

Northwest Russia: Facts and Events

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Cooperation of St. Petersburg with Foreign Cities and Regions



Cooperation with foreign cities and regions is central for the development of external relations of St. Petersburg. It started in 1953 when friendly ties were initiated with the Finnish city of Turku. At present 80 foreign cities and about 20 regions have entered cooperation agreements with St. Petersburg.

The full list of partner cities and regions may be found at: http://www.kvs.spb.ru/ru/activity/info/en/partner_cities_06/

Source: St. Petersburg Committee for External Relations, www.kvs.spb.ru
Photo: www.interpress.ru

Constitutional Court of Russia in St. Petersburg



On 16 January the presidential property manager Vladimir Kozhin made an official statement, that the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation will start its work in St. Petersburg on 21 May 2008. 15 judges of the Constitutional court will move to St. Petersburg. The Constitutional court will be located in the building of Senate and Sinod, which was earlier used as public archives.

Source: *Delovoy Peterburg* newspaper, January 2008, www.dpgazeta.ru
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Russian Economic Developers Association (ASSET)



Russian Economic Developers Association (ASSET) incorporates individual practitioners, scientific workers, experts and consultants, engaged in fostering economic development of towns and regions. The Association was founded in 2003 under the auspices of the Eurasia Foundation, the University of Calgary – Gorbachev Foundation, the ICSEF “Leontief Centre”.

Today the number of the ASSET members accounts for 97 experts – specialists on economic development of territories from 45 cities and regions of Russia, Canada, and Finland.

The principal goal of the Association is to foster socio-economic development of Russian regions through formation of the community of high professional territorial development experts.

The Association has several tasks: formation of professional standards in the area of fostering economic development of territories; introduction of strategic planning practices in regions and local self-government bodies; advanced training and enhancing skills of economic developers; certification of territorial economic development experts; exchange of professional experiences among the territorial economic development experts.



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Tovatt Architects and Planners to Design a Residential Area in St. Petersburg



The Swedish *Tovatt Architects and Planners* Company was chosen to develop a concept of a residential area for 60 thousand people near Juntolovo natural reserve in St. Petersburg. The construction on the area of 455 hectares will start in 2009 and will be accomplished in 2017. The total investments in the project are estimated USD 6,7 billion. The project of *Tovatt* provides 2100 thousand sq. metres of dwelling, 240 thousand sq. metres of schools and kindergartens, 383 thousand sq. metres of roofed sport complexes, 383 thousand sq. metres of R&D establishments and commercial buildings, and 1600 thousand sq. metres of open green areas.

Source: *Delovoy Peterburg* newspaper, December 2007, www.dpgazeta.ru

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Major Construction Projects in St. Petersburg



Project	Costs
<i>Okhta Centre</i> – business quarter constructed by <i>Gazprom</i>	RUR 60 bln. – app. EUR 1.7 bln.
<i>Zenith</i> football stadium	USD 250 mln.
<i>New Holland</i> business complex	USD 378 mln.
<i>Baltic Pearl</i> – business quarter, constructed by Chinese investors	USD 1.3 bln.
<i>Nevskaya Ratusha</i> business centre	USD 800 mln.
Congress centre in Strelna	EUR 350 mln.

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Parking Deficit in St. Petersburg

The parking deficit in St. Petersburg constitutes 700 thousand units. Only 10% of the officially registered 1.2 million cars are kept in sheds, 15% at parking areas.

Source: *Delovoy Peterburg* newspaper, January 2008, www.dpgazeta.ru

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