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Introduction of BIF and its cooperation with Russia



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The Baltic Institute of Finland (BIF)

- an independent network organization maintained by the Foundation for the Baltic Institute, owned by City of Tampere
- established in 1994, based in Tampere
- fundamental purpose => to contribute to the development of the Baltic Sea cooperation
- BIF's activities materialize in concrete commercial, administrative, educational and cultural development projects





BIF activities

- organizes seminars and workshops dealing with topical issues concerning the Baltic Sea Region
- collects and distributes information about current trends and themes within the area
- BIF is an active partner of the cooperation network which has emerged in the Baltic Sea region during the 1990s
 - BIF activities include significant partners from various countries around the Baltic Sea





BIF cooperation projects

- BIS's role is to **design and manage projects** in liaison with our domestic and international partners.
- **BIF brings together experts and parties** with interest to development project work in the Baltic Sea region.
- The following themes are especially well represented in BIF project portfolio:
 - Innovation cooperation
 - Information society development and ICT
 - Cultural and educational cooperation
 - Environmental management and technology
 - Business development
 - Export promotion
 - Intellectual Property Right protection





BIF project examples

- VBN InnoReg – Strengthening Via Baltica Nordica Macro-Region through Transnational Cooperation for Regional Innovation Promotion (Interreg IIIB)
- SPb InnoReg: Promoting regional innovation system in St.Petersburg through transnational cooperation (Interreg IIIB/Tacis)
- Challenge of eCitizen: Promoting eGovernment Actions in European Regions (Interreg IIIC)
- Enhancing Intellectual Property Rights Competence and Cooperation in St. Petersburg, Finland, Denmark and Sweden (Finnish Ministry of Trade and Industry, Danish Ministry for Economic and Business Affairs, Nordic Council of Ministers)
- Promotion of knowledge society in St. Petersburg through a regional partnership – a pilot development project (Finnish Ministry of Transport and Communication)
- Enhancing Air Quality Monitoring System in St. Petersburg through Regional Cooperation (Finnish Ministry for the Environment)
- Various export groups for Finnish SMEs (Finnish Ministry of Trade and Industry)





Current BIF projects in Russia

- BSR InnoReg - Strengthening Innovation Governance in Baltic Non-metropolitan Regions
- SPb InnoReg: Promoting regional innovation system in St.Petersburg through transnational cooperation
- Enhancing Intellectual Property Rights Competence and Cooperation in St. Petersburg, Finland, Denmark and Sweden (Finnish Ministry of Trade and Industry, Danish Ministry of Economy, Nordic Council of Ministers)
- Enhancing Air Quality Monitoring System in St. Petersburg through Regional Cooperation (Finnish Ministry for the Environment)
- Klub Tampere (Creative Tampere programme, Finnish Ministry for Education)
- Construction export group for Finnish SMEs in St. Petersburg
- The development of sanitation in Karelian villages





BIF Russia projects

- Funding:
 - Cooperation in the Neighbouring Areas programme, coordinated by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in cooperation with several other ministries
 - ENPI (European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument) of BSR programme
 - Nordic Council of Ministers
 - Export support from Finnish Ministries
- Themes:
 - Innovation system development
 - Intellectual Property Rights system development
 - Environmental cooperation
 - Knowledge society, especially eGovernment
 - Export groups





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*Thank you for
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