

# Developing the Northern Dimension Institute



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**Tartu international higher  
education cooperation workshop**

# What Northern Dimension Institute?

- Coordinative and enhancing body for research
- Virtual community without establishing new formal bodies:  
management, evaluation  
and direction in the hands  
of the steering group  
of the institute

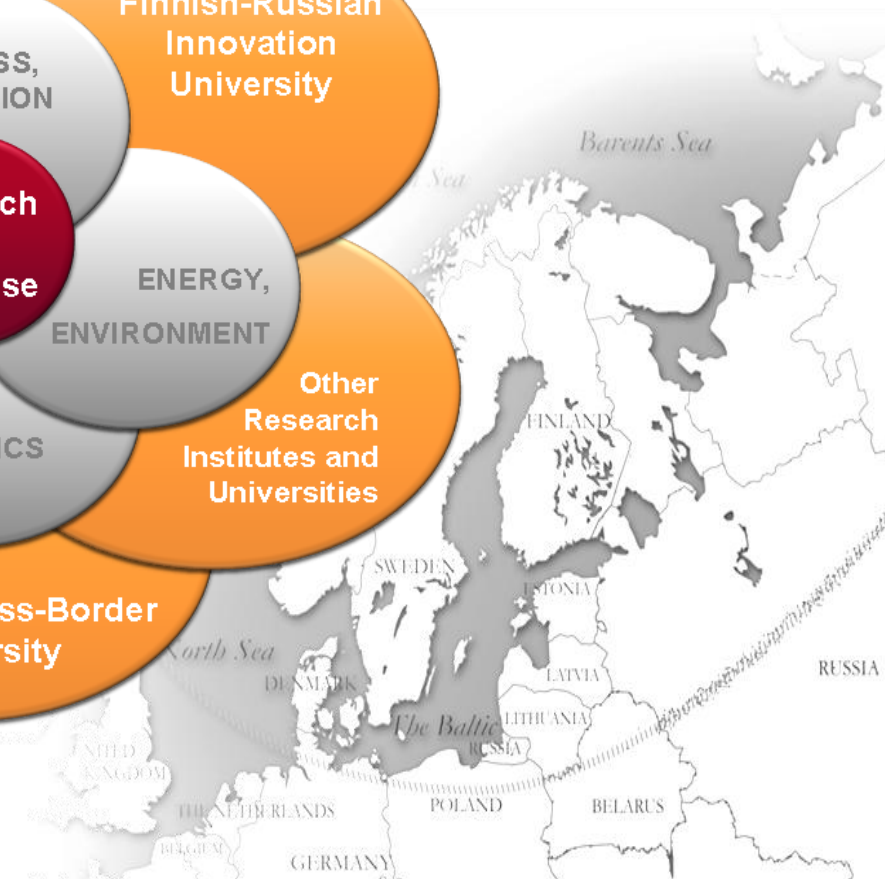


# Multidisciplinary research network of the universities in the ND Region

- The **core research areas of the ND Institute** covers the *priority* sectors of the Northern Dimension policy:
  - **Economic cooperation:** economics, business
  - **International relations**
  - **Energy and the Environment,** incl. nuclear safety and natural resources
  - **Logistics**
  - **Public health and welfare, etc.**
- Each participating university and research institute in the network brings its own expertise into the network for carrying out multidisciplinary research projects
- Commonly coordinated *open network* of all ND region universities.



# Cooperation in the priority sectors of the ND



# Origins of the idea of the ND Institute 1(2)

- Initiator of the idea was St. Petersburg State University (SPbSU)
- 28 October 2008, St. Petersburg (the Ministerial Meeting of the Revised Northern Dimension Policy)
  - A task given to SPbSU and LUT (Lappeenranta University of Technology) to study the idea further, and to propose concrete further steps for developing the ND Institute



# Origins of the idea of the ND Institute 2(2)

- 5 March 2009, Oslo (the Seventh Meeting of the ND Steering Group)
  - Representatives of SPbSU and LUT presented the Joint Idea of Developing the ND Institute
- 28 May 2009, Lappeenranta (The First Meeting of the ND Institute Development Group)
  - Establishing the ND Institute Development Group
  - Tasks shared to the members of the development group
  - Agreeing on concrete further steps and schedule of development work



# Present stage of the development of the ND Institute

- Since April 2009 the work for establishing a concept for the institute has been done
- The concept should include:
  - Structure and participants of the ND Institute
  - Goals of the ND Institute
  - Core research areas
  - Resources needed for the establishment of the ND Institute
  - Agenda of the practical research operations for the next (three) years

# Proposed timetable for developing the concept for the ND Institute

- First tasks of the project development group to be completed by **5 July, commentary round until 14 August**
- Draft of the jointly produced concept of the Northern Dimension Institute by **21 August**
- Workshop of the project development group in St. Petersburg on **2-4 September**
- Processing the concept of the Institute
- Concluding meeting in Helsinki in **October**
- Presenting the developed concept in the Northern Dimension Senior Officials' Meeting in **November**



# The present composition of the development group

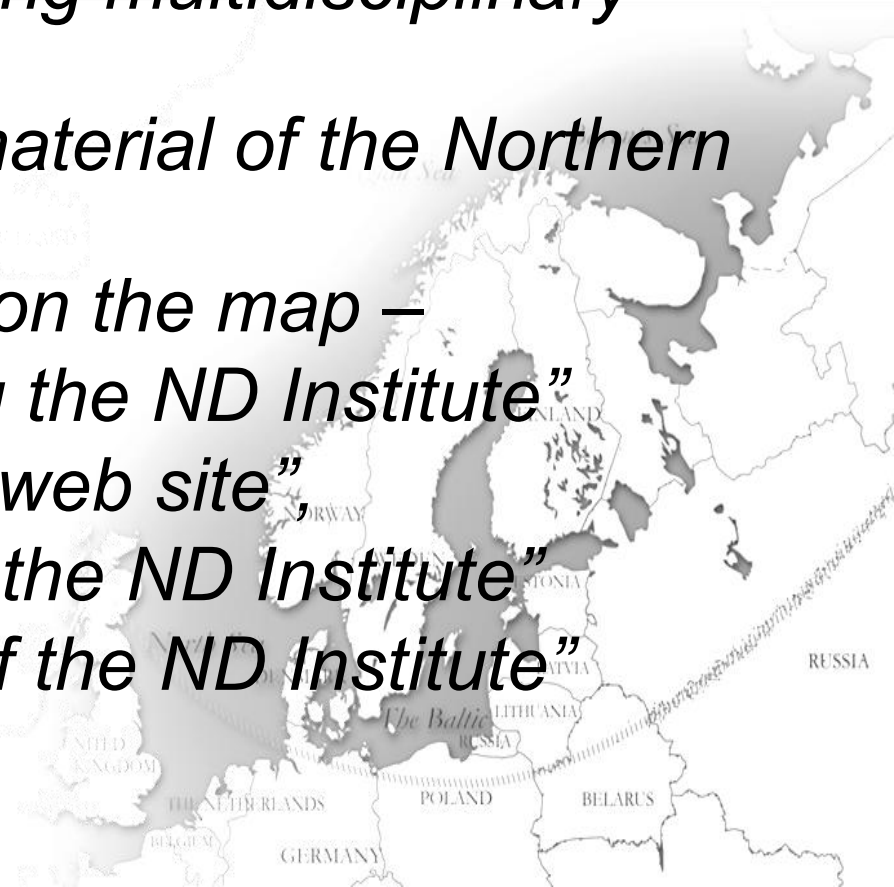
- St. Petersburg State University, Russia
- Lappeenranta University of Technology, Finland
- Helsinki School of Economics, The Center for Markets in Transition, Finland
- Turku School of Economics, The Pan-European Institute, Finland
- University of Tartu, Estonia
- Riga International School of Economics and Business Administration, Latvia
- Vilnius University, Lithuania
- Lund University, Sweden
- Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark
- Barents Institute, Norway

**Members also from other countries particularly in the area of the Northern Dimension are invited to join the institute!  
The basic idea of the ND Institute is that it is an open network and participation is voluntary!**



# First tasks of the development group

- *“Financing for multidisciplinary research carried out under an umbrella of the ND Institute”*
- *“Organizing well-performing multidisciplinary research network”*
- *“Producing educational material of the Northern Dimension”*
- *“Placing the ND Institute on the map – promoting and expanding the ND Institute”*
- *“Establishing informative web site”*
- *“Managing and financing the ND Institute”*
- *“Supporting the actions of the ND Institute”*



# Other ongoing actions of the ND Institute development

- Negotiations with potential partners of the ND Institute will be continued on July-October 2009
- Network analysis of Russia related academic research is being carried out during the ND Institute development project
- Forming the steering group



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