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# KIRKENES CONFERENCE 2011

## CREATION OF THE COMMON RUSSIAN-NORWEGIAN LABOR MARKET: VISION OF THE MURMANSK REGIONAL DUMA



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## April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Oslo

### Russian President Dmitry Medvedev visit to Oslo

Joint Statement of the President of the Russian Federation and Prime-Minister of Norway: “ ...Parties stand for further facilitation of the visa regime, procedures for border crossing and broaden options for mutual labor migration, welcome a speedy signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Facilitation of Mutual Travel for Border Area Residents of Russia and Norway”

## September, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Murmansk

Foreign Ministers Sergey Lavrov of the Russian Federation and Jonas Gahr Store of Norway signed a Treaty on Maritime Delimitation and Cooperation in the Barents Sea and the Arctic Ocean in the presence of President of the Russian Federation

Dmitry Medvedev and Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg.

The establishment of the clear boundaries of sovereign rights and jurisdiction of Russia and Norway strengthens the stability and predictability of our relations, creates favorable political and legal conditions and gives new impetus to mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation.



## November 2nd, 2010, Oslo

- ✓ Intergovernmental Agreement on the Facilitation of Mutual Travel for Border Area Residents of Russia and Norway
- ✓ Joint Statement on Strengthening Cross-Border Cooperation.

# Forecast of the Murmansk region social-economic development for 2011 and planning period of 2012 and 2013



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## Demography

indicators	unit of measure	2008 report	2009 report	2010 asses- ment	forecast, moderately - optimistic variant		
					2011	2012	2013
Number of the resident population (average annual)	thousand pers.	846,7	839,6	833,0	826,5	821,5	817,5
	% by the preceding year	99,2	99,2	99,2	99,2	99,4	99,5

## Labor market and employment

Number of employed in economy (average annual)	thousand pers.	442,9	438,9	439,2	440,6	439,6	439,1
	% by the preceding year	99,8	99,1	100,1	100,1	99,9	99,9
<i>For reference only: Russian Federation</i>	<i>% by the preceding year</i>	<i>100,7</i>	<i>97,8</i>	<i>100,9</i>	<i>100,3</i>	<i>100,1</i>	<i>100,1</i>
Level of the general unemployment (according ILO methodology)	%	7,0	7,6	8,7	8,1	7,8	7,4
<i>For reference only: Russian Federation</i>	%	6,5	8,6	7,7	7,4	7,1	6,7
Number of unemployed recorded in public employment services, average per year	thousand pers.	11,8	14,8	15,1	13,6	13,0	12,4
Level of the recorded unemployment	%	2,3	2,8	2,9	2,6	2,5	2,4



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**2010**

✓ **Murmansk Region**

**11 Norwegian employees arrived**

**11 Norwegian employees departed**

**20 Norwegian employees**

+ those who do not require work permission  
(engaged for work as teachers, journalists,  
specialists of representative offices, etc.)

- ✓ In Norway **22 Russian citizens** were employed
- ✓ (maritime professions, fish processing)

**2011**

**Murmansk Region**

- ✓ **110 employers** submit inquiries for **2196 jobs**:
  - **1694** – for foreign work force from visa-free countries,
  - **502** – for foreign work force from countries with visa regime
  - **14 organizations** submit inquiries for Norwegian specialists
- ✓ **Approved quota for 2011:**
  - 1684 jobs** for foreign citizens totally
  - including **479 jobs** for foreign workers from visa countries,
  - which includes **152 jobs** for Norwegian specialists (32%)



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## Dynamic in number of the Norwegian citizens engaged for work in the Murmansk Region's organizations on employers' inquiries in the period 2006-2011

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Number of the Norwegians engaged for work in the territory of the Murmansk region (pers.)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>Share of the Norwegians engaged for work in the territory of the Murmansk region in total number of foreign employees (%)</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>7,2</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Share of the Norwegians engaged for work in the territory of the Murmansk region in total number of foreign employees from countries with visa regime (%)</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>7,4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25,9</b>	<b>31,6</b>

# Russian President Dmitry Medvedev opening address to the World Economic Forum in Davos January 26th, 2011



“...We realize that successful modernization will be the product of tens of millions of personal success stories, the success of our own citizens and the hundreds of thousands of successful business stories from entrepreneurs and specialists from around the whole world. The source of any country’s strength and ability to be a global economic leader in the modern world is talented and educated people with knowledge, imagination, and a thirst for creation. ...Our task is to make Russia a more attractive place for the world’s brightest minds. I think it is a realistic goal for us to attract thousands of the best world’s best scientists and engineers to come and work in Russia. We need this influx of foreign specialists above all to learn best practice and create a fertile environment for our own specialists’ creative activity. This is why we are ready to take the unilateral step of granting automatic recognition to diplomas and degrees from the world’s top universities, and we are working on this now. I note too that we have simplified the immigration rules for highly qualified specialists coming to Russia”.



## Constitution of the Russian Federation.

### Article 62.

**3. Foreign nationals and stateless persons shall enjoy in the Russian Federation the rights and bear the obligations of citizens of the Russian Federation, except for cases envisaged by the federal law or the international agreement of the Russian Federation.**



## Conventions of the International Labor Organization



## European Social Charter

**2010**

**Amendments to legislation simplifying entry into Russia and residence terms for highly-qualified foreign specialists and their families:**

- **Federal Law № 385-ФЗ “On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation”, including “Federal Law On the Procedure for the Exit from the Russian Federation and Entry into the Russian Federation”**
- **Federal Law № 86-ФЗ “On Amendments to the Federal Law On the Legal Status of Foreigners in the Russian Federation, and to certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation”**



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## Positive background

- ✓ Increase in trade turnover with Norway in 2010
- ✓ Increase in Norwegian investments in 2010
- ✓ SIVA Industrial Center
- ✓ Innovation center “Polar Star”
- ✓ Russian-Norwegian business incubator
- ✓ Association of the Norwegian Enterprises
- ✓ Association of the Foreign Investors
- ✓ 40 enterprises with Norwegian investments
- ✓ Law of the Murmansk Region “On Murmansk Region participation in the projects of public-private partnership“
- ✓ Law of the Murmansk Region “On State Support of the investment activity in the Murmansk Region“



✓ Successful cooperation between the educational institutions of the Murmansk Region and Norway as well as between Murmansk Region’s vocational schools and Norwegian enterprises

✓ On-going joint projects of the Employment Services



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## **Intergovernmental Agreement on the Facilitation of Mutual Travel for Border Area Residents of Russia and Norway**

**“The agreement on a local border traffic regime will significantly simplify travel for border residents, and will thus facilitate increased contact between Norway and Russia. This is an important step towards opening the border area for even closer contact and cooperation between Norway and Russia. The local border traffic regime is an element in a larger process aimed at facilitating more cooperation across the Norwegian-Russian border.**

**Russia and Norway have a common agenda as regards development of our cooperation in the north. There is great potential for further cooperation.**

**Getting cross-border cooperation to work, requires good procedures for border crossing, labour migration and customs clearance. A lot can still be done to improve the current arrangements”.**

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION**

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