

## THE REVIEW OF THE MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RF IN SEPTEMBER 2013

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*In September 2013, at the meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation, the following issues were discussed among other things: establishment of multifunctional cultural centers in Russian cities, as well as a draft law which delegates the issues related to organization of activities of multifunctional centers to authorities of regions.*

**On September 4**, at the meeting of the Government of the Russian Federation the concept of establishment of cultural development centers in small Russian cities was discussed. The concept was presented by V.R. Medinsky, Minister of Culture of the Russian Federation.

The idea of establishment of multifunctional cultural centers (MCC) was formulated in Decree No. 597 of May 7, 2012 of the President of the Russian Federation On Measures on Implementation of the State Social Policy where the Government of the Russian Federation was instructed for the purpose of further preservation and development of the Russian Culture to establish at least five cultural development centers in small cities by 2015. In its turn, by Resolution No. 2606-r of December 28, 2012 the Government of the Russian Federation approved a plan of measures (“a road map”) – Changes in Sectors of the Social Sphere Aimed at Upgrading of Efficiency of the Sphere of Culture – in which the need of establishment of multifunctional cultural centers in small and mid-sized cities of Russia was confirmed.

In December, the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation had the terms of tender-based selection of cities for location of multifunctional cultural centers published. Taking into account requests of constituent entities of the Russian Federation and the need to establish MCC not only in small cities, the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation proposed not to limit the number of participants in tenders. It is to be noted that the main condition for participation in the tender is feasibility of co-financing, including that with utilization of the mechanism of the public-private partnership.

On the basis of the results of consideration of proposals and monitoring of the social and economic situation in cities where it was proposed to locate such centers, it was decided to select five pilot projects, however, it was later proposed to increase the quota of “winners” to 10.

At the same time, the layout of a standard multifunctional cultural center was developed.

On the basis of consideration of the issue, the Concept of Establishment of Cultural Development Centers in Small Russian Cities was approved. In addition to the above, V.R. Medinsky, Minister of Culture of the Russian Federation together with interested executive authorities of constituent entities of the Russian Federation were instructed to approve until November 15, 2013 the schedule of establishment of cultural development centers in small Russian cities.

Also, at the meetings of the Government of the Russian Federation the draft federal law on Amendment of Article 26<sup>3</sup> of the Federal Law on the Guidelines for Organization of Legislative (Representative) and Executive State Authorities of Constituent Entities of the Russian Federation was discussed.

The draft law provides for functions related to organization of activities of multifunctional state and municipal centers being vested in public authorities of constituent entities of the Russian Federation in accordance with the Federal Law on Organization of Provision of Public and Municipal Services.

The draft law was approved and introduced into the State Duma of the Russian Federation by Resolution No.1618-r of September 10, 2013. ●