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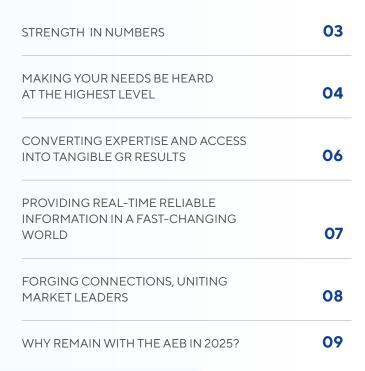
**ANNIVERSARY MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN 2025:** 

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#### **DEAR MEMBERS**,

For the Association of European Businesses the year 2025 is special, as we celebrate our 30th anniversary. This means, it is time to stop for a while, to look back, to take stock, to evaluate, to look also forward, to adjust, and to embrace the future ahead. This significant milestone not only provides us with a reason to celebrate but also offers an opportunity to reflect on our achievements and look ahead to the future.

In this brochure you will find the main highlights of our work in 2024 as well as an overview of the key benefits of your AEB membership. We hope you will find them convincing and stay with the AEB in 2025 and beyond. As for this year, it will go down in history as a landmark year.

Our 30 years history is a story of belief in our mission, of dedication, of sharing and collaboration, of achieving unthinkable success, and overcoming the most unexpected and disruptive challenges. Our mission has evolved, but our core values and AEB mission remain clear: to support European businesses in Russia, to keep channels of communication open, and to build bridges that connect people, ideas, and opportunities.

Amid global turbulence and overlapping crises, European businesses in Russia have continued to show great strength and resilience, as evidenced in our AEB Investors Confidence Index and Survey 2024.

We have been able to maintain AEB activities and metrics, in GR, communications, and events, at the highest levels above previous record of 2022 and 2023. We are growing our footprint in industries of choice and we focus on reuniting the remaining foreign investors under one roof.

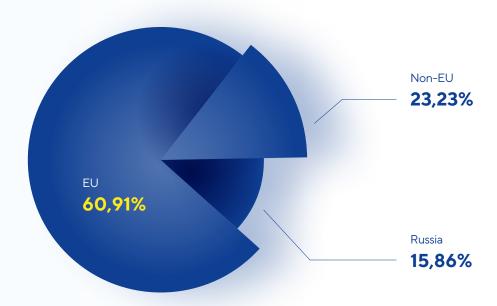
Hence, this year's slogan: Opening a New Page. By staying with us, by uniting with other businesses, we can leverage our heritage and past achievements to shape to build the foundations for a new chapter the day after tomorrow. Thank you again for everything you do for and with the Association, for your trust, and for your loyalty!

Wishing you all the best for 2025 and looking forward to celebrating and writing the next chapter of AEB history together!

Kind regards, **Tadzio Schilling** 



#### **STRENGTH IN NUMBERS**



AEB – THE MAIN REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF FOREIGN INVESTORS IN RUSSIA



2000+

completed investment projects\*

100+

regular events per year 350+

committee meetings per year

34

represented countries

353

member companies (31.12.2024)

6500+

community members

15 000+

mentions in media

80+

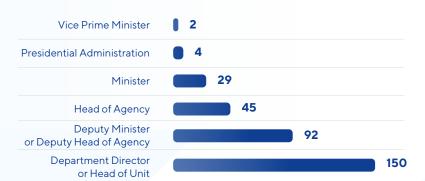
committees and working groups 10+

periodic publications

#### MAKING YOUR NEEDS BE HEARD AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

(selected examples of AEB meetings with key stakeholders, 2024 YTD)

#### Denis Manturov

First Deputy Prime Minister

#### Maxim Oreshkin

Deputy Head of the Presidential Executive Office

#### Anton Kobyakov

Adviser to the President

#### Vyacheslav Volodin

Chairman of State Duma

#### Elvira Nabiullina

Governor of the Central Bank

#### Sergey Lavrov

Minister of Foreign Affairs

#### Anton Siluanov

Minister of Finance

#### Maxim Reshetnikov

Minister of Economic Development

#### Mikhail Murashko

Minister of Health

#### Maksut Shadayev

Minister of Digital Development

#### Alexander Shokhin

President of RSPP

#### Daniil Egorov

Head of the Federal Tax Service

#### Maxim Shaskolskiy

Head of the Federal Antimonopoly Service

#### Yuriy Zubov

Head of Rospatent

#### Grigory Ivliev

President of Eurasian Patent Organization

#### Andrey Makarov

Chairman of State Duma Committee for Tax and Budget

#### Ruslan Davydov

Minister of Customs Cooperation EEC

#### Anatoly Aksakov

Chairman of State Duma Committee for Financial Markets

#### Gohar Barseghyan

Minister in charge of Industry and Agroindustrial Complex, EEC

#### Eldar Alisherov

Minister for Integration and Macroeconomics EEC







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Participation in key business forums in Russia, EAEU and Central Asia

**2** business missions (to Tashkent and Yerevan)

Regular meetings with Heads of Economic section of **EU Member States and EBO** 

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

(selected examples of AEB participation in key business forums and business missions, 2024 YTD)

Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum 2024 Eastern Economic Forum 2024

Saint Petersburg International Legal Forum

Annual General Meeting of the International Roundtable of Household Appliance Manufacturer Associations 31st Russian Pharmaceutical Forum named after N.A. Semashko Tashkent International Investment Forum

Annual Congress of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs

Moscow International Automotive Forum (IMAF) 2024 Parliamentary hearings in the State Duma on improving tax legislation.









## CONVERTING EXPERTISE AND ACCESS INTO TANGIBLE GR RESULTS

**80+**Committees and Working Group

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**350+**Committee
Meetings

**400+**Lobbying
Letters

Position
Paper on
14 Key Issues

Launch of **GR**Academy

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

(selected examples of AEB advocacy tangible results, 2024 YTD)

Government Sub-Commission. Advocated update of procedural rules re dividends review, supported members applying for loan repayments and other transactions.

Inclusion of dividends and license in customs value. Keep dialogue with the Ministry of Finance and Federal Tax Service on tax reconstruction

**Tax Reform.** Participated in all key discussions, from first meetings at State Duma Expert Council to final Plenary Hearings, to make position of foreign investors heard.

**Protection of Intellectual Rights.** Defended the patent rights of original medicines rightsholders

**Migration Initiatives.** Lobbied re need to keep the highly qualified specialist status and suggested ways to mitigate their impact on your workforce

**Eco Fee and Recycling Charges.** Close cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and Trade and PPK REO re new rules on recycling fees

**Parallel Import.** Interaction with the Ministry of Industry and Trade re exclusion or inclusion of brands from the list of goods subject to parallel imports

**Personal data.** Contributed to reducing fines for non-essential violations











#### PROVIDING REAL-TIME RELIABLE INFORMATION IN A FAST-CHANGING WORLD

>15,000

daily readers of our newsletters

>10,000

media quotes / mentions in 9M24

#### **AEB COMMUNICATIONS -**

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Platform for obtaining information

Information support 24/7/365

Knowledge and data base

Press conferences

>6,000

mailings per year

>1400

subscribers to AEB TG channel >10

flagship publications







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#### FORGING CONNECTIONS, UNITING MARKET LEADERS

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20

open experts' discussions and webinars on key topics

16

networking events and B2B meetings



7

Annual conferences

3

Business briefings to Kazakhstan









### WHY JOIN THE AEB IN 2025?



#### **BY JOINING US, YOU:**

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Remain in a business community of like-minded people

Help maintain bridges between Europe and Russia

Show your solidarity and help preserve our heritage

#### YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- 1. **Access to key decision makers** in Russia, the EU, and the greater Eurasian region via AEB GR meetings and high-level events
- 2. Shape industry agenda by leveraging proven AEB lobbying power
- Protect your interests through dialogue with key stakeholders in Russia, EU. and Eurasia
- 4. **Explore prospect markets** by joining business missions (Central Asia, South Caucasus)
- Showcase your expertise (speaking at events, submitting articles for publications)
- 6. **Benefit from the wealth of knowledge** of 80+ committees and working groups
- 7. **Stay on top of the business agenda** with timely and relevant information (AEB Daily Update, AEB Weekly, publications, various analytics)
- 8. **Gain visibility** for company's key experts (Committee Chairs, Board, etc.)
- 9. **Promote your company**, goods/services (Sponsorship & Advertising, AEB Loyalty program)
- 10. **Leverage the networking platform** to connect with market players & potential partners



