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The First Connecting Eurasia Dialogue – From the Atlantic to the Pacific

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08:30–13:30

Salle des Cariatides,
Cercle Royal Gaulois,
Rue de la Loi, 5,
Brussels

Main dialogue themes

- **Many strategies – one goal** in trying to move Europe and Asia closer together. Experience of the Eurasian Economic Union, the EU-Asia Connectivity Strategy, and China's One Belt, One Road Initiative.
- **Sustainable connectivity and dialogue on standards:** enhancing economic relations through various integration concepts in Eurasia.
- **Connecting Eurasia in practice:** strengthening connectivity in transport, energy, interaction between people, and in other fields.

Key topics for panel discussions

Standards for sustainable infrastructure planning, financing and procurement to address capacity bottlenecks and prevent economically unviable projects.

Technical operational standards in transport, logistics, digitization and legal frameworks (e.g. customs rules). Addressing the need to identify practical aspects of connectivity where parties could work together to take full advantage of the region's economic potential.

Regional development with the aim of strengthening local economies and integrating them into the value and supply chains so they avoid remaining merely areas of transit.

Today, the global trading sector is facing headwinds like never before. The notion of well-integrated cross-border supply chains based on specialization and interdependence is being challenged by import-substitution and buy-domestic policies. These new nationalist policy trends sharply contradict the logic and tradition of modern-day economics that were developed on the back of the WTO treaties and global market integration concepts. How we respond to these new challenges is not a simple matter, given that there are different political views, preferences, and tools. The aim of this event is therefore to address the need for long-term political cooperation while engaging with highly technical issues and taking into account different integration options. It is fitting that Brussels – the heart of Europe and the EU – will host this discussion between high-level policy makers and members of the international business community.

Event participants: key figures from the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European External Action Service, and the Eurasian Economic Commission; senior officials from Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Russia, China and India; representatives of international commercial and financial institutions (WTO, EBRD, EIB, etc.); and heads of some of the leading European and Asian companies operating in these markets (representing the energy, transport, digital, chemical and pharmaceutical industries), among others.



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Session 1: Many strategies – one goal in trying to move Europe and Asia closer together

Moderator: Mark Entin, Head of the European Law Chair; Professor, MGIMO University; Russian Ambassador to Luxembourg (2012–2016)

Member of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Romano Prodi, President, Foundation for Worldwide Cooperation; President of the European Commission (1999–2004); Prime Minister of Italy (1996–1998, 2006–2008)

Session 2: Sustainable connectivity and dialogue on standards

Moderator: Riccardo Pozzi, OSCE Special Representative

Arnaldo Abruzzini, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry (EUROCHAMBRES)

Sergey Afontsev, Ph.D. in Economics, National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations

Aleksandr Braverman, General Director/Chairman, Federal Corporation for the Development of Small and Medium Business (SME Corporation)

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

Stefano Manservigi, Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development

Maurizio Massari, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Italy to the European Union

Maxim Medvedkov, Director of Department of Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Viktor Nazarenko, Minister for Technical Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Grigory Rapota, State Secretary of the Union State of Russia and Belarus

Garegin Tosunyan, President, Association of Russian Banks

Tatyana Valovaya, Minister of Integration and Macroeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission

Session 3: Connecting Eurasia in practice

Moderator: Philippe Pégurier, President, Alstom Russia; Member of the Board, Association of European Businesses

Koen Berden, Executive Director for International Affairs, EFPIA - European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations

Fabrizio Di Amato, Executive Chairman, Maire Tecnimont S.p.A.

Pavel Grachev, Chief Executive Officer, POLYUS

Sergey Ivanov, President, ALROSA

Timur Kulibayev, Chairman, Kazenergy

Dmitry Pumpyanskiy, Chairman of the Board, Sinara group

Paolo Scaroni, Deputy Chairman, Rothschild Group

Vladimir Shipkov, Executive Director, Association of International Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

Xin Zhongyi, Vice President, China Gezhouba Group Corporation (CGGC)

Closing remarks

Moderator: Frank Schauff, Chief Executive Officer, Association of European Businesses

Alexander Stuglev, Chief Executive Officer, the Roscongress Foundation

Fares Kilzie, Chairman, Creon Capital

Oleg Prozorov, Chief Executive Officer, Member of the Board, Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Russia

Antonio Fallico, President, Conoscere Eurasia Association