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## EUROPEAN BUSINESS IN RUSSIA: WHAT ROLE IN A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER?

### PROGRAM

09:30 **Opening Remarks**

Dr Thomas Staertzel, Chairman of the Board, Association of European Businesses

09:35 **Macro-Economic Outlook:  
When will the Economy Cool Down and What Will Come Next?**

For the past two and a half years, the Russian economy has repeatedly defied forecasts, surprising both domestic and international observers alike. At the same time, the economy has been increasingly showing signs of overheating and the questions is not if, but when it will start cooling down. And more importantly whether there will be a soft or a hard landing and what to expect next.

Panelists:

- Evgeny Nadorshin, Chief Economist, PF Kapital
- Vladimir Tikhomirov, Chief Economist, Macro-Advisory
- Yury Panasik, Managing Partner, Kesarev

Moderator: Mikhail Chaykin, CEO, ING Bank

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45 **Plenary Session  
Between Sanctions, Technological Sovereignty, and New Partners: What Place is  
There Left for European Business?**

With the electoral political cycle now complete, Russia, on the one hand, now is engaged in a process of far-reaching economic policy decisions. European businesses, on the other hand, have shown considerable resilience and capacity to adapt over the past two and a half years, but with the profound transformations on the horizon, they face an even more far-reaching question: what place for European businesses in the new economic order that is to emerge?

Panelists:

- Anatoly Aksakov, Deputy, Chairman of the Banking Committee, State Duma
- Dmitry Birichevsky, Director, Department of Economic Cooperation, MFA
- Alexander Shokhin, President, Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP)
- Anastasia Nebytova, Deputy Director of the Digital Development and Data Economy Department, Ministry of Economic Development
- Alexander Ivlev, Coordinator, Foreign Investors Advisory Council (FIAC), and Advisor, B1
- Irina Panarina, Country President, AstraZeneca

Moderator: Tazio Schilling, CEO, Association of European Businesses

12:00 Coffee Break

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12:30 **Eurasian Session**  
**A Region with Many Names: Old Challenges, New opportunities, Enhanced Connectivity**

The vast continental heartland stretching from the Eastern borders of the European Union to Western China is a region with many names. With Russia and the West engulfed in a protracted geopolitical standoff, it faces both old challenges and presents new opportunities. As interest in it is on the rise from all sides, connectivity also is set to increase, integrating its countries and people deeper into the world economy. But will its future remain a global story, at a moment when protectionism and decoupling are on the rise?

Panelists:

- Gohar Barseghyan, Minister, Eurasian Economic Commission
- Tom Reisen, Ambassador of Luxemburg
- Sergey Mikhnevich, Executive Secretary, Member of the Board, the EAEU Business Council, Managing Director for International Multilateral Cooperation and Integration, Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP)
- Shukhrat Shukurov, Counselor, Embassy of Uzbekistan
- Vadim Besperstov, Country Manager Russia and CIS, Emirates
- Stefan van Doorslaer, CEO, Astros Logistics
- Ulf Schneider, President, Schneider Group

Moderator: Wilhelmina Shavshina, Partner, Head of Global Trade and Customs, Tax, Law and Business Support, B1

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- "For a greater European Economic Space"  
Discussion proposals by Ulf Schneider

13:30 Networking lunch

Language(s): Russian, English (translation will be provided)

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