

## **ITAR-TASS. NEWS FROM GOVERNING BODIES**

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### **NEW PHASE OF THE RUSSIAN-EUROPEAN CENTRE OF ECONOMIC POLICY WILL BE PRESENTED IN MOSCOW. THE EU ALLOCATED 2 MILLION EURO FOR ITS FINANCING**

By Vladimir ZIBROV

As ITAR-TASS correspondent was informed at the Delegation of the European Commission in the Russian Federation, this research centre commenced its work in February 1995. It co-operates with the administration of the president of the Russian Federation, the government, and the houses of the Federal Assembly. Russian and European exerts in various areas of economy work at the centre.

The project is implemented within the Tacis technical assistance programme. The European Union allocated 2 million euro for its financing. In accordance with the decision taken by the EU, activities of the Russian-European Centre will be extended for another year.

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## **NOVOSTY PRESS AGENCY**

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## **ROSBUSINESSCONSULTING NEWS AGENCY**

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### **RUSSIAN-EUROPEAN CENTRE OF ECONOMIC POLICY ENJOYED A GRANT FROM THE EU**

Today, a new phase was launched in the work of Russian-European Centre of Economic Policy (RECEP) that received a 2 million euro grant within the European Union's Tacis Programme. The RBC was informed of it at the press and information section of the Delegation of the European Commission in the Russian Federation. On behalf of the EU the project is led by Pierre Mendece-France University (Grenoble) jointly with Cert (Great Britain), Etila (Finland), and Otac (Great Britain). The RECEP intends to assist in working-out economic policy under new conditions that are a result of economic growth in the Russian Federation during the last two years, as well as new economic strategy of the government. Besides that, the RECEP aims at more active consulting for Russian government bodies on economic policy and at strengthening of collaboration with them. The Centre is going to establish joint working groups with a number of ministries and departments in order to carry out consulting on key economic issues. Recommendations on particular issues have been prepared for some of them.

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## **NEWS OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE**

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### **ITARR-TASS**

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## **THE RUSSIAN-EUROPEAN CENTRE OF ECONOMIC POLICY LAUNCHED A NEW PHASE OF ITS WORK IN MOSCOW**

By Natalya Gudzenko and Vladimir Zibrov

The Russian-European Centre of Economic Policy (RECEP) acting within the EU technical assistance programme (Tacis) launched the third phase of its work in Russia. The EU allocated 2 million euro for its financing. Vladimir Mau, head of the Working centre of economic reform at the government of the Russian Federation, spoke to-day in favour of change of priorities in the RECEP work. "For the first time within five years of the work in Russia, - he said, - the centre will act under conditions of economic growth". According to him, to-day "it is important to shift the emphasis from science and research activities to working-out practical measures for implementation of economic reform". "High scientific potential of 50 European and Russian researching economists working in the RECEP brings hope for positive results", - V. Mau noted.

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### **PRIME-TASS, BUSINESS NEWS ONLINE**

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## **G. GREF SPEAKS FOR DEPRIVING THE CENTRAL BANK OF RUSSIA OF THE FUNCTION TO LIMIT ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN BANKS IN RUSSIA**

German Gref, the minister for economic development and trade, considers it necessary to deprive the Central Bank of Russia of the function to limit activities of foreign banks on the territory of Russia. He said so at the presentation of the Tacis project covering further development of the Russian-European Centre of Economic Policy.

"We consider it necessary to exclude this function out of the proxy of the bank of Russia and fix such possible limitations by the law.", G. Gref said.

He noted that presently there is no limitations for activities of foreign banks in Russia, and "there is no concrete act on limitation of foreign banks access to Russia".

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### **FINMARKET – NEWS**

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G. Gref, minister for economic development and trade, said so during a Tacis project presentation at the Delegation of the European Commission in the Russian Federation, HTB.ru reports. He considers it necessary to exclude this function out of the proxy of the bank of Russia and fix such possible limitations by the law. G. Gref noted that the longer there are no foreign banks in this country, "the longer there will not be a normal banking system".

Meanwhile, G. Gref informed, within the framework of the banking sector of the Russian Federation reforming, a plan is accepted on withdrawal of the Central Bank's assets from Russian banks abroad and on their further

privatisation. Besides that, according to the minister, the government now faces the problem of de-monopolisation of the private savings market.

## **ROSBUSINESSCONSULTING NEWS AGENCY**

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### **Moscow. Late in 2000, the State Committee for Statistics of the Russian Federation will start transition of national accounts to international standards for 30 million dollars**

Late in 2000, the State Committee for Statistics of the Russian Federation will start a 30 million dollar project covering transition of national accounts system to international standards. Said Alexander Surinov, first deputy Chairman of the State Committee for Statistics, at the presentation of a new project of the Russian-European Centre of Economic Policy. According to him, besides technical transition in the system of national accounts to international standards, it is important to change one's thinking. "We carry on projects both with the Tacis and the Eurostat, which are aimed at the objective where both producers of statistical information and its user would speak the same language", - A. Surinov said. He noted that unemployment statistics in Russia now is formed in accordance with international standards.

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### **LATE IN 2000, THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR STATISTICS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION WILL START USING 30 MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT OF THE WORLD BANK FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICAL SYSTEM, FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR STATISTICS SAYS**

Late in 2000, the State Committee for Statistics of the Russian Federation is going to start using 30 million dollar credit of the World Bank granted for development of the state statistical system. Alexander Surinov, first deputy Chairman of the State Committee for Statistics, said it speaking at the presentation of a new phase of the Russian-European Centre of Economic Policy project.

He noted that on the initial stage the Tacis Programme will play an important role in the implementation of the project for acquiring necessary scientific works from the European Union.

First deputy Chairman of the State Committee for Statistics said the Russian statistical authority has been co-operating with the European Union for a long time in development of the national statistics, and, in particular, in unification of standards of the national accounts system. He also noted that thanks to the effort of the European colleagues, methodology of unemployment statistics in Russia now fully meets international standards.

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