



Training Seminar on High-performance energy efficiency standards in buildings in the UNECE region

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Workshop languages: English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation

INFORMATION NOTE

VENUE

The seminar will be held at the premises of the **Interstate Corporation for Development:**

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VISAS

Nationals of some countries are required to obtain a visa to enter the Russian Federation. Please consult the embassy or the consulate of the Russian Federation in your country for more information. Some of the hotels recommended below provide visa support services (official invitation from a registered Russian tour operator) for obtaining a tourist visa. The cost of the service is around 20-25 USD. Please contact your chosen hotel for more information.

TRANSPORTATION

From/to Pulkovo airport: The city airport Pulkovo (<https://pulkovoairport.ru/en/>) is situated 20 km south from Saint Petersburg center and 10 km from Moskovskaya subway station. There are several express bus routes departing from the new terminal that you can use to reach St. Petersburg: 39 (Kostiushko Street to Pulkovo), 39e (Gastello Street to Pulkovo), and minibus shuttle K39 (Moskovskaya subway station to Pulkovo). You will have to pay from 28 to 40 RUB. The buses are available from 5:25 a.m. till 12:20 a.m.

with 25-30 min intervals. To get a bus or a minibus heading to the city, please go to a bus stop located across the Arrivals exit, and to leave the city for Pulkovo, please go to a bus stop located near Moskovskaya subway station. In Pulkovo, you can find a taxi desk to order a cab in the luggage claim spot and the arrival lounge. There are also taxi kiosks close to the exit. Bank cards are accepted when you make an order; you may also pay cash to the taxi driver when you reach the destination point. There are also cars with card payment terminals. The trip to the city will cost minimum 600 RUB, yet we recommend asking the operator for the price. You may also encounter several self-working taxi drivers looking for clients in the arrival zone. As a rule, they offer services at higher-than-average prices. Be careful with planning your trip to the airport: you'd better go at least three hours before the flight so that you have enough time in case of traffic jams.

Transportation in the city:

Metro: The subway stations begin to operate according to different schedules from 5:30 to 7 a.m. and finish their work from 12 midnight to 1:05 a.m. In subway trains, the names of the stations are announced in Russian only, the map and signs are translated into English. To make a trip, you may purchase a token (45 RUB) or a transport plastic card with a rechargeable balance. You may also use PayPass technology at all the stations.

Buses, trolleybuses and trams: Most of trolleybus routes run in the inner city while most tram routes operate in the suburban areas with a few downtown lines. The St. Petersburg ground transport runs from 5:30 a.m. to 12 midnight. The ground transport fare is 40 RUB. If you pay cash you give it to a conductor or a driver. As a rule, you can find the bus and trolleybus schedule and lines at stops.

“Marshrutka” buses: Small share taxi buses stop on demand. There are many established routes running in the city and suburban areas. The fare which is usually 45 RUB and is to be paid by cash – you may not use bank cards.

Taxi Services: The city taxi cars are normally yellow and have a special checkered sign on them. Cab drivers use mobile phones and tablets. After you order a taxi by phone or mobile application, you have to wait from 5 to 20 minutes. If you have no Internet access, you can use the phone to order a cab: for instance, the phone number of the city's oldest taxi company is +7 (812) 312 0022. In this scenario, you are likely to pay cash rather than use a card. The price is approximately 30 RUB/km. It is not recommended to catch a taxi in the street. Special apps and phone calls are a much safer and convenient option. There are taxi stands at major city intersections. Fares are according to the meter (please ensure that taxi has a meter before getting in and it is turned on before the trip starts).

Participants can contact the reception desk at the hotel where they are staying regarding the airport transfers.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants are responsible for their own hotel bookings.

Upon receiving this Note, please arrange your accommodation in Saint Petersburg. A list of hotels located at a walking distance from the workshop venue is provided below. Please note that the event period is a high season, so you are strongly advised to reach the hotels soon.

#	Hotel	Current Room Rates in USD		Distance from Venue	Contacts	Website
		Single	Double			
1	Kon-Tiki Boutique Hotel	55	66	500 m	Galernaya ulitsa 59, building 13 H, Admiralteyskiy, 190000 Saint Petersburg, Russia Tel.: (+7900) 6204939 info@kontiki-spb.ru	http://kontiki-spb.ru/
2	Hotel Osobnyak Molvo	47	55	500 m	Ulitsa Galernaya 75, Admiralteyskiy, 190000 Saint Petersburg, Russia Tel.: (+7 812) 409-47-10	https://hotel-molvo.ru/
3	Severnaya Mini-Hotel	19	31	500 m	Galernaya Ulitsa, 55, Admiralteyskiy, 190000 Saint Petersburg, Russia Tel.: (+7 812) 925-02-17 severhotel@mail.ru	http://www.severhotel.narod.ru/
4	Happy Pushkin Hotel	63	79	500 m	Angliyskaya Naberezhnaya, 52, Admiralteyskiy, 190000 Saint Petersburg, Russia Tel.: (+7 812) 777-17-99 booking@happypushkin.com	http://happypushkin.com
5	Boutique Hotel Leningrad	48	50	500 m	Galernaya Street 30 4H,5H, Admiralteyskiy, 190000 Saint Petersburg, Russia Tel.: (+7 812) 309-80-59 info@leningrad-hotel.com	http://leningrad-hotel.com
6	Hotel Park River	69	87	500 m	Angliyskaya Naberezhnaya 46, Admiralteyskiy, 190000 Saint Petersburg, Russia Tel.: (+7 812) 571-91-33 river@otelpark.ru	http://otelpark2.ru

SAINT PETERSBURG: GENERAL INFORMATION

St. Petersburg stands out among other Russian cities as well as all over the globe. The city history, legends, and architecture are intertwined with north and daily life.

Throughout the last century, St. Petersburg was renamed 4 times; it used to be Petrograd and Leningrad. The original name “Saint Petersburg” is derived from the Latin and Dutch word-building. Locals often use the nickname Peter (Пётр in Russian) for the city. Saint Petersburg is situated on the Gulf of Finland, at the mouth of the Neva; nowadays, its territory equals 1403 km². There are 19 city districts where 5 281 579 people live according to 2018 data. The city has a record number of bridges in Europe (800); it also has one

of the highest numbers of channels and islands. St. Petersburg can boast 64 rivers, 34 streams, and 48 canals. The embankments stretch for approximately 160 km.

You will see a fascinating mixture of architecture styles here: neo-classical and modern neighbor eclectic and retrospective constructions. The architecture of the pre-revolutionary epoch has been handled carefully: some 15 thousand dwelling stone houses are found today. The city image is similar to what it used to be before 1917 from Obvodny Canal to the Bolshaya Nevka river and from the Alexander Nevsky Lavra to the merchant port.

Saint Petersburg is considered the cultural capital of Russia. The UNESCO World Heritage List includes the historic center of the city and related groups of monuments. There are numerous objects to see: the Mariinsky Theater, the Kunstkamera, the Peter and Paul Fortress, the Hermitage, and St. Isaac's Cathedral, to name a few. There are more than 200 museums, 50 movie theaters, 1100 libraries, and 70 theaters in Saint Petersburg. To dive into the atmosphere of imperial Russia, you can visit neighbouring towns, such as Peterhof or Pushkin. World Travel Awards named Saint Petersburg the best city to visit in Europe in 2016.

Weather and climate

The average temperature is about +17 by day and +9 by night in September. To manage the unpredictable weather, prepare yourself with warm clothes, waterproof shoes, an umbrella, and sunscreen.

CONTACTS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

101 - fire department, 102 - police department, 103 – ambulance, 112 - general emergency

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT:

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