-Arctic transport region  
(November 2007-November 2009)**

The Russian Federation suggests to carry out during its presidency, first of all, cooperation in the following directions:

1. A joint action to eliminate bottlenecks, congestion and other obstacles in supply of transport services by business entity of the Parties in the BEAT (CBER) region<sup>1</sup>.
2. Taking into account the transport security situation, the Parties should undertake steps to coordinate efforts in this area.
3. Considering the fact that the Council of the Barents Euro-Arctic Region (CBER) covers several regions of the Russian Federation, Sweden, Norway and Finland, Parties make efforts to promote cooperation between these regions.
4. Taking into account that transport issues are subject of discussions in other international institutions, Parties will seek to establish constructive dialogue with other international organizations and regional institutions in order to avoid duplication and coordinate actions to achieve general objects.
5. Information sharing on the state of transport infrastructure in the region, traffic flow, waiting time at the border, in order to develop joint measures to deal with the administrative and technical obstacles (physical barrier).
6. Information sharing on the existing national transport strategy and planned amendments in them, as well as on the projects of developing transport infrastructure implemented or planned to implement in order to coordinate their activities for the development of transport infrastructure in the region on a mutually advantageous basis.
7. Information sharing on further regulatory legal acts governing the supply of transport services, planned amendments to existing legislation.

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<sup>1</sup> In particular, the improvement of maintenance of roads in wintertime at selected patches, shortening time of scrutinize a documents for receipt of visas for drivers, etc.

8. Information sharing on tenders for development of projects of transport facilities, so that the entrepreneurs of other Parties will be able to participate in such tenders.
9. Parties support further implementation of the STBR II project.

For realization of the above mentioned objectives Parties will formulate a plan of cooperation for the next two years.

The Russian Federation plans to hold a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Barents Euro-Arctic transport region in the 2-nd quarter of 2008 (Murmansk), in the 4-th quarter of 2008 (Moscow), in the 2-nd quarter of 2009 (Arkhangelsk), in the 4-th quarter of 2009 (Moscow).