



**East Finland EU Office in Brussels and  
Business Representative Office of East Finland placed in St Petersburg**  
organize together a seminar:

**"Russia Forum"**

***Time:***

*Thursday 9 October 2008 at 12:30-17:00*

***Place:***

*8th floor conference center*

***Address:***

*Rond-Point Schuman 6, 1040 Brussels, Belgium*

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The seminar is chaired by:  
Riikka Railimo, Director, East Finland EU Office

**Programme:**

- 12:30 Light buffet lunch and registration
- 13:00 **Opening Words**  
**Presentation of East Finland EU Office and NEEBOR network**  
Mrs Riikka Railimo, Director, East Finland EU Office
- 13:20 **Crossborder Cooperation - Viewpoints of East Finland and Etelä-Savo Region**  
Mr Matti Viialainen, Executive Director, Regional Council of Etelä-Savo
- 13:40 **European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) and Russia**  
Mr Jyrki Torni, Geographical coordination and supervision for Europe, European Commission, EuropeAid
- 14:25 **Future Prospects for Regional Cooperation**  
Ms. Olga Kareva, The Head of Crossborder Cooperation, City of Vyborg
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:15 **Business Representation of Eastern Finland ISBE Oy**  
**Environmental Information Center for Enterprises in St. Petersburg**  
Mr Kyösti Ylijoki, Chairman of Board, Business Representative Office of East Finland ISBE Oy

- 16:00      **Project Presentation:**  
**"Northern Axis Development"**  
Mr Alpo Jokelainen, Executive Director, Joint Authority of Kainuu Region (FI)  
Ms Maria Öberg, Senior Adviser, County Council of Norrbotten (SE)  
Mr Per Strømhaug, Senior Adviser, Nordland County Council (NO)
- 16:30      **Discussion and Closing Remarks**

The language of the seminar is English, no translation is provided.

The seminar is free of charge. Participants are advised to make their accommodation and travel arrangements independently.

Registration by **Wednesday 1 October** by e-mail to [eastfinland@eastfinland.eu](mailto:eastfinland@eastfinland.eu).

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