

NDPTL

The NORTHERN DIMENSION PARTNERSHIP on TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

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NDEP – Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership

- **Established in 2001**
- **Cooperation on concrete environmental projects in Russia - and potentially also Belarus**
- **Also nuclear safety projects in Russia**
- **IFIs (loans) and donors (grants) combined in each project**
- **Support fund EUR 275 million (125 million for environmental, 150 for nuclear safety projects)**

NDPTL - Northern Dimension Partnership for Transport and Logistics

- **New initiative , planned to be operational in 2010**
- **MoU signed on October 21, 2009**
- **Regional cooperation on policy and projects**
 - ✓ **Linked to EU transport policy via Northern Axis and Motorways of the Seas**
 - ✓ **Linked to sub-regional cooperation projects such as Barents Corridor**
 - ✓ **Aim to remove bottlenecks and to take a pan-regional perspective on transport corridors – project list to be elaborated in 2009-10**

Aims (according to MoU)

To improve, in compliance with the *ecological needs* of the region, the *major transport connections and logistics* in the Northern Dimension region to *stimulate sustainable economic growth* at the local/regional and global level by focusing on a *limited number of priorities* that reflect both *regional and national priorities in a balanced way*

Aims (according to MoU)

General

Promote international trade

Specific

- Improve the major *transnational transport connections* between the parties with the view of stimulating sustainable economic growth at the local/regional and global levels;
- Accelerate the implementation of transport and logistics *infrastructure projects* along the major transnational connections, and facilitate the approval of projects of mutual interest;
- Accelerate the removal of *non-infrastructure related bottlenecks*, affecting the flow of transport in and across the region, and facilitate the improvement of logistics in international supply chains;
- Provide effective structures to *monitor the implementation* of the proposed projects and measures.

Action plan

Priority projects of common interest covering both infrastructure and horizontal measures:

- a *methodology on the identification* of both infrastructure and non-infrastructure related bottlenecks
- a *methodology on project evaluation* and appraisal that meets the highest international standards, notably those of the IFIs, with the aim of ensuring bankability of projects
- a *methodology and criteria to monitor progress* of implementation of the Action Plan
- a list of *a limited number of priority projects* and measures meeting the aims

Structure

- High Level Meetings to take strategic decisions, and to give political impetus, strategic orientation and direction
- A Steering Committee to co-ordinate the joint work and to follow and monitor the implementation of the Action Plan
- A permanent Secretariat to provide administrative and technical support to the Steering Committee and the High Level Meetings
 - It is planned that the Secretariat will be located at NIB

Role of IFIs

NIB, EIB, EBRD, WB are invited to attend the Partnership's activities as Observers.

The aim of the participation of the financial institutions is in particular to *facilitate access to funding* through *i.a.*:

- exchange of *information on specific projects* with a view to their financing,
- *dissemination of criteria* for assessing the viability of projects, and
- clarification, establishment and dissemination of *best practice* on project preparation and financing, including also PPPs, to ensure bankability