

The Socioeconomic Development of the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region State Programme: An Overview

Established by Government Resolution No. 484, which was drafted by the Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East along with the Russian Ministry of Regional Development, the state programme is aimed at creating conditions for accelerated development of the Far East and the Baikal Region, turning it into a competitive region with a diversified economy and improving the social and demographic situation in the macro-region.

The state programme includes two federal targeted programmes and 12 sub-programmes:

Federal targeted programmes:

- Socioeconomic development of the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region to 2018;
- Socioeconomic development of the Kuril Islands (Sakhalin Region), 2007-2015;

Sub-programmes:

- Increasing the efficiency of the economy of the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region;
- Developing the mineral and raw material industry of the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region;
- Developing the forest industry of the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region;
- Developing the fishing industry of the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region;
- Developing the agriculture industry of the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region;
- Developing the transport infrastructure of the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region;
- Developing the power infrastructure of the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region;
- Creating comfortable living conditions in the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region;
- Ensuring environmental safety and protection in the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region;
- Scientific and personnel support for the implementation of the state programme, Socioeconomic development of the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region;
- Promoting tourism in the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region;
- Ensuring the implementation of the state, socioeconomic development of the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region.

Timeframe for the implementation of the state programme: 2014 – 2025.

Main goals of the state programme:

- accelerating economic growth in the macro-region;

- increasing the proportion of extra-budgetary sources of investments in the macro-region;
- increasing the proportion of products with high added value;
- increasing the infrastructure capacity of the macro-region’s economy, focusing in particular on energy security and transport access, including development of transit capacity;
- implementing a regional cluster policy;
- increasing the proportion of permanent residents in the macro-region’s population;
- enhancing the economic and social integration of the macro-region’s population with the population in the rest of Russia.

The implementation of the state programme will help accelerate the socioeconomic development of the Russian Far East and the Baikal Region relative to the average rates for Russia.

Additional information can be obtained at: <http://government.ru/en/docs/1158/>.

The full text of the relevant Government Resolution is available in Russian at: <http://government.ru/docs/all/91152/>.