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**NORTHERN SEA ROUTE**

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## **STATE POLICY IN THE ARCTIC**

30 October 2020, TASS

**Alexander Krutikov: large economic projects will appear in almost all Arctic regions**

“The system of preferences that exists in the Arctic is different from the one in the Far East. <...> The first block of support measures was put into operation. It is meant for large economic projects that significantly change the economic environment. <...> Such projects are planned for practically every Arctic region,” shared Deputy Minister for Development of the Russian Far East

and Arctic Alexander Krutikov during the roundtable organized by the Ministry and the Roscongress Foundation.

The second block applies to small and medium businesses. It offers premium rebates: when a small business becomes a resident of the Arctic zone, its premium rate goes as low as 3.025%. The third block includes non-tax measures.

[tass.ru/ekonomika/9876979](https://tass.ru/ekonomika/9876979)

26 October 2020, Rossiyskaya Gazeta, TASS, RIA Novosti, Regnum, etc.

### **Vladimir Putin approved Arctic Zone Development Strategy**

President Vladimir Putin signed a decree approving the Arctic Zone Development Strategy and ensuring national security until 2035. Within the next three months, the Government will need to approve a unified action plan to implement the basics of the state policy in the Arctic and the afore-mentioned strategy. The Government will report on their status annually.

[rg.ru/2020/10/26/putin-utverdil-strategiiu-razvitiia-arkticheskoi-zony.html](https://rg.ru/2020/10/26/putin-utverdil-strategiiu-razvitiia-arkticheskoi-zony.html)

26 October 2020, TASS

### **Public Council of Russia's Arctic Zone is chaired by President of Russian Association of the Indigenous Peoples of the North**

Grigory Ledkov, President of the Russian Association of the Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia, and the Far East, is now the Chairman of the Public Council of Russia's Arctic Zone.

Members of the Council were approved in early October. It consists of 19 people that represent northern regions' public councils, regional associations of the indigenous peoples of the north, regional chambers of industry and commerce, as well as Rector of the Northern (Arctic) Federal University Elena Kudryashova, and Vice Rector of Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University Alexander Kugaevsky.

[tass.ru/obschestvo/9819959](https://tass.ru/obschestvo/9819959)

22 October 2020, TASS

### **Arctic Zone residents signed contracts worth RUB 15 bln.**

The first eight companies became residents of Russia's Arctic Zone. They intend to implement projects worth RUB 15 billion.

The companies that were selected and signed investment contracts include Nord Star, Flogopit, Termistoff, Pomor Shipping, Russky Losos, and individual entrepreneurs T. Kiss and A. Zhuravlyov. The projects are versatile and cover port logistics, industrial mineral and wood processing, fish processing, tourism, and services.

[tass.ru/ekonomika/9791849](https://tass.ru/ekonomika/9791849)

21 October 2020, TASS, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

### **Cabinet preps programme to allocate land under Arctic hectare project**

"We already have an appropriate bill proposed by the Ministry for Development of the Russian Far East and Arctic. We'll make a decision in the near future," said Mikhail Mishustin at the meeting with investors of Russia's Arctic zone.

Russia's Prime Minister also announced that the Arctic Zone may get various measures to support local tourism.

[tass.ru/ekonomika/9777949](https://tass.ru/ekonomika/9777949)

17 October 2020, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

### **Arctic businesses will get official IDs**

Starting from 17 October, businesses that are residents of the Arctic zone will get official IDs confirming their status. It gives them the right to use various benefits available to entrepreneurs that are ready to invest at least RUB 1 mln. in a new business project in the Arctic. Deputy

Prime Minister Yury Trutnev shared that the Arctic will now become a single economic zone and called local business environment the best in the country.

[rg.ru/2020/10/17/dlia-biznesa-v-arktike-vvodiatsia-oficialnye-udostovereniia.html](http://rg.ru/2020/10/17/dlia-biznesa-v-arktike-vvodiatsia-oficialnye-udostovereniia.html)

## NORTHERN SEA ROUTE

26 October 2020, RIA Novosti, Regnum, etc.

**Russia will build the world's three most powerful atomic icebreakers of the Leader series**

For the Arctic exploration, Russia will build the world's three most powerful icebreakers of the Leader series and five icebreakers of the 2222 series.

The country will get 16 emergency and rescue vessels and rescue towboats, three survey vessels and two buoy vessels. It was announced by the Presidential Decree on the Development Strategy of the Russian Federation's Arctic Zone and Ensuring Security until 2035.

[ria.ru/20201026/ledokol-1581662153.html](http://ria.ru/20201026/ledokol-1581662153.html)

21 October 2020, RIA Novosti, TASS, PFK, Rossiyskaya Gazeta, etc.

**The world's most powerful atomic icebreaker Arktika was put into operation in Murmansk**

General Director of Atomflot Mustafa Kashka and General Director of Baltic Shipyard Aleksey

Kadilov signed the delivery-acceptance certificate in the port of Murmansk.

The ceremony was attended by Russia's Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin.

[ria.ru/20201021/ledokol-1580794185.html](http://ria.ru/20201021/ledokol-1580794185.html)

21 October 2020, Газета.Ru

**Billions invested in the Arctic: Russia paves the Northern Sea Route**

The Government intends to invest additional RUB 110 billion in Arctic-related projects and the Northern Sea Route. Another RUB 80 billion can come from private investors. Experts believe that the Northern Sea Route needs more infrastructure. However, the costs it requires are so high that it should not interfere with other massive projects.

[gazeta.ru/business/2020/10/21/13327603.shtml](http://gazeta.ru/business/2020/10/21/13327603.shtml)

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE NORTH

27 October 2020, TASS

**Arctic Council supported Russian project to preserve northern languages.**

Participants of the Arctic Council task team on sustainable development supported a project called 'Digitalization of lingual and cultural heritage of the indigenous peoples of the Arctic'. The team met in Iceland on 27–28 October.

The project targets a broad audience. It includes indigenous peoples residing in the Arctic, younger generations of indigenous peoples, as well as people studying languages, culture, and traditional lifestyles of indigenous peoples. The project will also create an international multicultural web portal on languages, culture and food heritage of indigenous peoples of the Arctic.

The project plans to interview native speakers of Arctic languages, gather materials from public and private archives on lingual, cultural, historic and food heritage of indigenous peoples.

[tass.ru/obschestvo/9824359](http://tass.ru/obschestvo/9824359)

12 October 2020, The Arctic

**Draft project on support measures for traditional lifestyles of indigenous peoples of the Arctic**

The Ministry for Development of the Russian Far East and Arctic and the Far East Human Capital Development Agency prepared a [draft project](#) to provide government support to traditional economic activity of indigenous peoples of the North. It aims to create the environment for higher competitive ability of goods, works and services produced through traditional economic activity. The project will also strive to ensure sustainable development of indigenous peoples of the North. The project provides for developing industrial and technological infrastructure, promoting goods created by indigenous peoples of the North in international markets. It will address tourism development and vocational training, upgrading local power generation facilities, expanding the use of renewable energy sources, and promoting entrepreneurship indigenous peoples of the North.

[ru.arctic.ru/economics/20201012/983383.html](http://ru.arctic.ru/economics/20201012/983383.html)

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

15 October 2020, The Arctic

### **BRICS countries may partake in oil and gas projects in the Arctic**

During the online meeting of BRICS countries' energy ministers, Alexander Novak offered Russia's partners to take part in common oil and gas projects in the Arctic. "We are already cooperating with such non-Arctic states as Japan, China, and France," added the Russian Minister. He emphasized that Russian hydrocarbon fuels enjoy a significant advantage due to the shortness of the Northern Sea Route.

[ru.arctic.ru/international/20201015/984478.html](http://ru.arctic.ru/international/20201015/984478.html)

#### **For reference**

**The Roscongress Foundation** – a socially oriented non-financial development institution and a major organizer of international conventions, congress, exhibitions, business, social and sporting, public, and cultural events.

The Foundation was established in 2007 with the aim of facilitating the development of Russia's economic potential, promoting its national interests, and strengthening the country's image. One of the roles of the Foundation is to comprehensively evaluate, analyse, and cover issues on the Russian and global economic agendas. It also offers administrative services, provides promotional support for business projects and attracting investment, and helps foster social entrepreneurship and charitable initiatives.

Each year, the Foundation's events draw participants from 208 countries and territories, with more than 15,000 media representatives working on-site at Roscongress' various venues. The Foundation benefits from analytical and professional expertise provided by 5000 people working in Russia and abroad. In addition, it works in close cooperation with 130 economic partners; industrialists' and entrepreneurs' unions; and financial, trade, and business associations from 70 countries worldwide. [roscongress.org](http://roscongress.org)

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