



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON DEVELOPING COOPERATION

'FROM LISBON
TO VLADIVOSTOK'

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BUSINESS PROGRAMME

International Conference on Developing Cooperation from Lisbon to Vladivostok

*With the support of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation
(CCI of Russia) and the Association of European Businesses (AEB)*

May 31, 2017

St. Petersburg,

ExpoForum Convention and Exhibition Centre,

Address: 64/1, Peterburgskoye Shosse, St. Petersburg, 196140

Conference schedule

14:30–15:00	Welcome coffee
15:00–16:15	Session 1. Creating a Common Economic Space. Challenges and Solutions
16:15–16:45	Coffee break
16:45–17:45	Conference opening
17:45–19:00	Session 2. Ensuring Prosperity from Lisbon to Vladivostok through Trade and Investment
20:00–22:00	Final session and reception Achieving Sustainable Development and Political Stability from Lisbon to Vladivostok through a Common Economic Space

From 15:00 to 18:00, while the conference business programme is under way, a memorandum on cooperation will be signed.

Concurrent with the conference business programme, two Russian–European roundtables will be held as part of the Third Russian Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Forum:

1. Roundtable: Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Russia and Italy: The Challenge for the Future
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2. Roundtable: Developing the Export Activities of Russian and Finnish SMEs

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The goal of this international conference is to promote the development of economic cooperation on the territory from Lisbon to Vladivostok, strengthen joint activities in the megaregion, and solidify interaction between the European Union and Eurasian Economic Union, including at the level of the European Union and the Russian Federation, as well as bilateral ties between member nations of both unions. Contacts need to be stepped up in the megaregion to achieve this goal with expanded trade, increased investment, and the creation of common spaces on the financial and labour markets all playing a key role in this process.

The conference was initiated by the parties to the Moscow Memorandum on Cooperation and Joint Activities in the Megaregion 'From Lisbon to Vladivostok', signed in March 2016 by the Roscongress Foundation, SCHNEIDER GROUP, Banca Intesa, and Thomas Vendome Investment.

15:00–16:15 **Session 1. Creating a Common Economic Space. Challenges and Solutions**

Conference hall
B2

The creation of a common economic space dictates a series of conditions for enhancing trade and economic ties, including:

- synchronizing technical regulation standards (including customs rules)
- establishing a single market for finance and investment
- creating a free trade zone
- simplifying the movement of labour
- developing transport infrastructure

Moderator:

Ulf SCHNEIDER, Managing Partner, SCHNEIDER GROUP

Panellists:

Sergey ARISTOV, State Secretary, Deputy Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation

Anna NESTEROVA, Member of the General Council Presidium, Delovaya Rossiya (Business Russia); Chairman of the Board of Directors, Global Rus Trade

Uldis REIMANIS, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Republic of Latvia

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Vladimir SALAMATOV, Chief Executive Officer, International Trade and Integration Research Centre

Gerd SLAPKE, Managing Director, Eurasia Global Connecting GmbH

Alan THOMPSON, Director, Department of International Financial Integration, International Investment Bank

Evgeny VINOKUROV, Director, Centre for Integration Studies, Eurasian Development Bank

16:45–17:45

Conference opening

Conference hall
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Moderator:

Aleksander KNOBEL, Head of International Trade Department, Russian Foreign Trade Academy of the Ministry for the Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Panellists:

Vladimir CHIZHOV, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the European Union

Vladimir DMITRIEV, Co-Chairman from the Russian part, Russian–Italian Civil Society Dialogue Forum; Vice-President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (CCI of Russia)

Sergey EZHOV, Deputy Director of the First Department of the CIS Countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Štefan FULE, Ambassador Special Envoy for the OSCE, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Sergey KARAGANOV, Dean of the School of International Economics and Foreign Affairs, National Research University Higher School of Economics (NRU HSE)

Aleksey REPIK, President, Delovaya Rossiya (Business Russia)

Frank SCHAUFF, Chief Executive Officer, Association of European Businesses (AEB)

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Session 2. Ensuring Prosperity from Lisbon to Vladivostok through Trade and Investment

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Business associations, chambers of commerce, and business people talk about the importance of economic relations in the megaregion. Consideration of the 'From Lisbon to Vladivostok' initiative from the perspective of its practical significance for the business environment.

The session's key questions will be:

- How can we achieve a reduction in administrative barriers?
- How can we stimulate trade and investment in the megaregion?
- How can we create a quality business environment and an atmosphere of trust?

Moderator:

Slava KHODKO, Head of Project Development Directorate, The Roscongress Foundation

Panellists:

Mikhail KHMELNITSKY, Deputy Head of the European Union Unit, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Stuart LAWSON, Representative of the Management Board, Russo-British Chamber of Commerce

Vladimir PADALKO, Vice-President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (CCI of Russia)

Philippe PEGORIER, President, Alstom Russia; Member of the Board, Association of European Businesses (AEB)

Oleg PROZOROV, Director General, Belgian–Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Russia

Matthias SCHEPP, Head of the Moscow Office, Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Jean-Pierre THOMAS, President, Thomas Vendome Investment

Vittorio TORREMBINI, Vice-President, GIM Unimpresa Association of Italian Entrepreneurs

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20:00–22:00

Final session and reception

Achieving Sustainable Development and Political Stability from Lisbon to
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It is anticipated that participants will be invited to speak.

Venue: 20 Ul. Sadovaya, Pavlovsk

Entrance by invitation only

General Partner of the Conference: OFK Bank

Partners of the Conference: Thomas Vendome Investment, Banca Intesa, SCHNEIDER GROUP

Organization Partners: Belgian–Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Russia, Russo-British
Chamber of Commerce, Russian–German Chamber of Commerce

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