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“RUSSIA AND EUROPE IN THE WORLD OF TOMORROW. LOOKING BACK TO MOVE AHEAD”

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10:00-15:25 (Moscow time, UTC +3)

Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO, “Glassroom” / Online platform

Agenda

Economic ties between the European Union (EU) and Russia have flourished over the past 25 years despite all economic crisis and political stand-offs. Sharing a common continent, joint history and tight cultural proximity have helped develop a fruitful economic cooperation and create multiple business opportunities in various spheres and industries. European investors have been the first to believe in the potential of the Russian market and remained faithful to it even in difficult times.

However, the present does not look so bright: our economies and societies are currently facing great challenges. Recent trends show the resurgence of protectionism while cooperation and trade, bided by clear and fair rules of the game, are losing momentum. The consequences of climate change are calling for robust long-term mitigation and adaptation strategies as well as cutting-edge green technologies and investments. Finally, the current public health and economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic will have long-term repercussions on business models and supply chains while it is already clear that Moscow and Brussels will come out of it weakened, both in absolute terms and relative to other global political actors.

In this context, the European Union and Russia have much to gain from a revival of their relations. Maintaining and developing cooperation in fields such as environment, the Arctic or 5-G technologies between Moscow and Brussels could be one mechanism for getting out of the current lockdown and resetting bilateral relations.

How can European and Russian businesses overcome the obstacles they face? What strategies have proven to be the most effective and how do companies evaluate their prospects? What the EU and Russia could do to unlock the potential of green growth for the benefit of their economies, societies, and future generations? Can the current public health and economic crisis trigger conciliatory gestures and deepen cooperation between the EU and Russia? Can partnerships in education and science, research and innovation or new technologies be a driver for a positive change?



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10:00 – 10:10 **Opening & welcome**

Johan VANDERPLAETSE, AEB Chairman of the Board, President, Russia & CIS / Senior Vice-President, General management, Schneider Electric

10:10 – 11:20 **Growing Together? Synchronizing Economic Recovery in Europe**

Maxim RESHETNIKOV, Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Esko AHO, Former Prime-Minister of Finland, Senior Advisor, East Office of Finnish Industries

Natalia KOLEROVA, President, Novartis Group Russia

Alexander LIBEROV, President & CEO, Siemens Russia

Stefan MECHA, General Director, Volkswagen Group Rus

Alexander SHOKHIN, President, RSPP

Eirik WAERNESS, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, Equinor

Moderator: Tazio SCHILLING, CEO, Association of European Businesses

11:30 – 12:40 **All Green? Driving the Energy Transformation Agenda**

Sergey ESYAKOV, First Deputy Chairman of the Energy Committee, Russian State Duma

Vladimir ILYICHEV, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Markus EDERER, Ambassador of the European Union to Russia

Patrick ANTONI, Managing Director, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Ingka Group Russia

David CAMPBELL, President, BP Russia

Alexander CHUVAEV, General Director, Fortum Russia

Leonid FEDUN, Member of the Bureau of the RSPP Board, Deputy Chairman, Climate Policy and Carbon Regulation Committee, Vice- President and Member of LUKOIL Board of Directors

Tatiana MITROVA, Professor, Head of Research, SKOLKOVO Energy Centre

Johan VANDERPLAETSE, AEB Chairman of the Board, President, Russia & CIS / Senior Vice-President, General management, Schneider Electric

Moderator: Ernesto FERLENGHI, Head of Representative Office Eni s.p.a in Russia, Head of Business Unit for the Development of Markets in Russia and Central Asia

12:50 – 14:00 **Can we still avoid a digitally divided world?**

Vladimir URBANSKY, Director of Digital Products, Pochta Rossii

Andrey FILATOV, Managing Director, SAP CIS

Maxim KUZNETSOV, Head of Philips in Central and Eastern Europe, Russia & the CIS, Senior Vice-President

Vasily NOMOKONOV, Member of the Board, Executive Director for Business Process Management, IT, Digital Technologies, Corporate Services, OOO Sibur

Kristina TIKHONOVA, President, Microsoft Russia

Moderator: Alexander IVLEV, Managing Partner, EY CIS



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14:10 – 15:20 Leaders of the future. Who will shape the world of tomorrow?

Alexander GRUSHKO, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
Alexey KOMISSAROV, Vice-Dean of RANEPА, Director of the Higher School of Public Administration (HSPA) at RANEPА, General Director of the ANO "Russia – the Land of Opportunities"

Thierry de MONTBRIAL, Executive Chairman of the French Institute of International Relations (Ifri)

Wolfgang SCHÜSSEL, Former Federal Chancellor of Austria, Independent Member of the Board of Directors of PJSC LUKOIL, President of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria (ÖAGVN)

Anatoly TORKUNOV, Rector of MGIMO, President of the MGIMO Endowment, Professor, Full Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Co-Chair of the Trianon Dialogue, Member of the Council on Foreign and Defense Policy, Chairman of the Russian Association for the Assistance of the United Nations

Moderator: Andrei SHARONOV, President, Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO

15:20 – 15:25 Closing remarks

Tadzio SCHILLING, CEO, Association of European Businesses

Languages: English & Russian, interpretation will be provided

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