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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
OF THE FAR EAST**

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## EASTERN ECONOMIC FORUM EVENTS

29 March 2022, Interfax

### **Priorities of Russia's Chairmanship in the Arctic Council to be discussed at Russia's leading international forums**

Implementation of the Russian Chairmanship in the Arctic Council in 2021–2023 was discussed at an interdepartmental meeting in Moscow. According to Advisor to the President of the Russian Federation Alexander Kobayakov, new opportunities for the Arctic will be addressed as part of the planned Chairmanship events, as well as at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, the Eastern Economic Forum, and the St. Petersburg International Legal Forum. The possibility of setting Arctic-themed stands at exhibitions within these forums was also considered.

[interfax.ru/events/news/831848](https://interfax.ru/events/news/831848)

10 March 2022, Interfax

### **Volunteers are now recruited for the Eastern Economic Forum 2022**

Volunteers will assist participants in navigating the venue and the stands and will be involved in accompanying delegations and the operation of the accreditation centre. Candidates will take an online personality test, as well as a competency-based interview. EEF 2022 will be held on 5–8 September in Vladivostok.

[interfax-russia.ru/far-east/news/nabor-volonterov-na-vostochnyy-ekonomicheskij-forum-2022-nachalsya-v-primore](https://interfax-russia.ru/far-east/news/nabor-volonterov-na-vostochnyy-ekonomicheskij-forum-2022-nachalsya-v-primore)

## INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC FORUM EVENTS

21 March 2022, Vedomosti

### **St. Petersburg hosted a discussion on preserving cultural heritage of indigenous peoples of the Arctic**

The international seminar on preserving and promoting arctic indigenous languages reviewed Russian initiatives to digitize Arctic museums and popularize the crafts of indigenous peoples of the North. The participants discussed such topics as the creation of an Arctic multilingual portal, GIS language maps and cultural heritage of Arctic peoples, as well the project entitled "Interactive Atlas of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia, and the Far East". The seminar was held as part of the planned key events of the Russian Chairmanship in the Arctic Council.

[vedomosti.ru/press\\_releases/2022/03/21/tsifrovizatsiya-arkticheskikh-muzeev-i-razvitie-kreativnih-industrii-v-sankt-peterburge-obsudili-sohranenie-kulturnogo-naslediya-korennih-malochislennih-narodov-arktiki](https://vedomosti.ru/press_releases/2022/03/21/tsifrovizatsiya-arkticheskikh-muzeev-i-razvitie-kreativnih-industrii-v-sankt-peterburge-obsudili-sohranenie-kulturnogo-naslediya-korennih-malochislennih-narodov-arktiki)

21 March 2022, Vesti

### **Salekhard hosted the 'Archaeology of the Arctic' Conference**

This event was attended by more than 50 authoritative scientists: anthropologists, archaeologists and ethnographers from Russia and Germany. Representatives of major research centres discussed the development of northern territories and trade routes, the formation of traditional types of economic activity and folk crafts, as well as cultural and religious rituals.

[vesti-yamal.ru/ru/vjesti\\_jamal/istoriya\\_arktiki](https://vesti-yamal.ru/ru/vjesti_jamal/istoriya_arktiki)

## STATE POLICY IN THE FAR EAST AND ARCTIC

29 March 2022, TASS

### **Roughly 400 social facilities have been constructed or repaired in FEFD in 2021 under a national programme**

As part of the Single Subsidy programme, 195 healthcare facilities, 82 sports facilities, 13 educational facilities, and 70 cultural facilities have been built or reconstructed. In addition, 3.8 million square metres of housing have been built as part of programmes to eliminate dilapidated housing.

[tass.ru/obschestvo/14220181](https://tass.ru/obschestvo/14220181)



21 March 2022, RIA Novosti

#### **Russian Government will subsidize cargo transportation along the Northern Sea Route**

Preferential tariffs will be established for cargo transportation along the Northern Sea Route (NSR), which will be subsidized by the federal budget. The corresponding decree was signed by Mikhail Mishustin. Annually, RUB 560 mln will be allocated for these purposes. It covers coastal (domestic) transportations between ports of St. Petersburg and Murmansk and regions of the Far East. The funds will be granted to transport companies to compensate for their income shortfalls due to preferential tariffs as well as costs related to port entering. It is expected that the decision will make the transportation of cargo via the NSR more profitable for and popular among shippers, help to solve the northern freight delivery problem and increase cargo traffic.

[ria.ru/20220321/perevozki-1779279155.html](http://ria.ru/20220321/perevozki-1779279155.html)

16 March 2022, TASS

#### **The Far East has launched the '1,000 Yards' programme**

RUB 7 bln have been allocated for yard improvement in 11 regions of the Far Eastern Federal District. The goal of renovation is to upgrade infrastructure and create spaces for recreation and development. As part of the programme, playgrounds will be equipped for games and sports. The first renovated yards will be completed in November 2022.

[tass.ru/obschestvo/14090959](http://tass.ru/obschestvo/14090959)

9 March 2022, RIA Novosti

#### **Vladimir Putin signed tax exemptions for Kuril Islands**

The law grants tax exemptions to organizations registered in the Yuzhno-Kurilsk, Kurilsk or Severo-Kurilsk urban districts after 1 January 2022. Such organizations will not be recognized as payers of income and property, land and transport taxes for 20 years from the date of registration. In addition, they will be able to use lower insurance rates (at an aggregate rate of 7.6%).

[ria.ru/20220309/lgoty-1777257774.html](http://ria.ru/20220309/lgoty-1777257774.html)

## **ECONOMY OF THE FAR EAST AND ARCTIC**

25 March 2022, TASS

#### **The Far East has prepared 140 thousand hectares for agricultural investors**

The land pool includes land plots in several regions of the Far Eastern Federal District designated for agricultural investment projects. These lands are planned to be included in Advanced Special Economic Zones (ASEZs) and transferred to investors. Currently, residents of ASEZs, the Free Port of Vladivostok and the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation are implementing about a hundred agricultural projects worth over RUB 138 bln. The launch of all enterprises will result in the creation of around 11,000 new jobs.

[tass.ru/ekonomika/14183229](http://tass.ru/ekonomika/14183229)

17 March 2022, TASS

#### **The Far East will implement four forestry investment projects by 2027**

Three new production facilities for lumber, biofuel, plywood and peeled veneer will appear in FEFD. There are plans to upgrade the production of eco-friendly wooden toys and related products. Total investment will amount to RUB 2.7 bln, with over 800 new jobs created. The projects will be implemented in Primorye Territory, Khabarovsk Territory and the Jewish Autonomous Region.

[tass.ru/ekonomika/14097797](http://tass.ru/ekonomika/14097797)



## NEW MECHANISMS FOR THE FAR EAST DEVELOPMENT: SUCCESS STORIES

16 March 2022, EastRussia

### A resident of the Russian Arctic Zone will launch helicopter transportation to remote areas of Yakutia

A multifunctional company called Leader launches transportation of food, machinery and equipment. These flights will help improve transport accessibility of Yakutia's northern villages. Private investment in the project totals RUB 100 million. The company's fleet consists of nine Mi-8T helicopters. The first commercial flights are scheduled for April 2022.

[eastrussia.ru/news/vertoletnye-perevozki-produktov-i-tekhniki-zapuskaet-rezident-azrf-v-yakutii/](http://eastrussia.ru/news/vertoletnye-perevozki-produktov-i-tekhniki-zapuskaet-rezident-azrf-v-yakutii/)

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