

**Perspective Plan for the Russian Chairmanship of
the BEAC Working Group on Economic Cooperation**
(the year 2008)

General Provisions
(during 2008)

1. To discuss at the WGEC meetings opportunities in order to assist on multilateral basis for transborder business in the Region, implementation of the joint economic projects as well as to discuss problems of regional economic cooperation.

2. To examine with the BEAC Member States' representatives the usefulness of involving into the WGEC activity the big companies in order to exchange views on regional topics.

3. To prioritize the innovative cooperation in WGEC activity. Hence to invite to WGEC meetings experts in innovation zones and special economic zones, which are being created in the Russian Federation (none such a practice took place earlier).

4. To pay more attention to the sustainable forest management (taking into account the Russian newly adopted legislation).

5. To monitor economic development situation in the Barents region, to present related information to respective economic agencies of the Russian Federation (jointly with the BEAC Secretariat in Kirkenes).

6. To examine with the Administrations of the entities of the Russian Federation, which are the participants of the BEAC, possibilities to elaborate

investment projects, including those of big amount, and prospects of their financing as well.

Major Events in 2008

1. WGEC Meeting on Barents Forestry Sector with participation of respective Russian agencies (preliminary in March or April, the venue to be confirmed).
2. Barents Industrial Partnership Conference (preliminary in June, the venue to be confirmed).
3. WGEC Meeting (preliminary in September or October, the venue to be confirmed).
4. Consultations with representatives of the BEAC Member States business society (preliminary in March of April, Moscow).
5. Events of the Barents Business Advisory Council (Chambers of Commerce and Trade Meeting (to be confirmed).
6. Events of the Barents Forestry Sector Task Force (to be confirmed).

The issue is under discussion:

Participation in the Joint Conference ('Round Table') of the International Association of Business Cooperation (Russia), the Chamber of Commerce and Trade of the Russian Federation and the BEAC Member States' Chambers of Commerce and Trade (preliminary in October or November, the venue to be confirmed).