

BEATA Work in 2016

Summary for the IBS Annual Report

In accordance with the chairmanship 2015-2017 the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation held the **BEAC Transport Ministerial meeting** in Arkhangelsk on 21 June 2016. As a result of the meeting the Joint Declaration on Transport Development in the Barents Region was adopted. The work under the draft Transport Plan is continuing. As the result of the BEAC Ministers of Transport meeting BEAC countries continue the dialogue on implementation the mutually beneficial initiatives in transport, infrastructure and logistics with practical potential for the further development of the regional transport system.

Main meetings:

- June 20, 2016 meeting BEATA Steering committee in Arkhangelsk
- June 21, 2016 BEAC Transport Ministerial meeting in Arkhangelsk
- Three BEATA expert video meetings on the draft JBTP were held on May 12, 2016, June 14, 2016, January 17, 2017.

During the Russian Chairmanship of the BEAC **following events** for development of the optimal Northern Europe transport routes were held:

- April 12, 2016, Murmansk, VI International Conference “Logistics in the Arctic”. Organiser Association of contractors of Arctic projects Murmanshelf, Government of the Murmansk region
- November 1, 2016, Saint-Petersburg, IX Annual International Conference «TRILOGY» (Transport. Investments. Logistics), related to the development of transport and logistics complex in the North-West of Russia and international transport cooperation in the Baltic and Barents Euro-Arctic regions. Organiser - North-West Development and Investment Promotion Agency
- November 8, 2016 Saint-Petersburg, III Annual Conference “Transport Infrastructure of St. Petersburg and Leningrad Region”, under which will be round table “Logistics conjunction of trade flows of Baltic transport corridors and the Northern Sea Route”. Organiser - Directorate for development of the transport system of St. Petersburg and Leningrad region.

The main priorities in BEATA cooperation in 2016 are:

1. Continuation of the work started during the Norwegian and Finnish Chairmanships on the draft Joint Barents Transport Plan, aimed at building an efficient transport infrastructure and transport links in Northern Europe, designed according to the needs of the region's population, transport operators and industries local economy, with climatic and geographical features taken into account.
2. Improvement of transport safety, implementation of global satellite navigation systems and systems of emergency response in case of accidents on the emerging international motor routes of the Barents region, including Russian national automatic accident emergency response system "ERA-GLONASS", drafting proposals for its possible connection with the eCall System.
3. Professional training for the transport industry in the Arctic region, including shipping.
4. Strengthening of interaction between the BEAC working bodies, responsible for transport and tourism.