



## Karelia

Historically, Karelia inhabited by the Karelians is a region in northwest Russia, east of present-day Finland. Its inhabitants of the 10th century are described in a saga as a threat to the Lapps. Since the thirteenth century, several parts were conquered by Sweden and integrated into Swedish Karelia. They were lost to Russia, according to the Treaty of Åbo in the middle of the 18th century.

On October 14, 1920, the Treaty of Tartu, a peace treaty between Finland and Soviet Russia, was signed. Finland recognizes the membership of the major part of Karelia to Russia; in exchange, it obtains Petchenga, outside the limits of the former Grand Duchy, but which gives it a small access to the Barents Sea. It is however stipulated that the Soviets will have the right to transit there freely. The Russian part became the Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic of Karelia, a major corridor between St. Petersburg and Murmansk whose strategic value increased with the breakthrough of the White Sea Canal.





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1922

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