



# 1<sup>st</sup> Official open meeting of the AEB North-Western regional committee “European Business in the North-Western region: post crisis development”

Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

16:30 - 21:00 (registration starts at 16:00)

Astoria Hotel

Bolshaya Morskaya str., 39

(St Isaac's Square)

Saint-Petersburg

Open event

16.00 – 16.30

Registration

16.30 – 17.00

Welcome speech on behalf of the AEB:

Frank Schauff, CEO, AEB

Bernhard Weidinger, Chairman, AEB North-Western regional committee

Welcome speech on behalf of the EU Delegation:

Michael Webb, deputy head of EU Delegation (to be confirmed)

Economic outlook from Government perspective:

Mikhail Oseevsky, Vice-governor of Saint-Petersburg

17.00 – 17.30

Presentation of the AEB North-Western regional committee strategy development

17.30 – 19.00

European businesses in the NW-Region: Post-Crisis visions across core-industries:

Oleg BABINOV, Director of Risk Advisory Group

Market risks: local - regional – national

William Elliott, Consul-General, British Consulate in St Petersburg

Investment environment

Alexander Pichel, General Director, Astoria Hotel

Hospitality & Tourism

David Thomas, President, Volvo Cars

Automobile Industry

Lev Puchshansky, Vice-President, Marine Facade Company

Infrastructure development & PPP

19.00 – 19.30

Discussions

Closing remarks by Frank Schauff, CEO, AEB

19.30 – 21.00

Cocktail reception

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