Luzin Institute for Economic Studies conducts research in the field of regional economy, sustainable social and economic development in the North and the Arctic of the Russian Federation, regional and municipal development and works out scientific foundations of environmental management, industrial, social, financial and innovation policy in the North and the Arctic of the RF.

IES is the only Institute of the RAS conducting for more than 30 years Northern and the Arctic social and economic research that is located in the Arctic. This determines uniqueness of its scientific product.

According to the performance assessment of the organizations subordinated to the Federal Agency for Scientific Organizations (FASO Russia) within 2013 to 2015, in 2017 the Institute was assigned to the second “Stable operating institute” group, whereas the Presidium of RAS and the Reference group assigned it to group 1 – “Leader”.

**Comprehensive research for sustainable development of the North and the Arctic**

**The main directions of research are:**

- Economic policy and economic activities in the North and the Arctic; development of energy resources and the Northern Sea Route; Russia’s security in the Arctic; coordination of defense and economic activities

- Economics of environmental management, issues of comprehensive development of mineral resources in the North and the Arctic, development of environmental policy frameworks; Arctic agriculture

- Industry and innovation policy; digitalization and transition to an innovation-based economy; modernization and innovative and technological development; innovative trends in management of the activities of industrial enterprises, industries and regions of the North and the Arctic of the RF

- Economics of maritime activities in the Arctic, development of fisheries; development of marine hydrocarbon deposits; Arctic tourism

- Regional and municipal management; social and economic development of regions and municipalities of the North and the Arctic of the RF; economic and mathematical methods of analysis of social and economic processes; investment climate; transport and logistics systems in the Arctic

- Social policy in the North and in the Arctic, demography, living standards and the quality of life; social infrastructure; self-development of regions and local communities; sociological research

- Financial and investment policy; financial investment potential and financial security of the social and economic development of the regions in the North and the Arctic of the RF

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More than 150 research works according to the research plans in the framework of the Programs of fundamental research of the RAS on the issues of the North and the Arctic.