



RESOLUTION of the Tourism Summit PROArctic “Maritime Heritage of the Arctic Regions: from Learning to Tourism Development”

On the 23rd-24th of October 2014 the Tourism Summit PROArctic “Maritime Heritage of the Arctic Regions: from Learning to Tourism Development” (hereafter-the Summit) took place in Arkhangelsk.

The Summit was organized by the Government of the Arkhangelsk region under the support of the Federal Agency for Tourism as the part of the V International forum “To the Glory of Fleet and Homeland” for the purpose of consolidation of the authorities, business and society efforts aimed at the expansion of tourist activity in the Arctic region as the part of the strategy of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation development.

More than 60 representatives from the tourist administrations of the regions that belong to the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation (Murmansk and Arkhangelsk Regions, Komi Republic, Nenets Autonomous District), the Northern Norway counties, subjects of the tourist industry of Denmark, Norway, Moscow, Saint-Petersburg, Arkhangelsk and other territories that are interested in the development of the arctic tourism took part in the Summit.

Within the framework of the Summit, the participants discussed the prospects of the tourism development in the Arctic region, possibilities of planning and implementation of new interregional and cross-border tourism products in the Arctic, including cruise routes. Among the project ideas, the participants discussed the plans concerning the development of cross-border routes that connect the Northern Norway, Arkhangelsk and Murmansk Regions, archipelagoes Spitsbergen and Franz Joseph Land.

Taking into consideration the information that concerns the most relevant directions for the tourism development in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation, the participants of the Summit recommend:

1. The executive bodies of the Russian Federation regions forming the Russian part of the Barents Euro-Arctic region and being members of the Barents cooperation shall take measures to the active usage of the Chairmanship of the Russian Federation in the Council of the Barents Euro-Arctic Region in 2015-2017 and Co-Chairmanship of the Arkhangelsk region in the Joint BEAC-BRC Working Group for tourism in 2015-2016 to the benefit of interregional and cross-border tourism

development in the Arctic regions. The executive bodies of the Russian Federation regions were recommended to formulate the proposals for the development of Barents project initiatives in the sphere of tourism within the period from 2015 to 2016 and forward them to the Government of the Arkhangelsk region by December 1, 2014.

2. The executive bodies of the Russian Federation regions that are included into the cross-border cooperation EU-Russia program shall intensify efforts for the usage of the financial support instruments of the cross-border cooperation in the sphere of tourism projects within the framework of the new cross-border cooperation program “Kolarctic 2014-2020”.

3. The Federal Agency for Tourism shall look into the possibility to hold a meeting regarding the solution of the problem areas, which are connected with the receiving of the foreign cruise ships in the seaports of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation with the participation of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation, Federal Agency for the Development of the State Border of the Russian Federation, the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation, Federal Customs Service, Federal Tariff Service and Federal Migration Service.

4. The Federal Agency for Tourism and the Government of the Arkhangelsk region shall promote the establishment of the crossing point on the State Border of the Russian Federation near Franz Joseph Land Archipelago for the organization of the direct international cruises with foreign and Russian tourists onboard that connect archipelagoes Spitsbergen and Franz Joseph Land.

5. The Federal Agency for Tourism together with the relative federal and regional executive authorities shall intensify efforts for the creation of the Federal Tourism Agency representative offices in the foreign countries and for the promotion of the national and interregional tourist products of the Russian Federation to the world tourist market by means of these offices.

6. The Federal Agency for Tourism shall look into the possibility for the priority support of the events on promoting national products of the Arctic tourism development implemented on the territory of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation to the domestic and world tourist markets within the frameworks of the federal target program “Development of the Domestic and Incoming Tourism in the Russian Federation (2011-2018)”.

7. The Government of the Arkhangelsk region, the Government of the Murmansk region, the Government of the Troms county of the Kingdom of Norway, the Government of the Finnmark county of the Kingdom of Norway shall promote the

development of the joint cross-border cruise route from the coast of the Northern Norway to the White Sea visiting Tromso, Kirkenes, Murmansk, Solovetsky Archipelago and Arkhangelsk.

8. Members of the Barents Euro-Arctic cooperation shall formulate a plan for the development of the cross-border tourist product of the Barents Euro-Arctic region for the purpose of implementation of the Action Plan for tourism development in the Barents Region and recommendations of the feasibility study conducted within the framework of the Barents project “Development of the Cross-Border Cooperation in the Tourism Sector between the Northern Norway and the Northwest Russia”.

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