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Association of European Businesses has formed the Steering Group of the North-Western Committee in St. Petersburg

On March 11, 2010, the Association of European Businesses (AEB) held elections into its Steering Group of the North-Western Committee, based in St. Petersburg.

Bernhard Weidinger (Austria, AEB individual member) was elected as a chairman of the Steering Group.

The elected members of the Group are:

- Bernhard Weidinger (Austria, individual member);
- Alexander Tanichev (Russia, Siemens Ltd.);
- Christoph Dengler (Germany, Mannheimer Swartling);
- Olga Litvinova (Russia, DLA Piper);
- Vsevolod Yakovlev (Russia, Spectrum);
- Manfred Janoschka (Germany, Roedl&Partner);
- Petri Vuorio (Finland, Swedbank).

Dr. Frank Schauff, the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of European Businesses, commented: "The developing network of AEB regional presence is now widened by the newly formed North-Western Committee in St. Petersburg. From now on, the members of AEB in the North-Western Federal Region can get our qualified support on any business issue more quickly and effectively. Now the AEB has more opportunities to actively promote the improvement of the business climate for European companies in St. Petersburg and North-Western Russia as a whole".

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Founded in 1995, the AEB is an independent non-commercial association with a membership of over 500 companies from across the European Union and Russia. Our members range from large multi-national corporations to SMBs and are united by their commitment to forging stronger economic ties between the EU and Russia, as well as improving the business environment here in Russia.

The AEB conducts lobbying activity through its committees and working groups, which cover a wide spectrum of industries and sectors, including Energy, Customs & Transport, Airlines, Legal, Taxation and Banking – to name but a few. The committees work closely with the Russian authorities, for instance, by holding public and closed meetings with government representatives and submitting comments and amendments to Russian legislation.

With a packed events schedule (conferences, seminars, roundtables and EuroReceptions) the AEB brings together the diplomatic, political and business worlds in Russia. Information on upcoming AEB events can be found on our website at www.aebrus.ru

The AEB also offers informational support to the European business community via its website and publications, press campaigns, surveys and legislative and business alerts. The Association works hard to support its members wherever they are located in Russia by hosting regional presentations, business missions and maintaining regional representations, such as the Krasnodar Steering Committee and a local presence in Ekaterinburg.

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