

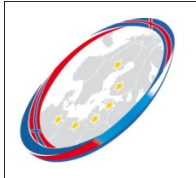
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**The Second Northern Dimension Forum will take place in St. Petersburg, Russia on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. The Northern Dimension Business Council and the Association of European Businesses will act as co-organisers of the Forum**

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 the Second Northern Dimension Forum will take place in the northern capital of Russia St. Petersburg. The aim of the Forum is to contribute to the development of the dialogue between Russian and European companies, as well as representatives of the international organisations, which are interested in cooperation at the territory of participating countries. The main topic for discussion this year is transferring from discussion of aims and tasks of the Northern Dimension to the realisation of concrete projects on the territory of the North-Western Federal Region of the Russian Federation and members-companies of the Northern Dimension Business Council.

The following speeches and presentations are expected in the framework of the Forum: Ilya Klebanov, Plenipotentiary Representative of the President of the Russian Federation in the North-Western Federal District; Alexander Grushko, RF Deputy Foreign Minister, Valentina Matvienko, Governor of St. Petersburg; Anatoly Chubais, CEO of the Russian Corporation for Nanotechnology; representatives of the Northern Dimension partner-countries; heads of the regional councils and partners of the Northern Dimension (the Barents Euro-Arctic Region Council, the Council of the Baltic Sea States, the Nordic Council of Ministers, the Arctic Council). The discussion will be followed by the working groups' meetings, devoted to the industry and sector partnerships. The co-chairmen of the Northern Dimension Business Council are Alexey Mordashov, CEO, OAO Severstal and Tapio Kuula, President and CEO, Fortum Corporation.

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