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## Tolerance Programme: Visit to Stockholm Region



On 14-15 October 2008 a delegation of the City of St. Petersburg visited the Stockholm region. The main goal the working visit was to study the experience and methods of social and cultural adaptation of migrants, applied in the Stockholm region, which may help expand the work frames of *Tolerance* programme, realized by the City of St. Petersburg.

The programme included a number of meetings with representatives of the Stockholm County Administrative Board, and also visits to the Office of Regional Planning and Urban Transportation of the Stockholm County Council; Centre for Refugees of the Red Cross and Fryshuset Youth Centre in Stockholm; Botkyrka Municipality; Research Institute and Multicultural Centre in Fittja Gård; and a school in Fittja municipal area.

Representatives of the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the delegation of the City of St. Petersburg discussed the possibility of creating an expert group on tolerance and struggle against xenophobia within the Council of Baltic Sea States. Both parties expressed their readiness to collaborate in the field of social and cultural adaptation of migrants and cross-cultural interactions in metropolitan areas.

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## Annual Baltic Tourist Facade International Conference



On 6 November the Annual Baltic Tourist Facade International Conference took place at the Holiday Club Hotel in St. Petersburg. This year the conference was timed to take place with the opening of the St. Petersburg Marine Passenger Port, the only one of its kind in Russia. On September 10th, the *Costa Mediterranea*, a modern ocean liner arrived at the port with 2000 passengers on board.

Round table moderators at the conference included: Mark Ittel, Director of Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, and William Gibbons, Marketing Director of the European Cruise Council. There were many speakers including: Bo Larsen, who shared information on *Crusis Baltic*; Dick van Dijk, the managing partner *Zublin Grenada Ltd*, who talked about the construction of the cruise ship port in The Hague; Josefin Haraldsson, Director of the *Stockholm Cruise Network Project*; Alexei Kitikov, General Director of the St. Petersburg Marine Passenger Port; Eeva Oittinen who shared her experience with the Port of Helsinki; Luis de Carvalho, who spoke about the cruise industry in general, and many other experts who voiced their opinion on the development in the field given the current financial crisis.

The conference was organized by *Marine Facade Management Company* and the *Quantum Media Advertising Agency* with informational support by *Expert Northwest Magazine* and *Regnum News Agency*.

More information: [http://www.mfspb.ru/baltika/index\\_e.html](http://www.mfspb.ru/baltika/index_e.html)

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## Seminar "Investment Possibilities in Russia: St. Petersburg and Leningrad Region"

On 22 October the Trade Mission of Russia in Sweden and St. Petersburg branch of *Beiten Burkhard* legal company held a seminar "Investment possibilities in Russia: St. Petersburg and Leningrad Region" in Stockholm. The participants of the seminar discussed such topics as: investment climate in St. Petersburg and Leningrad region, legal forms of commercial structures in Russia and Features of tax legislation in Russia.

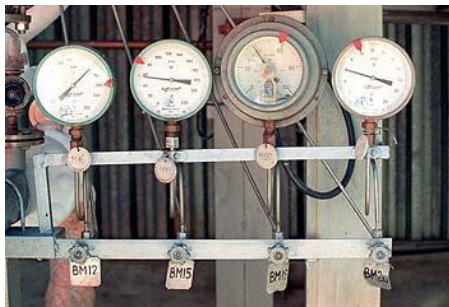
According to Kari Kangas, SEB, it takes time to get used to some features of Russian mentality and the organization of business process; however the profits in Russia may be much bigger if dealing with all of these difficulties correctly. The seminar showed a live interest of the Swedish business community in the Russian market.



Source: Leningrad region Chamber of Commerce and Industry, [www.lotpp.ru](http://www.lotpp.ru)

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## Gazprom: Production of Liquefied Gas in Leningrad Region



In late 2008 *Gazprom* will start working on the technical and economic assessment of a complex for liquefaction, regasification and storage of natural gas in Gatchino district of the Leningrad region. This is going to be the second project on gas liquefaction in Russia.

The complex will occupy 49 hectares of land area and will consist of a gas liquefaction plant producing 20-25 tones per day (7.3 – 9 thousand tones per year), an LNG storage tank with a total volume of 240 thousand cubic metres, and a regasification system with the capacity of 16 million cubic metres per day ( 5,8 cubic metres per year). The construction is planned to

be started in 2010. Total investments amount to RUR 10 billion (app. SEK 2.7 billion).

Source: *Region of Growth 2008*, *Delovoy Peterburg* newspaper in association with the Leningrad Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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## Liquefied Petroleum Gas Terminal in Leningrad Region

*SIBUR* Holding is planning to construct a liquefied petroleum gas terminal on territory of Ust-Luga port. The terminal will occupy a total are of 60 hectares. The first project stage consists in construction of facilities for handling 400 thousand tones per year. Construction of the second stage will be approved after the first stage is in operation, and *SIBUR* will assess the market capacity for throughput of another 600-700 thousand tones LPG. Total investments amount to RUR 3.9 billion (app. SEK 1.1 billion).

Source: *Region of Growth 2008*, *Delovoy Peterburg* newspaper in association with the Leningrad Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry

## CastorX Capital: Golf Club in Leningrad Region

According to the Leningrad region Committee for Physical Training, Sport and Youth Policy, Swedish CastorX Capital Company is planning to invest EUR 1 billion in construction of a sport and amusement centre in Gatchino district. The centre is to be constructed on total area of 560 hectares. The golf club and sport centre will occupy 160 hectares. The rest will be filled with country houses and infrastructural objects, like restaurants, filling stations etc.

Source: *Delovoy Peterburg* newspaper, [www.dpgazeta.ru](http://www.dpgazeta.ru)

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