

PEIPSI FORUM III

Regional Development and Cross Border Cooperation in the Estonian-Russian Border Area

Tartu and Kallaste; August 22-23, 2003

Organizers: EuroFaculty, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute, Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation

Supporters: US Embassy and Swedish Embassy in Estonia, Nordic Council of Ministers, UNDP/GEF

Working languages: Estonian, English and Russian.

Friday, 22 August

Conference venue: Atlantis conference center; Narva mnt 2, Tartu

Moderator of the day: *Tiit Matsulevitš, Parliament of Estonia, former Estonian Ambassador in Russia*

10.30-11.15 Introduction by conference organizers:

Mr. Michael Gallagher, director of Euro College;

Dr. Andres Kasekamp, director of Estonian Foreign Policy Institute;

Dr. Gulnara Roll, chairwoman of Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation

I Panel: Results of the Estonian-Russian Research Project

11.15-11.45 **Prof. Konstantin Khudolei**, Dean of the School of International Relations of St. Petersburg State University and academic Mihhail Bronshtein, Tartu University.

Academic cooperation between Estonian and Russian universities.

11.45-12.15 *Coffee break*

12.15 - 12.40 **Heiko Pääbo**, Tartu University *Comparative study of cross-border cooperation on Estonian-Russian and Finnish-Russian borders. Perspectives and problems of Euroregion*

12.40 - 13.00 **Dr. Dmitri Lanko**, St Petersburg State University. *Estonia and Northwest Russia in the Changing Baltic Sea Region at the Beginning of the 21st Century*

13.00 - 13.20 **Roman Zahharov**, Euro Faculty. *Analysis of the Investment Demand in IT sector in North-West Russia and Estonia: Partners or Competitors?*

13.20 - 13.30 *Questions and comments*

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

II Panel: Challenges and impediments for cross border cooperation

- 14.30 - 14.50 **Kadri Jushkin; Ministry of Internal Affairs;** *Perspectives of Cross-border Co-operation after the EU Enlargement*
- 14.50-15.10 **Vladimir Lopatin, Pskov oblast administration;** Russian-Estonian cross-border cooperation from Pskov perspective
- 15.10 – 15.40 **Eero Mikenberg, Estonian FPI; Lev Schlosberg, “Vozrozdneye”, Dr. Daina Bleiere, Latvian Institute of International Affairs;** *Findings of the Estonian- Latvian-Russian project on the reasons for the low level of cross-border activities;*
- 15.40 -16.20 **Rein Kilk, Transcom Ltd. and Oleg Melnikov, Gdov-Invest Ltd.** Water transportation on Lake Peipsi
Comments, discussion
- 16.20 - 16.40 *Coffee break*

III Panel: Practical projects in the Estonian-Russian border region

- 16.40-16.55 **Vladimir Zubov, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Pskov region.** *Economic cooperation of border territories*
- 16.55 - 17.15 **Margit Säre and Olga Vassilenko;** Cross border and community development projects in the Estonian-Russian border region
- 17.15 - 17.30 **Sirje Bork, Tartu town administration; Vladimir Elfimov, Pskov town government;** Tartu and Pskov cultural cooperation, Pskov days in Tartu
- 17.30 -17.40 *Comments, discussion*
- 17.40-18.00 Concluding remarks by Tiit Matsulevitš
Closing
- 19.00 Reception in “Püssirohukelder”, Lossi Str.28**

Saturday, 23 August

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- 9.00 Boat trip to Kallaste, by “Polaris”
Visit of Praaga border check point
- 12.00 *Opening of the Kallaste Information Point*
Viktor Nukka – Mayor of Kallaste
Thomas Hodges – US Embassy
Virve Tuubel – Peipsi CTC
- 12.45 Reception by mayor of Kallaste. Buffet-lunch
Fish and Onion fair
- 14.00 Departure to Tartu by bus
14.45 Arrival in Tartu

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