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### **Barents Low Volume Road Management -project**

Проект «Управление дорогами с низкой интенсивностью движения в Баренц  
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#### **Road technologies transfer within the Kolarctic ENPI CBC Programme**

**On November, 24-25, 2011 the training seminar** involving road specialists from Finland, the Murmansk and the Arkhangelsk Region **will take place in “Murmanskavtodor”** (21, Gvardeyskaya St.). The seminar will disseminate the technologies developed and introduced to the practice of the Northern Europe countries within the ROADDEX international research project. Technology upgrading is the only way to increase output of available resources to improve road performances and develop road networks on vast and sparsely populated territories of the Northern Periphery. The Kolarctic Programme has granted the Russian road engineers an opportunity to get involved into the priceless informational resource accumulated by the Northern Europe colleagues during decades of international cooperation.

Local road material stabilization techniques will be discussed on the seminar taking into account permanent increase of heavy loads by main road users – mining and timber industries.

The seminar programme states new road challenges for the Polar road engineers, namely:

1. Reducing impacts of transport vibrations resulted from uneven low volume road pavements on road user health;
2. Reducing negative impacts of road construction and maintenance on sensitive Arctic and sub-Arctic eco-systems with means of innovational environmentally sound technologies.

The road engineers of the Murmansk and Arkhangelsk regions are the first to access the unique road technologies and be aware of the new task – not just adopting new technologies but sharing professional knowledge with the road engineers from the other Russian territories having no access to the cross-border cooperation programmes. The Russian territorial road administration association “RADOR” serves as an information dissemination channel. The worldwide expert Ph.D. Timo Saarenketo will give a master class to the Russian road specialists.

The seminar programme and information about the Project is available on web-sites: [www.ador.ru](http://www.ador.ru) and [www.madroad.ru](http://www.madroad.ru), or you may directly address to the Project Lead

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