

# Совет Европы в Чите



В соответствии с программой сотрудничества России с Советом Европы «Международные связи регионов России» 29—30 сентября 2004 года в г. Чите прошла международная конференция на тему «Международные и внешнеэкономические связи субъектов Российской Федерации».

Организаторами Международной конференции выступили Совет Европы, МИД России и администрация Читинской области. В качестве участников были приглашены эксперты СЕ, российские эксперты, представители субъектов Российской Федерации и заинтересованных федеральных ведомств, научных кругов, зарубежные партнеры (всего около 100 человек).

Подобные конференции проводятся с частотой один-два раза в год в различных субъектах Российской Федерации. Они уже прошли в Республике Саха (Якутия), Екатеринбурге, Ростове-на-Дону, Петрозаводске. Для Читинской области — это первый опыт проведения мероприятий общеевропейского масштаба.

На конференции был рассмотрен комплекс проблем, связанных с нынешним

состоянием и перспективами дальнейшего развития международных и внешнеэкономических связей регионов России.

С основными докладами выступили: Иржи Фогль — начальник отдела Политического департамента Генерального Секретариата Совета Европы, Валерий Иванович Кузьмин — директор департамента по связям с субъектами федерации, парламентом и общественно-политическими организациями (ДСПО) МИД РФ, губернатор Читинской области Равиль Фаритович Гениатулин, Виктор Александрович Мальцев, заместитель директора Международного института проблем устойчивого развития, эксперт по внешнеэкономическим связям, и многие другие. На конференции обсуждены вопросы сотрудничества Российской Федерации с Советом Европы в области федерализма, роль МИД РФ в организации международных и внешнеэкономических связей Российской Федерации. Проведение конференции поможет Читинской области выйти на европейскую часть международной арены, а не ориентироваться исключительно на азиатское направление сотрудничества. ■

## The Council of Europe in Chita

The co-operation of the Council of Europe with the Russian Federation includes the realization of programmes in the fields of the law (various professional legal training), the strengthening of federalism, regional and local democracy and regional mechanisms of the protection of human rights, programmes of assistance and technical co-operation in the field of the mass media, the resolution of problems in the sphere of local self-management, etc.

According to the programme of co-operation of Russia with the Council of Europe, International communications of the regions of Russia, 29—30 September, 2004 the Council of Europe held an international conference on the theme, International and external economic relations of the regions of the Russian Federation. Considering the dynamics of the development of the external communications of the Chita area and the gained experience in the sphere of the development of frontier co-operation with the neighbouring regions of China and Mongolia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation suggested carrying out the given conference in Chita. The organisers of the International conference were the Council of Europe, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia and the Administration of the Chita area. Experts of the CE, Russian experts, and representatives of the regions of the Russian Federation and interested federal departments, scientific circles and foreign partners (altogether about 100 people) were invited as participants.

Similar conferences are carried out about once or twice a year in various regions of the Russian Federation. They have already taken place in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia),

Ekaterinburg, Rostov-on-Don and Petrozavodsk. For the Chita area it is the first experience of carrying out actions on the pan-European scale.

At the conference a range of problems connected with the present condition and prospects of the further development of international and external economic relations of the regions of Russia was considered. Work on the following sections was carried out:

- organisational and legal aspects of international and external economic relations of the regions of the Russian Federation, and frontier co-operation;

- training of civil servants in the field of international and external economic relations of the regions of the federation;

- regional potential of investment co-operation in view of the entry of Russia into the WTO; problems of potential development of export in frontier regions.

The most important reports were presented by: the chief of the board of the Political department of the General Secretary of the Council of Europe, Jiri Vogl, the director of the department of communication between the regions of the federation, parliament and political organisations (DSPO) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Valery Ivanovich Kuzmin, the governor of the Chita area, Ravil Faritovich Geniatulin, the deputy director of the International institute of problems of sustainable development, Victor Alexandrovich Maltsev, experts on external economic relations and many others. At the conference questions of co-operation of the Russian Federation with the Council of Europe in the field of federalism, the role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation in the organisation of international and foreign economic relations of the Russian Federation, the normative-legal base of international co-operation and foreign trade activities, etc. were discussed. Holding the conference in Chita is of great importance for the Chita region in the attraction of attention of the international public to the region and the increase of the investment appeal of Transbaikalia. Besides, the conference of the EU will help the Chita region to stay in the European part of the international arena, instead of being oriented solely to Asian co-operation. It will allow the expansion of the international connections of the region, and promote the activation of scientific ideas, attraction of innovations and exchange of experience between countries and regions. ■

