



Administration of the Kola District



RESOLUTION

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We, the participants of the II Russian-Finnish Days of Cross-border Cooperation*, gathered in Kola Murmansk region, the Russian Federation, on 23 May 2019, to discuss aspects of the development and strengthening of international relations in the border areas, as well as prospects for interregional cooperation in the economic, humanitarian and regional infrastructure development spheres.

With regard to above-mentioned subject matters we do:

recognize the positive experience of interaction at the border areas of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Finland, both through bilateral contacts and in the frames of multilateral Barents Euro-Arctic cooperation;

emphasize the necessity and importance of meetings and other events that enable representatives of local authorities, business circles and the society to develop joint solutions for the most significant issues of border areas development, to exchange experience for the further improvement of the quality of life of people in the border area;

express our desire to expand contacts between regional and municipal authorities, business and public representatives in the border areas of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Finland in a bilateral cooperation, as well as in the frames of the Barents Euro-Arctic region;

share the priorities for the cross-border cooperation development, including the sustainable development of Russian-Finnish cooperation and the Barents Euro-Arctic region, the creation of a modern infrastructure in the border area with rational use of the resource potential and environmental protection;

emphasize the importance of further work to improve the competitiveness, investment and tourism attractiveness of the border areas of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Finland, as well as efforts to develop international cooperation in the implementation of joint projects of the Kolarctic Cross Border Cooperation 2014–2020 Programme;

propose holding the III Russian-Finnish Days of Cross-border Cooperation in 2020 in Murmansk and Kovdor (the Murmansk region) with the choice of priorities related to the intensification of inter-regional cooperation on a wide range of issues, primarily in the field of tourism.

^{*}With the participation of representatives of authorities of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Finland, heads of municipalities of the border areas of the countries of the Barents/Euro-Arctic region, business and public international organizations, participants of international projects of cross-border cooperation, international tourism organizations and the society of the border regions.