

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ST. PETERSBURG

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1. CITY MANAGEMENT

APPOINTMENTS, GOVERNMENT COUNCILS

New head of the Committee on healthcare

Governor of St. Petersburg on October 3, 2017 has appointed M. Dubin the new Chairman of the Healthcare Committee. Prior to this appointment he has spent 3 months as the head of the Department of molecular, genetic and nanobiological technologies of the First St. Petersburg state medical university. Since 2008 he was the first rector of St. Petersburg state academic university of the RAS. Since 2012 the Committee on healthcare was headed by V. Kalabutin. Prior to that, he directed the activities of the Territorial Fund of OMS. On August 23, 2017, V. Kalabutin was discharged from the position of the Chairman of the Healthcare Committee on his own initiative. Thereafter, he has been appointed an adviser to the Governor of St. Petersburg on healthcare issues.

Committee of territorial development – a new unit of executive public authorities of St. Petersburg

The Committee was formed in accordance with the decree of St. Petersburg Government dated August 22, 2017 No. 707. The Committee began operating in September 2017, its Chairman was I. Knyazev. Since December 2013 I. Knyazev held the position of the deputy head of the administration of the Governor - the Chairman of the Committee on work with executive bodies of state authority and interaction with local governments of St. Petersburg. Earlier he worked in the office of the Plenipotentiary representative of Russian President in the Central Federal district, as the chief Federal inspector in Vladimir region and as a Vice Governor - head of the administration of Vladimir region. The Committee of territorial development is to administer issues of urban development, local government and municipal services in St. Petersburg. In addition, the Committee is responsible for interaction with political parties and subjects of public control, provides assistance to election commissions. The staff of the Committee is 46 people. Simultaneously with the establishment of the Committee of territorial development, changes were made to the structure of the administration of the Governor of St. Petersburg. In particular, they abolished the Committee for work with executive bodies of state authority and interaction with local governments and a number of other structural divisions of the administration of the Governor of St. Petersburg.

City authorities began preparations for the celebration of the 315-anniversary of the founding of St. Petersburg

For these purposes, in September 2017 an organizing committee was formed. The reason for its creation was the decree of the Government of St. Petersburg of 12.09.2017 No. 767. The organizing committee includes members of the government, heads of industry committees and district administrations and relevant government institutions. The first meeting of the organizing committee on preparations for the celebration of the 315-anniversary of the founding of St. Petersburg was held on October 28 at Smolny.

Regular meeting of the Investments council

The meeting was held on September 18, 2017 under the chairmanship of the Governor Georgy Poltavchenko and was devoted to the consideration of promising investment projects in the field of creative spaces. The participants discussed two project proposals on reconstruction and adaptation for modern use of the former Imperial stables office. The offer of the company "START development" provides for an integrated development of the stables office and the adjacent territories, the creation on its site of the contemporary art center. The volume of investments into the project will amount to 6.4 bln rubles. The offer of the company "Tandem-estate" involves the creation of a multifunctional exhibition space with educational and entertainment features. The volume of investments is estimated at 2 bln rubles. The decision on this matter must be made within one month. The Council also has considered projects of creation of the planetarium and scientific-technical space at the former gas tank on the embankment of Obvodny canal) and the development of the Faberge Museum (on the Fontanka). The project to create planetarium has received support and was approved.

Meeting of the Staff on improving conditions of doing business in St. Petersburg

The meeting was held on September 26, 2017 under the chairmanship of the Governor Georgy Poltavchenko and was devoted to summarizing the work in 2017 and to discussing new initiatives of working groups of the Staff. During the discussion the success of St. Petersburg was noted in ensuring availability of connection to the engineering infrastructure and simplifying regulatory procedures in the field of capital construction. St. Petersburg became one of the first regions of Russia, to transfer the procedure of getting a permit to connect to utilities for legal entities into electronic form. The Strategic Initiatives Agency has acknowledged this as the best practice and has recommended it for dissemination in other regions. St. Petersburg has developed and implemented a unified system for the construction industry. It al-

lows receiving 24 services in the field of construction activities in the online mode under the principle of "one window". The execution time of procedures was reduced by 30%. In St. Petersburg 84% of administrative procedures have been simplified to improve the investment attractiveness of the City. Among the priorities, the participants of the meeting called the reduction and optimization of control and supervisory procedures in entrepreneurial activities, improving awareness of entrepreneurs about changes in regulations and new services, which simplify administrative approvals.

Regular meeting of the Coordinating Council on local self-government under the Governor of St. Petersburg

The meeting of the Coordinating Council established by the resolution of the Governor of St. Petersburg of December 22, 2016 No. 101-PG was held on October 12, 2017. The focus of the participants was the implementation in St. Petersburg of the all-Russian program "Formation of a comfortable urban environment" and the projects "Your budget" and "Budget for citizens". At the meeting, it was noted that in St. Petersburg in realization of the program "Formation of a comfortable urban environment" along with Executive bodies of state power 83 municipalities are involved. To account for the views of residents in setting priorities of landscaping at 87 municipal entities public commissions have been created. In the framework of the activities of these commissions 84 public discussions of projects of municipal targeted programs for 2018 were held, more than 230 projects of landscaping have been reviewed.

LEGISLATION

Expert Council of the special economic zone of technical innovation type was formed in St. Petersburg

The Council was established based on the decision of the Government of St. Petersburg of September 5, 2017 No. 755. The decree has approved of the Regulation on the Expert Council, defined its composition and the organization of work. The appointed Chairman of the Board is the Vice-Governor S. Movchan, his deputy is the Chairman of the Committee on industrial policy and innovation M. Meyksin. The Expert Council makes decisions about production of scientific and technical production in the SEZ, will evaluate business plans submitted by those intending to obtain the status of SEZ resident. Based on the evaluation the Council decides on the support of the business plan, or the refusal of it, and on entrusting the execution of one or more obligations on amending the business plan for potential SEZ resident.

The Law on the commissioner for human rights in St. Petersburg has been amended

On the basis of the Law of St. Petersburg of September 26, 2017 No. 512-90 the article 9 of the Law of St. Petersburg of December 17, 1997 № 227-77 "On the commissioner for human rights in St. Petersburg" was amended by the regulation of the issues related to an early termination of powers of the commissioner for human rights. The amendments determine cases when the consideration by the Legislative Assembly of St. Petersburg of early termination of powers of the commissioner will not require consultation with the commissioner for human rights in Russia.

Changes in the provisions of the Environmental code of St. Petersburg

In accordance with the Law of St. Petersburg of October 2, 2017 No. 535-94 amended has been the article 4 of the Law of St. Petersburg "Environmental code of St. Petersburg". The competence of the Government of St. Petersburg now includes the functions of identification and assessment of objects of accumulated environmental damage. In addition, the Government of St. Petersburg will be responsible for the organization of works on elimination of accumulated environmental damage.

Legal framework for implementation of strategic investment projects of St. Petersburg has been amended

The decree of the Government of St. Petersburg of October 9, 2017 No. 853 sets the procedure for assigning a status of a strategic investment project. The same decree established the procedure of declaring an organization a strategic partner of St. Petersburg. This status may be granted to a Russian or foreign legal entity and based on a contract on joint activity.

Awards of St. Petersburg Government in the field of industry

The decree of the Government of St. Petersburg of October 9, 2017 No. 857 has established the Government prize of St. Petersburg "For increasing productivity in industrial enterprises in St. Petersburg" and "For the creation of high-tech jobs." According to the decree the regulation for the awards has been approved of. The regulations set forth that the prizes are awarded following the contest based on the Prize Commission's decision on the award. Approved have been the evaluation criteria. The premiums of three degrees are ranging from 5 to 25 mln rubles.

MEETINGS, COOPERATION

The delegation of St. Petersburg visited the city of Hamburg

St. Petersburg delegation headed by Governor Georgy Poltavchenko has visited in Hamburg on September 1-2, 2017. During the visit the Governor of St. Petersburg met with first mayor of Hamburg O. Scholz and President of the Parliament of Hamburg C. Veit. At the meeting the parties discussed various aspects of cooperation between St. Petersburg and Hamburg. Business connections are maintained between more than 100 St. Petersburg and Hamburg businesses and organizations. St. Petersburg hosts representative offices of Hamburg Senate, Hamburg chamber of Commerce and the Port of Hamburg. According to the results of the meetings the Road map for the development of cooperation between St. Petersburg and Hamburg in the 2017-2019 biennium has been signed. During the visit, agreements between St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University of Peter the Great and the Technological University of Hamburg and between State vocational school of steel and engineering industries of Hamburg and St. Petersburg regional multifunctional center of applied qualifications "College of engineering and metalworking" have also been signed.

The delegation of St. Petersburg has visited the city of Chengdu (China) on an official visit

The official visit to Chengdu was made on September 13-16, 2017. In the framework of the visit, a meeting was held between G. Poltavchenko, governor of Sichuan Y. Li and the mayor of the people's government of Chengdu L. Qiang. Following the meeting, they have signed a cooperation agreement between the governments of St. Petersburg and the province of Sichuan and the Memorandum of cooperation between the City Oncology center of St. Petersburg and the Cancer center of Sichuan province.

The X St. Petersburg international innovation forum and the XXI Forum "Russian industrialist"

The events of the forums have been held from 20 to 22 of September in the Convention and exhibition center "Expoforum". The opening ceremony was attended by the Governor Georgy Poltavchenko, the chief Federal inspector in St Petersburg V. Minenko, the Chairman of the Board of "ROSNANO" Anatoly Chubais, the president of the Union of Industrialists and entrepreneurs of St. Petersburg A. Turchak, the General Director of "EF-international" S. Voronkov. The participants represented 34 regions of Russia and 22 countries of the world. The key theme of the forums was the "Evolution of technology". The events of the forums reflected 4 thematic areas: "Industry and innovation – the drivers of economic development", "Industry 4.0 for the urban environment", "Development Institutions and supporting innovation",

"Human capital". During the forum, a citywide fair of vacancies and educational workplaces was held. On September 20 in the framework of the forums a cooperation Agreement between St. Petersburg and the Finnish company Vilakone Oy has been signed. The city and the company-investor are to implement the project of localization on the territory of St. Petersburg of cleaning equipment manufacturing with an investment volume in the amount of 750 mln rubles.

Implementation of the tripartite agreement between the City authorities, trade unions and employers

On September 20 at the Congress and exhibition center "Expoforum" the obligations of the parties to implement the tripartite agreement between government, entrepreneurs and trade unions of St. Petersburg for the 2017-2019 biennium and the Regional agreement on minimum wage in St. Petersburg for 2018 have been signed. The documents have been signed by the Governor Georgy Poltavchenko, the president of the Union of Industrialists and entrepreneurs of St. Petersburg A. Turchak and the Chairman of the Leningrad Federation of trade unions V. Derbin. Essentially the tripartite agreement is a public agreement aimed at improving the quality of life of the population of St. Petersburg. The practice of signing of tripartite agreements in St. Petersburg has been known for more than a quarter century. The signed documents provide for the establishment of a minimum wage in St. Petersburg in 2018 at the level of 17 thous rubles, which is more than 2 times higher than the minimum wage in Russia. The parties have committed themselves not to increase in 2018 fares in urban public transport and contributions for capital repairs of residential buildings.

St. Petersburg hosted the III international forum of spatial development

The forum was held from 27 to 29 September. The forum is organized at the initiative of the University ITMO with the support of the Government of St. Petersburg. The theme of the forum 2017 – "Re.Urban – Re.Evolution: rethinking the future of cities". Among the main thematic directions of the forum were: "smart cities" of Russia and the world, renovation and revitalization, the role of digital technologies in the development of modern cities, culture as a factor of evolution.

St. Petersburg hosted the World communication summit

The summit was held on September 28-29, 2017, at the Presidential library of B. N. Yeltsin. In total, the summit was attended by over 500 delegates from 26 countries and 15 regions of

Russia. The organizer of the summit was the Government of St. Petersburg, the Federal Antimonopoly service of Russia and the International Advertising Association (IAA). In Russia such a significant event has been held for the 4th time.

St. Petersburg hosted the ceremony of awarding international prizes in the sphere of tourism

The ceremony took place on September 30 in the Russian Ethnographic Museum. WTA international awards are the most prestigious awards in the field of tourism. St. Petersburg won the right to host the ceremony, as the city, which is already a winner of two awards: the global award in the category "Leading Cultural Tourist Destination in the World 2016" and the European award "The Best Tourist Destination in Europe 2015". St. Petersburg became the winner in nomination "The Best European City - Destination of 2017".

St. Petersburg hosted the International gas forum

The VII St. Petersburg international gas forum was held from October 2 to 5 in the congress-exhibition center "ExpoForum". The forum was held in the framework of the Russian energy week. The central themes of the forum were: the development of remote Arctic areas and offshore fields, market development for liquefied natural gas and implementation of natural gas fuel. At the exhibition area of the forum novelties of oil and gas market have been presented by more than 300 of the largest companies, including Gazprom, ROSNANO, Gazprom Avtomatizatsiya, OMV, Uniper SE and others. The forum has been attended by more than 4,5 thousand people from 43 countries.

St. Petersburg strengthens ties with the business circles of the People's Republic of China

On October 6, 2017, the Governor of St. Petersburg held in Smolny a meeting with the Vice-President of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China C. Hongli. The parties discussed the possibility of participation of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China in the implementation of investment projects in St. Petersburg. During the meeting it was noted that the People's Republic of China (PRC) is the largest trading partner of St. Petersburg. The annual trade turnover exceeds USD 5 bln. Projects of creation of the satellite city "Yuzhny" and of the Park of light industry "Novy Skorokhod" have been presented.

On October 30, 2017 in Smolny the Governor of St. Petersburg met with Chairman of the

Board of Directors of Shanghai Industrial Investment Company S. Xiaochu. During the meeting special attention was paid to the implementation of large-scale construction project of the multifunctional complex "Baltic pearl", by now implemented by more than 50%.

The Governor of St. Petersburg held a meeting with the Ambassador of the European Union to Russia

On October 10, 2017 Governor G. Poltavchenko met at Smolny with the Ambassador of EU in Russia M. Ederer. It was noted that despite political and economic difficulties in the 1st half of 2017, the trade turnover between St. Petersburg and EU countries has increased by 22% compared to the same period last year. The growth recorded for both exports and imports. As a successful example of the cooperation the parties noted the reconstruction and commissioning of the Northern wastewater treatment plant. The implementation of the project was 90% financed by foreign companies. The city is implementing recommendations of the Helsinki commission for the protection of the marine environment of the Baltic Sea.

St. Petersburg hosted the first Russian-British dialogue "Trust and mutual respect as key elements of sustainable development"

The work of this representative event was held on October 18 and 19, 2017, at St. Petersburg Mining University. The forum was organized by leading mining institutions of Russia and the UK - St. Petersburg Mining University and the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining Cases (IOM3). At the forum, among other issues, the establishment of an International Centre of excellence in Mining Engineering Education under the auspices of UNESCO was discussed. The center will be established at the Mining University.

St. Petersburg hosted the XVI all-Russian Forum of strategic planning in regions and cities of Russia

The forum of strategic planning was focused around tools and resources for the implementation of strategic planning documents. On October 23 to 25, 42 events have been held (including 4 plenary sessions), which were attended by over 1000 people. The Forum brought together representatives of more than 60 Russian regions and 80 municipalities. Traditionally, the Forum hosted a large delegation of foreign experts, which this year included over 70 people from 20 countries.

2. EMPLOYMENT

In August 2017, large and medium sized enterprises employed 1448.5 thous. people (Table 1). Staff employees amounted to 94.5% of all the employed. Compared to the previous month the number of staff fell by 0.6%, the number of by-workers fell by 1.5%, and that of contracted workers grew by 2.7%.

In January – August 2017 the number of employees at these enterprises grew by 2.8% compared to the same period of 2016. The number of staff during the period grew by 2.7% that of by-workers fell by 0.4%, the number of contracted workers grew by 10.9%.

In August 2017, the largest number of vacancies filled was in education, processing indus-

tries, real estate operations, transportation and telecommunications, healthcare, and the least - in agriculture and forestry, hotels and restaurants, other services (Table 2). The public sector employed 45.8% of all employees of large and medium-sized enterprises of the City.

In July-August 2017 the number of economically active population (EAP) amounted to 3036.7 thous. persons, of them 2983.3 thous. employed and 52.9 thous. unemployed. During the reporting period, the employment rate was 73.6% (share of employed people in total population aged 15 to 72 years), the level of economic activity – 74.9% (share of economically active population of the total population aged 15 to 72 years) (<http://ktzn.gov.spb.ru/analiticheskaya-informaciya/>).

TABLE 1. Changes in total employment at large and medium enterprises of St. Petersburg

	August 2017		January-August 2017 in % to January – August 2016
	'000 people	in % to July 2017	
Filled jobs total, including:	1448,5	99,3	102,8
Registered permanent employees	1381,8	99,4	102,7
External by-workers	32,3	98,5	99,6
Contracted labour	34,4	97,3	110,9

TABLE 2. Employment at enterprises and organizations of St. Petersburg by the type of economic activity in August 2017 (without small enterprises)

Industry	Total employment	
	'000 people	% of the total
Total, including:	1448,5	100,0
Manufacturing	209,0	14,4
Production and distribution of electric power, gas and water	48,2	3,3
Agriculture and forestry	5,9	0,4
Construction	61,0	4,2
Transportation and telecommunications	180,6	12,5
Finance	54,4	3,8
Real estate transactions, leasing and services	35,9	2,5
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and home appliances	153,4	10,6
Hotels and restaurants	26,3	1,8
Public administration, security and social care	88,2	6,1
Education	219,8	15,2
Healthcare and social services	142,5	9,8
Culture, sports, entertainment	44,3	3,1
Science and technology	132,2	9,1
Administrative services	36,1	2,5
Other services	10,7	0,7

In September 2017, the demand of St. Petersburg enterprises for new workforce amounted to 44.8 thous. people (table 3).

In the end of September 2017, 44778 vacancies have been reported to the Employment service, 62.1% of them – workers' positions (<http://ktzn.gov.spb.ru/analiticheskaya-informaciya/>).

In January-September 2017 the greatest demand for employees was declared by the enterprises and organizations of such economic activities, as cargo transportation and storage – 13.3% of all reported vacancies; processing industries – 12.8%, construction – 12.7%; wholesale and retail trade – 9.6%.

The pressure in the labor market (the number of unemployed citizens registered at the Employment Service per one vacancy) at the end of September 2017 was 0,49 persons per vacancy (at the end of September 2016 – 0,46 persons per vacancy).

In September 2017 21.9 thous. persons were registered at the Employment Service of St. Petersburg. It is 10.6% less than in December 2016 (table 4). In September 2017, 42.0% of those registered at the Employment Service were officially considered unemployed.

At the end of September 2017, the total number of those who turned to the State Employment Service of St. Petersburg amounted to 24387 people (at the end of September 2016 – 27600 people).

The number of registered unemployed at the end of September 2017 was 9215 persons, of them women – 51.7%; young people aged 16-29 years – 14.3%; persons with disabilities – 16.7% (at the end of September 2016 the number of unemployed amounted to 11085 persons) (<http://ktzn.gov.spb.ru/analiticheskaya-informaciya/>).

In September 2017, the status of unemployed was assigned to 1.9 thous. persons. The number of the job-placements in September 2017 was by 25 people or by 0.3% more than in the same period of 2016, and amounted to 800 people.

According to Rosstat, in June-August 2017, the unemployment rate (according to methodology of the International Labor Organization) amounted to 1.7% of the economically active population (EAP). Over the same period in 2016, it was 1.6%. St. Petersburg had one the lowest levels of unemployment among the subjects of the Russian Federation (in the North-Western Federal district – 4.2%, Moscow - 1.3%, Russia – 5.0 %).

TABLE 3. St. Petersburg enterprises' demand for workforce, January 2016 – September 2017

Month	Demand for workforce reported to the Employment service, thous. people	Number of unemployed people per 1 vacancy		
		persons	In % to the previous month	In % to the same month of the previous year
January 2016	49,0	0,6	150	200
February	44,4	0,6	100	120
March	42,4	0,7	117	140
April	43,0	0,8	114	160
May	48,1	0,6	75	120
June	51,5	0,5	83	125
July	52,5	0,5	100	125
August	55,2	0,5	100	125
September	54,4	0,5	100	125
October	52,4	0,5	100	125
November	47,0	0,5	100	125
December	42,2	0,6	120	150
January 2017	41,5	0,6	100	100
February	40,9	0,7	117	117
March	39,4	0,7	100	100
April	41,0	0,7	100	88
May	45,1	0,5	71	83
June	45,2	0,5	100	100
July	45,1	0,5	100	100
August	45,2	0,5	100	100
September	44,8	0,5	100	100

TABLE 4. Change in the number of officially registered unemployed people in St. Petersburg, 2016, January – September 2017

Month	Number of unemployed people registered at the Employment Service	Those with the status of an unemployed person		
		'000 people	% to previous month	% to the same month of the previous year
January 2016	27,5	13,6	101	126
February	28,4	14,6	107	119
March	30,5	14,5	99,4	112
April	32,3	14,5	99,6	107
May	30,1	14,1	97	107
June	25,1	12,9	92	99,3
July	25,2	12,2	95	97
August	24,9	11,8	96	98
September	24,9	11,1	94	94
October	25,4	10,9	98	93
November	25,5	11,1	102	88
December	24,5	11,8	106	87
January 2017	25,8	11,9	101	88
February	27,9	12,4	104	85
March	28,5	12,1	98	83
April	27,1	11,7	97	81
May	24,4	11,0	94	78
June	22,4	10,1	92	79
July	22,0	9,9	97	81
August	21,7	9,8	99	83
September	21,9	9,2	94	83

The level of registered unemployment (ratio of registered unemployed to the economically active population on average) at the end of September 2017 amounted to 0,31% of the economically active population (at the end of September 2016, the figure was 0,37%) (www.rspb.ru) (figure 1). This is the lowest figure among the regions of the Northwestern Federal district.

3. PERSONAL INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES

PRICES

In January-September 2017 consumer prices growth in St. Petersburg was equal to 3.0%. In the same period of 2016, it was 4.2%.

The growth of consumer prices in January-September 2017 in St. Petersburg was 1.3% more than in Russia on average. In September 2017, consumer prices fell by 0.1% (Table 5).

In January-September 2017, tariffs for paid individual services in St. Petersburg grew by 6.8%. For comparison: their growth in the same period of 2016 was 4.6%.

The rate of growth of tariffs for paid individual services in January-September 2017 was

2.7% higher than Russia's average. Tariffs for paid services in September 2017 grew by 0.1%.

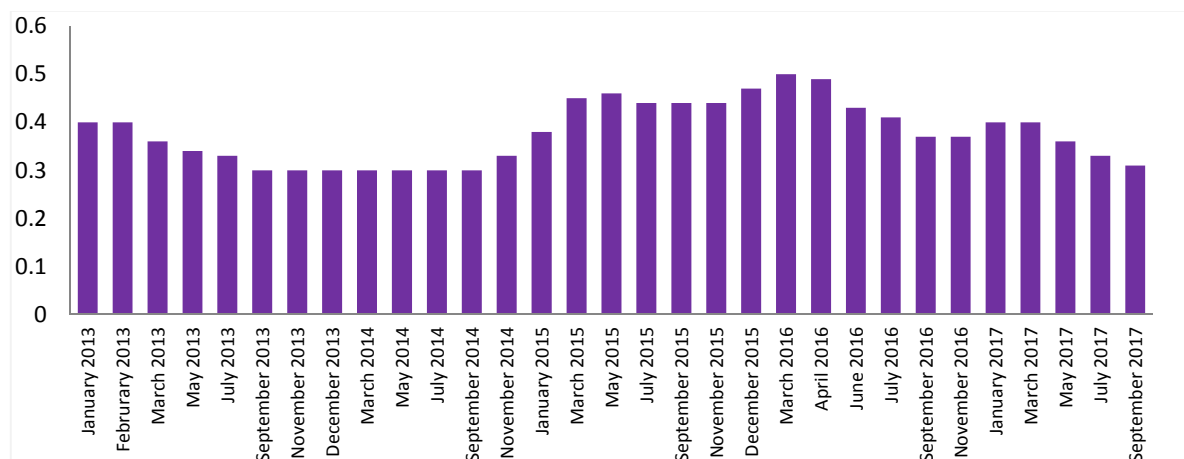
In January-September 2017, prices of foodstuff grew faster than in Russia on average by 0.7% and those of non-foodstuff goods – by 2.3%. The growth was correspondingly – 1% lower and 2.4% higher than in Russia on average. In September 2017, prices of foodstuff fell by 0.6% and those of non-food goods grew by 0.2%.

In September 2017 prices grew for oil and fats (+0.8%), fish (+0.1%), milk and dairy products (+0.3%), cheese (+0.2%), sausage (+0.6%).

Prices fell for fruits and vegetables (-5.9%), cereals and beans (-1.6%), meat and poultry, bread and bakery products, confectionary (-0.2%), alcohol (-0.1%).

Among non-food items in September 2017 in St. Petersburg, prices grew for tobacco products (+1.0%), kitchenware (+0.9%), construction materials (+1.3%), clothing and footwear (+0.2%), textiles (+0.6%), perfumery and beauty products (+0.8%). Prices fell for cleaning and maintenance products -0.4%),

In September 2017 fees for maintenance and repair of housing, operating costs, cold water supply and sewerage, hot water, gas and electricity have not changed.

PICTURE 1. The level of registered unemployment in St. Petersburg, % of the economically active population**TABLE 5. Consumer price index dynamics in 2016, January – September 2017, % to the previous month**

	<i>St. Petersburg</i>				<i>Russian Federation</i>			
	<i>CPI</i>	<i>Including:</i>			<i>CPI</i>	<i>Including:</i>		
		<i>Foodstuff</i>	<i>Non-food goods</i>	<i>Personal services</i>		<i>Foodstuff</i>	<i>Non-food goods</i>	<i>Personal services</i>
January 2016	101,8	101,9	101,1	102,6	101,0	101,2	100,7	101,0
February	100,6	101,0	100,7	100,1	100,6	100,7	100,8	100,3
March	100,3	100,7	100,7	99,2	100,5	100,4	100,8	100,1
April	100,4	100,7	100,5	99,7	100,4	100,4	100,6	100,3
May	100,1	100,0	100,4	99,8	100,4	100,4	100,4	100,5
June	100,1	99,8	100,2	100,3	100,4	100,1	100,5	100,6
July	100,8	99,97	100,4	102,5	100,5	100,0	100,4	101,7
August	99,8	99,0	100,4	100,1	100,0	99,4	100,4	100,3
September	100,2	99,6	100,6	100,4	100,2	99,9	100,6	100,1
October	100,4	101,0	100,4	99,6	100,4	100,8	100,5	99,7
November	100,4	101,0	100,2	99,9	100,4	100,7	100,4	100,0
December	100,2	100,5	100,2	99,7	100,4	100,6	100,3	100,3
January 2017	101,4	101,1	100,6	102,5	100,6	100,9	100,5	100,5
February	100,4	100,5	100,3	100,2	100,2	100,2	100,2	100,3
March	100,2	100,4	100,3	100,0	100,1	100,1	100,2	100,0
April	100,5	100,8	100,3	100,3	100,3	100,6	100,2	100,2
May	100,5	100,7	100,2	100,5	100,4	100,6	100,2	100,4
June	100,4	100,5	100,1	100,7	100,6	100,1	100,1	100,7
July	100,3	99,1	100,1	102,1	100,1	99,0	100,1	101,6
August	99,5	98,2	100,1	100,3	99,5	98,2	100,1	100,4
September	99,9	99,4	100,2	100,1	99,9	99,3	100,3	100,1
September 2017 in % to December 2016	103,0	100,7	102,3	106,8	101,7	99,9	101,8	104,1
September 2016 in % to December 2015	104,2	102,7	105,2	104,6	104,1	102,4	105,2	104,8

In September 2017, in St. Petersburg prices have increased for denture making by 6.5%, for medical services by 1.4%, for bathing in a bath by 1.2%, for general blood test by 0.2%.

In January-September 2017, gasoline price increased by 4.6%, that of diesel fuel by 3.7%. In September 2017, gasoline price has increased by 0.3%, that of diesel fuel - by 0.2%.

PERSONAL INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES

The real salary in St. Petersburg in August have decreased by 11.8%, in Russia on average – grew by 0.9% (table 6).

The average monthly nominal salary in St. Petersburg in August 2017 amounted to 51571 rubles, in Russia on average – 37140 rubles, 28% less.

Salary arrears on October 1, 2017 amounted to 168.5 mln. rubles. Processing industries were responsible for 70% of the total, construction industry – for 10.9%, education – for 7%, research and development – for 12.1%.

In August 2017, the share of savings in deposits was stable and the share of foreign currency purchase has grown (table 8).

TABLE 6. Real monetary incomes and real salary in St. Petersburg and the Russian Federation in 2016, January – August 2017, %

	St. Petersburg				Russian Federation			
	Real salary		Real income		Real salary		Real income	
	To the previous month	To the same month of the previous year	To the previous month	To the same month of the previous year	To the previous month	To the same month of the previous year	To the previous month	To the same month of the previous year
January 2016	71,7	96,1	39,9	102,7	74,3	96,4	48,1	94,5
February	108,4	104,0	160	92,9	103,2	100,6	133,5	95,5
March	105,3	105,2	98,5	96,6	104,3	101,5	99,7	98,7
April	96,9	98,2	106,6	93,3	102,3	98,9	108,2	93,0
May	100,9	102,6	86,4	99,2	101,7	101,0	88,0	93,8
June	106,6	104,9	119,4	100,6	102,7	101,1	110,3	95,4
July	95,2	103,3	93,5	97,4	92,8	98,7	98,8	93,0
August	95,2	105,6	93,3	98,5	98,5	102,7	100,9	91,8
September	102,2	105,4	101,9	95,1	101,0	101,9	98,5	97,1
October	101,5	103,4	102,2	94,2	99,4	100,4	101,1	94,0
November	101,0	105,0	98,7	96,4	100,9	102,1	98,2	94,4
December	133,8	106,8	170	97,9	129,5	102,4	150,5	93,9
January 2017	72,1	106,4	34,9	97,0	74,0	103,1	52,6	108,0
February	106,3	104,3	150	92,8	101,4	101,0	119,5	96,2
March	106,7	104,2	107,6	98,0	106,8	103,2	101,6	97,7
April	99,6	107,4	106,5	94,7	103,4	103,7	102,1	92,5
May	97,6	103,8	88,7	99,7	100,6	102,8	95,5	99,9
June	109,4	106,7	114,8	99,8	104,1	103,9	110,3	100,0
July	92,9	104,2	94,7	98,6	92,1	103,1	96,3	98,4
August	96,7	105,0	88,2	99,7	98,1	102,4	100,9	99,7

TABLE 7. Salary arrears in St. Petersburg in January - October 2017 (on the 1st of each month), mln. rubles

	January 2017	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
Total arrears	99,6	116,0	127,0	81,9	94,8	112,8	116,3	246,7	210,1	168,5
Including arrears due to the lack of budget financing	14,1	13,2	13,5	14,8	20,6	11,7	8,9	4,6	5,1	19,1

TABLE 8. Personal expenditures of St. Petersburg's residents in 2016, January – August 2017 (% of the incomes)

	<i>Expenditures:</i>				<i>Excess of incomes over expenditures (+), expenditures over incomes (-)</i>
	<i>Purchase of goods and services</i>	<i>Required payments</i>	<i>Savings in deposits</i>	<i>Foreign currency purchase</i>	
January 2016	106,3	13,1	- 24,4	12,8	- 16,2
February	64,4	13,6	15,7	8,3	- 7,5
March	70,4	13,7	8,7	10,6	- 10,4
April	63,9	14,2	12,9	10,5	- 7,9
May	75,6	13,7	6,0	9,4	- 9,5
June	62,5	13,5	12,2	10,4	- 7,9
July	69,7	18,3	6,1	11,2	- 10,4
August	75,0	14,1	6,1	11,6	- 12,6
September	74,7	13,6	6,7	12,8	- 13,5
October	73,6	14,1	5,6	13,3	- 13,5
November	73,9	15,0	7,7	9,6	- 10,5
December	51,5	14,0	22,2	6,6	- 3,4
January 2017	109,1	15,8	0,4	9,3	- 39,4
February	71,9	15,4	9,5	8,8	- 8,9
March	73,8	15,0	9,2	8,6	- 10,7
April	68,5	14,2	12,4	8,3	- 2,3
May	83,7	16,4	2,3	8,4	- 11,3
June	69,5	15,6	14,8	8,1	- 7,6
July	74,7	21,4	3,2	9,1	-9,0
August	81,6	15,4	3,5	11,1	- 12,2

DIFFERENTIATION OF INCOMES AND SALARIES IN ST. PETERSBURG

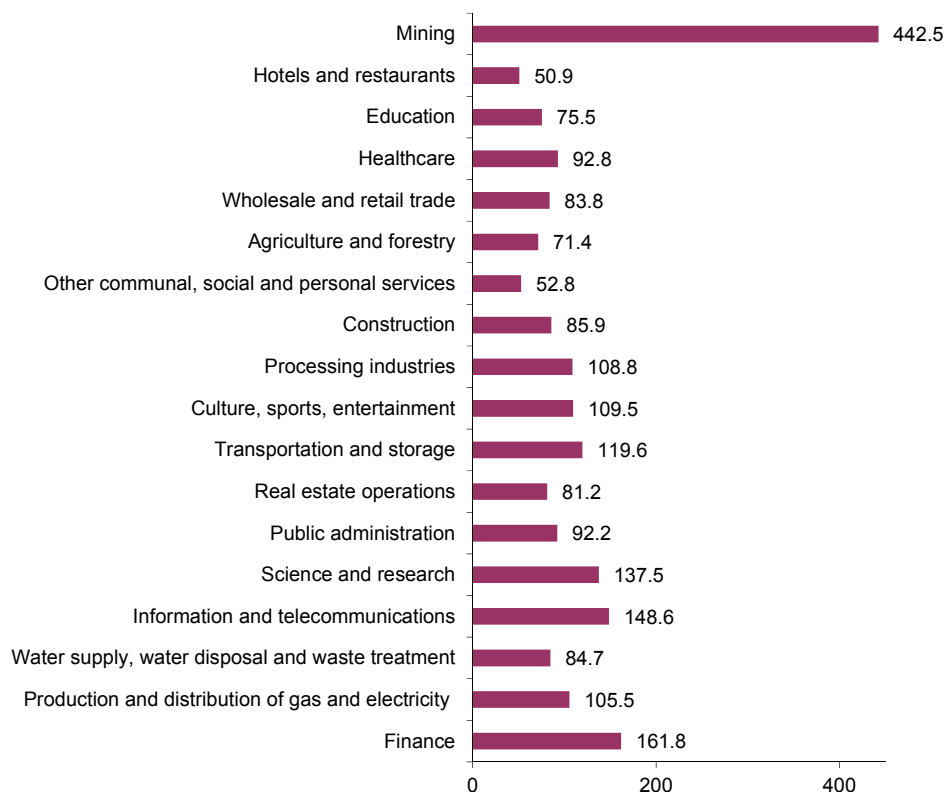
In August 2017, the level of inter-industry salary differentiation grew compared to June 2017 (Picture 2). The gap between the highest salary (mining) and the lowest salary (hotels and restaurants) was during this month equal to 8.7 times compared to 8.1 times in June, 7.8 times in April, 6.4 times in February 2017.

The highest salaries in August 2017 were paid in mining (the salary in this sector was

4.4 times higher than the average for St. Petersburg).

In August 2017 the average for the City was significantly exceeded by the salary in the financial sector (by 61.8%), in information and telecommunication sector (by 48.6%), in R&D sector (by 37.5%).

The lowest salary was paid in the provision of other services (52,8% of the average), at hotels and restaurants (50,9% of the average).

PICTURE 2. Inter-industry differentiation of average salary in August 2017 in St. Petersburg, % of the average salary (the average salary = 100%)

4. INDUSTRY

The index of industrial production in St. Petersburg in January-September, 2017 in comparison with January-September, 2016 amounted to 103.6%.

In St. Petersburg on September 27, an automated line for the production of electrical connectors has been launched. The line was built by OOO Ensto Rus, a subsidiary of the largest Scandinavian company Ensto Finland OY. The capacity of the new line will be 100 thous appliances per year. Investments in the project amounted to about € 1 mln. To the newly constructed line, manufacturing of heaters will be relocated from Finland in connection with the company's commitment to enhance the localization on the Russian market, and to reduce costs (<http://gov.spb.ru> 27.09.2017).

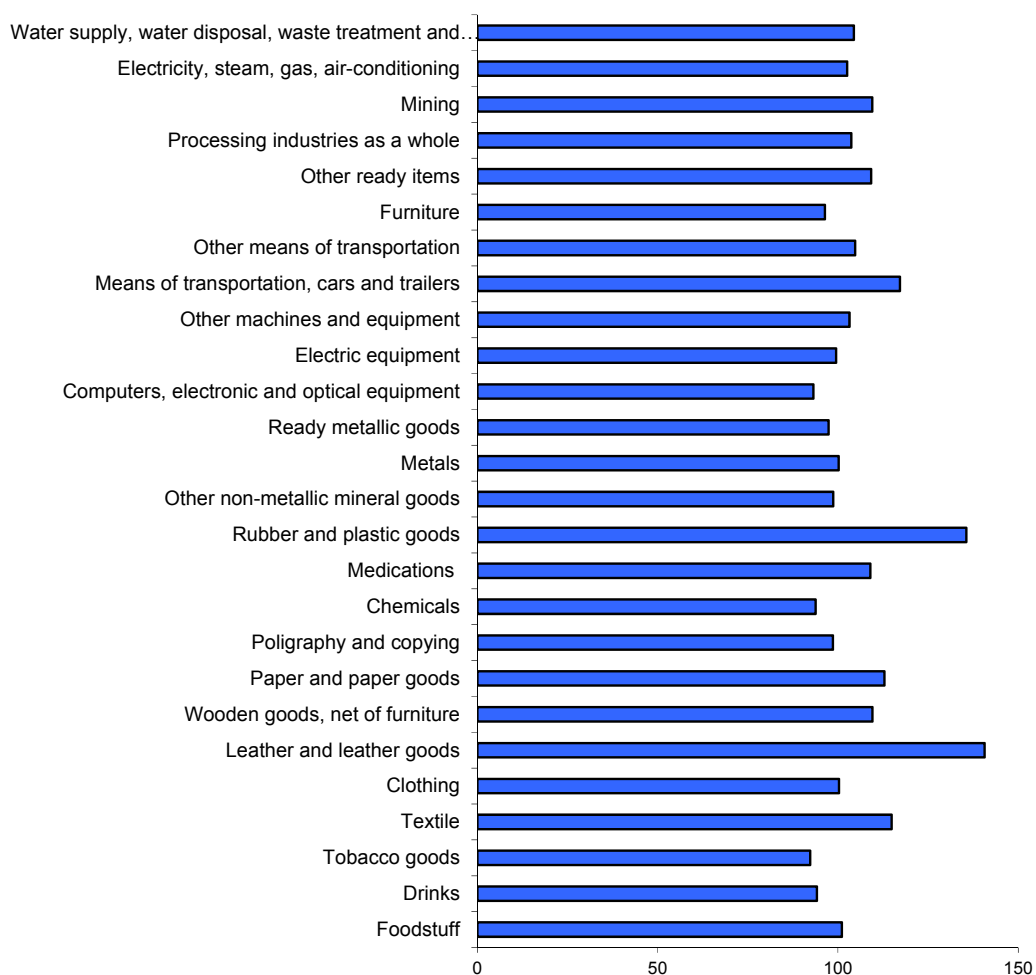
In St. Petersburg the pharmaceutical company "Geropharm" has launched the first phase of the production line for the manufacture of pharmaceutical substances. Almost 90% of processes in the company are fully automated. The second phase should be started in late 2018. Medications will be manufactured at the plant "Geropharm" in

Sochi. The enterprise in the Pushkin district will produce insulin and medicines required in case of ophthalmological and neurological diseases (<http://riafan.ru> 23.09.2017).

At the Baltic plant in St. Petersburg on September 22, 2017, an atomic icebreaker "Siberia" of the project 22220 was launched. It is one in a series of three nuclear-powered icebreakers LK-60 with capacity of 60 MW of the project 22220 ("Arktika", "Siberia" and "Ural") with terms of delivery 2017-2020. Head icebreaker "Arktika" was laid in November 2013, launched on June 16, 2016. Three nuclear-powered icebreakers of the project 22220 are being built to the order of the state corporation "Rosatom" (<http://rus-shipping.ru> 22.09.2017).

Two new lines for juice production have been launched at St. Petersburg plant of Coca-Cola. The line is able to provide annual production of more than 145 mln liters of juice. The volume of investments in the creation of the new lines has exceeded 170 mln rubles. Coca-Cola Factory in St. Petersburg has been functioning since 1995, the investment in construction and infrastructure development totaled 1.5 bln rubles by now. The plant produces a variety of drinks and juices on five production lines, including two new juice lines (<http://regnum.ru> 27.10.2017).

PICTURE 3. Industrial production dynamics in St. Petersburg by industry, January-September 2017 in % to January-September 2016



5. FINANCE

CITY BUDGET

The information about the implementation of the consolidated budget is presented in table 9.

According to the data of the Federal tax service of Russia in St. Petersburg in January-September 2017 the revenues from taxes, fees and other obligatory payments amounted to 813.7 bln rubles, which in nominal terms is 21.5% more than the corresponding period last year. In September 2017, compared with the previous month revenues to the budget system grew by 1.1%.

In January-August 2017 the consolidated financial result (profit minus loss) of organizations (excluding banks, insurance companies and budget organizations, without small businesses) amounted to 486.4 bln rubles, which is 13.6% more than in the corresponding period last year. In

January-August 2017 the number of unprofitable enterprises in comparison with the same period of 2016 grew by 67 units or by 12.2%, the amount of the loss grew 1.8 times.

STATE DEBT

The information about the structure of the state debt as of October 1, 2017, is presented in the tables 10 and 11.

Table 9. Consolidated budget execution in 2017 (mln rubles)

	Revenues	Expenditures	Surplus
<i>January-July</i>	313452	291917	21534
<i>January-August</i>	347921	327111	20809

Source: Petrostat

Table 10. St. Petersburg's state debt structure on 01.10.2017

	mln. rubles	share, %
State domestic debt of St. Petersburg, including:	6 742,9	100,0
Bonds	0,0	0,0
Credits	6 742,8	100,0
State external debt of St. Petersburg	0,0	0,0
Total	6 742,8	100,0

Source: St. Petersburg Committee of Finance

Table 11. Debt service expenditures of the budget of St. Petersburg, as of October 1, 2017 (mln. rubles)

Item	Plan 2017
Domestic debt service costs	355,4
Total	355,4

Source: St. Petersburg Committee of Finance

6. CITY AFFAIRS

BEAUTIFICATION, RESTORATION, REPAIRS

Short-term plan of capital repairs of apartment houses in 2018 involves the exercise of 2.5 thous. tasks with a total value of 9 bln rubles. The works include repair of 260 facades, 517 roofs, replacement of 678 elevators, reconstruction of heating systems, gas and electricity supply, repair of basements and foundations. From the beginning of 2017, owners of premises that form the Fund of capital repair of common property in apartment buildings have contributed 3.2 bln rubles, the collection of contributions amounted to more than 91%. (Based on materials of the Fund – regional operator of capital repairs)

The restoration of the main building of the St. Petersburg Conservatory will be completed no earlier than 2019, the Contractor is OOO "Meander", the cost of the current contract is 606 mln rubles. The restoration works include reconstruction of facades, intermediate floors, replacement of utilities and the roof, the architectural-artistic illumination. The initial term of completion, – September 1, 2018, – was shifted to a later time due

to the replacement of the contractor (the previous one was ZAO Baltstroy) and the complexity of the work. (Based on TASS)

TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY, WATER SUPPLY

In January-September, 2017, transport organizations of St. Petersburg transported 3.5 mln tons of cargo and 409,6 mln passengers, which exceeds the figures for the same period, 2016 (by 17.1% and 2.7%, respectively). The freight turnover amounted to 1054,3 mln ton-km (27.8% more than the same period in 2016), and passenger traffic 2357 mln passenger-km (2.3% more than in January-September 2016). The number of accidents slightly decreased compared to the same period in 2016, in January-September, 2017 there were recorded 4498 accidents (0.6% less than in January-September 2016), which killed 192 people. The number of accidents involving children under 16 years increased by 12.2% to 431. (According to Petrostat)

The Transport Committee of St. Petersburg held a tender for the reconstruction of the bus depot No. 1 of SPb GUP "Passazhiravtotrans" on Krustalnaya ul. The contractor of the first stage of the work, the cost of which will amount to more

than 297 mln rubles, was OOO "Sevzapen-ergostroy". According to the competition conditions, the contractor shall rehabilitate buildings and utilities of the bus depot and adapt it for operation, for maintenance and repair of rolling stock operating on the alternative fuel. Total investment in the project (including subsequent phases of work) will be more than 1 bln rubles, and the total capacity of the depot will be 240 buses running on gas. (Based on materials of "Kommersant")

The expenditures on the construction of the metro in 2018 in accordance with the draft City budget for next year will amount to 30 bln rubles (originally planned - 25,9 bln rubles). It is planned that next year there will be put into operation five new metro stations ("Novokrestovskaya", "Begovaya", "Prospect Slavy", "Dunayskaya" and "Shushary"). (Based on materials of "Vedomosti")

GUP "Vodokanal of St. Petersburg" has completed the first stage of reconstruction of the Northern aeration station with a total cost of 1.9 bln rubles. The Project was financed from several sources – loans from the European development banks (EBRD, EIB), own funds of the enterprise, gratuitous transfers from the Fund "Northern dimension" and the Swedish Agency for international cooperation and development. The work was carried out in 2012, the goal was to reduce the content of phosphorus and nitrogen in the discharged wastewater in accordance with the recommendations of the Helsinki Commission for the protection of the Baltic sea. As part of the reconstruction primary and secondary clarifiers have been upgraded. As a result, the performance of the Northern WWTP has increased to 1 mln cubic meters of water per day (Based on materials of "Kommersant")

MAJOR CITY PROJECTS

The conclusion of a concession agreement between the Administration of St. Petersburg and the football club "Zenith" on the transfer of the stadium "Krestovsky" has been postponed to January-February 2018. Meanwhile the construction cost of the stadium has increased by 114 mln rubles.

GUP "Vodokanal of St. Petersburg" has signed a contract with OOO "Fortis" for the completion of construction works in "Primorsky Park of Victory" and the construction of new entrances to the stadium from alluvial territory in the Western part of Krestovsky Island. (Based on materials of "Kommersant")

HOUSING

In September 2017 in St. Petersburg there were put into operation 247 439,1 square meters of housing, 60 houses with 5194 apartments, including 50 houses with 50 apartments – individual construction.

The leader in the commissioning of housing in September was Nevsky district – there were put into operation 105 128,70 sq. m. - 5 houses with 2433 apartments. It was followed by Vyborg district (79 698,30 sq. m. of housing or 7 houses with 1527 apartments).

At the VIII all-Russian conference "Russian construction complex: daily practice and legislation" the chairman of the Committee for construction Sergey Morozov said that St. Petersburg occupies the leading position in the Russian construction market. As of September 2017 in St. Petersburg there have been commissioned 1 960 185.6 sq. m. of residential properties, accounting for 65.3% of the annual plan. In 2017 it is planned to commission 3 mln square meters of housing. Also work on completion of problem objects is being carried out: there have been put into operation 19 problematic apartment buildings with 8368 apartments, with a total living area of 419 125,1 sq. m.

Since the beginning of this year, as of October, there have been commissioned 2 207 624,7 sq. m. of housing.

The Housing Committee since 2008 has resettled 40 000 communal apartments, there are still 76 000.

In 2017 the overhaul of buildings of SPb GUZ "City hospital of St. George" has been completed, a secondary school for 825 places in Krasnoselsky district has been put into operation. Also built were 2 kindergartens with a total of 330 seats in the Nevsky and Kalininsky districts, in the Central district an elementary school for 300 seats was built. In September 2017 30 of civilian objects have been completed. Among them, the business center with integrated parking in the Central district, a temple complex in Krasnogvardeyskiy district, as well as the reconstruction of the sport complex with a swimming pool in the Kalininskiy district.

REAL ESTATE MARKET

Over the last decade, the structure of housing under construction has seriously changed in favor of small housing and, in particular, studios, whose share exceeds 23%. According to experts of MACON Realty Group, now in St. Petersburg and its suburbs 39 933 studios are being built.

In other major cities, the share of studios, is much less: in Krasnodar— 14%, in Ekaterinburg — 13%, in Moscow — 9%. According to the developers, this is due to the large share of immigrants, mainly university students, as well as due to the relatively low price to investors. However,



7. REAL ESTATE

according to "Petersburg real estate" the most popular format is one-bedroom apartments, which accounted for over 40% of transactions in the market of new housing.

HOUSING CO-INVESTORS

According to the Prosecutor General, during the first half of 2017, the number of crimes in the sphere of shared construction increased by almost a quarter compared to the first half of 2016 - from 511 to 634. At the same time, the number of defrauded investors and problematic sites has increased. According to the Ministry of construction of the Russian Federation, the number of officially recognized defrauded investors is 38 154, that of problem buildings – 830. These circumstances forced the State Duma to accelerate the entry into force of the amendments to the law 214-FZ, and to solve the problem of the return of builders licensing. In particular, legislators found it expedient to shift the entry into force of the provisions of the law "About participation in share building of apartment houses and other real estate and on amendments to certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation" from July 1 to January 1, 2018. This was announced by the chairman of the Duma Committee on natural resources, property and land relations, member of the working group on the protection of the rights of shared construction participants Nikolay Nikolayev, reports the press-service of "United Russia" in the Duma.

Meanwhile, a Fund for the protection of the rights of shared construction investors has been created: the Chairman of the government of the Russian Federation Dmitry Medvedev signed a decree on establishment of the public legal company. The task of the new company is to create a compensation fund at the expense of mandatory contributions of developers (Re-state.ru).

The Fund will assist in either completing construction of a facility facing problems, or real estate investors will be reimbursed the money they paid. The decision on compensation will be taken by the foundation board, if the amount of compensation is less than 500 mln rubles; if the amount exceeds 500 mln rubles, a decision will be made by the supervisory board. The Fund's Supervisory Board will be headed by the Vice Prime Minister-chief of government staff Sergei Prikhodko.

According to the "Real Estate and Construction of Petersburg", a road map for the completion of problematic objects for the Ministry of construction of the Russian Federation is amended with 21 residential building from St. Petersburg and 11 from Leningrad region.

LEGISLATION, REGULATION

According to the Russian construction market participants, the new version of the law 214-FZ significantly complicates the construction activities and makes impossible the implementa-

tion of projects of complex development of territories. Their views, signed by the heads of the National Association of builders, National Association of home builders, "Business Russia" and the Moscow investors Club, have been sent to the Ministry of construction. Especially worrying is the principle of "one builder – one permission for construction" preventing the creation of social, engineering and transport infrastructure in major projects because of the inability of the cost allocation throughout the territory.

In 2018, the rate of property tax will remain at 1% of the cadastral value of the property. This tax is paid by owners of commercial and office centers, enterprises of service and catering, if the building area exceeds 3,000 sq. m.

According to "DP" originally, in 2015, there were about a thous of such taxpayers, then in the course of inspections of actual use of buildings and premises thereto were added all of the new owners (+300 in 2016). It is estimated that in 2018 the tax on the cadastral value will be paid by 2000 owners. While in Moscow in 2018 the rate is 1,5%, in Leningrad region property owners will pay a maximum of 2%.

The expected revenues from the property tax are growing from 27.2 bln rubles in 2015 to 32.3 bln rubles in 2017.



8. INVESTMENT PROJECTS

The Government of Russia has issued a decree on the establishment in St. Petersburg of AO "Highpark of St. Petersburg national research university of information technologies, mechanics and optics"

"Highpark ITMO" will become a 100% company of the Federal government, but the financing scheme involves the allocation of 53% from the Federal budget, 12% from the budget of St. Petersburg, 35% will be private investment. The size of the charter capital of the AO – 321 mln rubles. The Volume of investments is estimated at 41 bln rubles.

The agreement on the establishment of the campus between the Government of St. Petersburg, ITMO University, UK "START development" and "Rosnano" has been signed in May 2015. Earlier the investor reported that the development of the site is expected to begin in the North-Eastern part, placing there the main campus building, and then to develop the territory in a South-westerly direction. The concept of phased development is designed for up to 2030.

The new campus Highpark (the original name - Nanobug, Innograd) is to be located on the territory of about 100 hectares in the Pushkin district of St. Petersburg, in the future satellite city Yuzhnyy, which is implemented by the UK "START development". The total area of the property on

the campus will be about 400 thousand sq. m. Some objects imply joint use by participants of the joint innovation cluster of St. Petersburg - "Innovation city of science and technology", which was included in the list of priority innovative clusters of economic development of the Russian Federation.

Technological specialization of the Highpark is related to information technology, photonics and quantum technologies, robotics and cyber-physical systems, biotechnology and smart materials. Presumably, up to 3.6 thousand students will be trained and about 3 thousand employees will work here.

The company "Vneshstroyproekt" plans to build a sports complex with an ice arena in the Frunzenskiy district. There will be an ice arena, a hall for judo, volleyball, a hotel for athletes. Tennis courts and areas for indoor soccer are also under consideration.

The complex will be constructed on two plots with a total area of 2.6 hectares, the volume of investments is about 600 million rubles.

An observation wheel with a height of 170 meters is planned on the alluvial territories of Vasilevskiy Island.

The exact location for construction is expected to be finalized by the end of 2017. The city's residents voted in favor of placing it in the Park of the 300th anniversary, but it may be offered a place near the hotel "Pribaltiyskaya" with a view of "Lakhta center", WHSD and the stadium on Krestovsky island.

The project of the investor company NAI Becar requires an area of 4.2 thousand sq. meters and the accompanying commercial infrastructure will occupy 28 thousand square meter. The wheel's one lap will be 30 minutes, the ticket will cost 1 thousand rubles. The company has estimated the project cost at 7.5-9.5 billion rubles.

Today the tallest wheel in the city is located in the Primorsky Victory Park. Its height is 55 meters.

The company "Agro-M" will build a new flour-grinding complex in the Vyborgskiy district of St. Petersburg

Previously, GUP "Food Fund" has developed business modernization plan for a complex on Prospekt Obukhovskoy Oborony, 7. However, due to several changes in the laws around the object of cultural heritage of regional significance "Lenin flour-grinding complex" there have appeared a protective zone in a radius of 100 meters. So it was decided to move the mill to Parnas area.

The Committee for entrepreneurship and consumer market (CBPR), which oversees the work of the GUP "Food Fund", has estimated the cost of the new enterprise with a capacity of 900 tons of flour per day and a new elevator for simultaneous storage of 110 thousand tons of flour at 4.2 billion rubles. The project will be implemented under the scheme of public-private partnership.

The territory of the legendary factory on Vasilevskiy island will be used for housing construction. On the territory of the former factory of oils, paints and essences "Brothers Bremme" on the 12th line of Vasilevskiy island, a residential complex will be built. The developer of the project is AAG holding. The company has already acquired the rights for the building site area of 0.8 hectares from Moscow-based ZAO FK "Profit house", which owns neighboring "Nash hotel". A part of the development project is the construction of a four stars hotel with a capacity of 80 rooms. The hotel needs to be transferred to the ownership of the company "Profit house". On the rest of the territory there will be built a residential complex of business class. A separate part of the project will be the restoration of a XIX century wooden mansion located on the site, built by Bremme. The total investment in the project will exceed 1 billion rubles.



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