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The Eurasian Region Amid Economic Transformation: Shared Responses Through Business-Government Dialogue

Venue:
Radisson Collection Hotel Moscow
2/1 bldg. 1 Kutuzovsky Prospekt
10:00 – 15:00

09:30 **Registration and welcome coffee**

10:00 **Welcome speech**
Ulf Schneider, Chairman of the Board, Association of European Businesses

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Bakytzhan Sagintayev, Chairman of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission

10:30 **Plenary session**
Deepening Eurasian Integration: Priorities for 2026 and Beyond

More than 10 years after the entry into force of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union, the EAEU remains the cornerstone of regional economic cooperation. At the same time, as the Union's integration agenda deepens, new questions arise for regulators and businesses. How is customs regulation being improved and what do the latest protocols to the EAEU Customs Code mean for companies? How smoothly is the movement of goods across the Union carried out in practice and what is the real impact of the current import tariff measures? What awaits transport integration and the harmonization of technical standards? Join government officials, business leaders and industry experts to discuss these issues and chart a course to strengthen seamless economic ties across the Eurasian space.

Invited to the discussion:
- **Gohar Barseghyan**, Member of the Board – Minister in charge of Industry and Agriculture of the EEC
- **Maxim Ermalovich,** Member of the Board – Minister in charge of Competition and Antitrust Regulation
- **Bakhyt Sultanov**, Member of the Board – Minister in charge of Economy and Financial Policy of the EEC
- **Sergey Shklyaev**, Member of the Board – Minister in charge of Customs Cooperation of the EEC
- **Vladimir Ilyichev**, Deputy Minister of Economic Development*
- **Sergey Krasilnikov**, Vice President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs

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– **Mikhail Goncharov**, CCTT Secretary General, Head of the CCTT Representative Office in the Russian Federation

Moderator: **Tadzio Schilling**, Chief Executive Officer, Association of European Businesses

12:00 **Coffee break**

12:20 **Parallel Session 1. Hall 1**
Customs and Transport: Ensuring Consistent Application of EAEU Law Across Member States

The EAEU provides for the free movement of goods, services, capital and labor, as well as coordinated, harmonized or common policies in key sectors of the economy, including energy, industry, agriculture and transport.
A Common Customs Tariff is in place, allowing goods to move freely between Member States without customs declaration or government control, except in cases specifically provided for under the Treaty.

Invited to the discussion:
– **Kuat Rakhimov**, Director of the Department of Customs Legislation and Law Enforcement Practice of the EEC

AEB experts:
– Reducing Operating Costs in the Supply Chain: The Impact of Authorized Economic Operator Status
Ksenia Sizova, Director of Customs Regulation and International Trade Practice, B1 Group
– Current customs risks for retail. Confirmation of the status of goods EAEU - a new trend in customs control
Kristina Malekina, Junior Partner, Belsky & Partners Law Firm
– Customs classification of medical devices and pharmaceuticals: features of customs administration and their impact on business in the context of calculating customs payments and applying tax benefits
Vladimir Efremov, Partner, Melling, Voitishkin & Partners
– Ensuring the Uniformity of Application of the Union Law on the Customs Value of Goods and the Classification of Goods under the Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity: Current Problems for Business and Ways to Solve Them
Sergey Vasiliev, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Customs, Transport and Logistics of the AEB Northwestern Regional Committee, Counsel, Head of Foreign Trade and Customs Regulation Practice, Dénuo
– National Measures Based on the Origin of Goods: Problems of Application in the EAEU Single Market
Vladimir Chikin, Senior Partner, Zalesov, Timofeev, Gusev & Partners
– Legal Gaps in Customs Control and Decision-Making on Its Results: Balance of Public and Private Interests
Alexander Kosov, Partner, Pepeliaev Group

Moderator: **Wilhelmina Shavshina**, Chairperson of the AEB Customs and Transport Committee, Partner, Head of International Trade and Customs Regulation, B1 Group

12:20 **Parallel Session 2. Hall 2**
Digital Ecosystem: Platform Solutions for the Development of Cooperation in the Eurasian Space

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Issues related to the development of digital platforms as a tool for strengthening cooperation across the Eurasian space, countering the spread of counterfeit products and protecting consumer rights. Special attention will be given to Uzbekistan's e-commerce market, including key trends, challenges and risks, regulatory specifics and tax preferences.

Invited to the discussion:

- **Yernar Bakenov** - Director of the EEC Business Development Department
- **Ilya Kabanov** - Deputy Director of the Department for Digital Development and Data Economy at the Ministry of Economic Development of Russia

AEB experts:

- Building Trust in Digital Trade: Consumer Protection Mechanisms and the Responsibilities of Market Participants
  Alexander Perekrest, Director for Government Relations: Deputy Chairman of the AEB Retail Committee
- Digital Platforms and Counterfeit Goods: Allocation of Responsibility Among E-commerce Participants
  Konstantin Suvorov, Partner of Kosenkov & Suvorov
- Digital Uzbekistan: From Al-Khwarizmi to E-Commerce
  Nodir Ayupov, Partner, SCHNEIDER GROUP (Tashkent Office)

Moderator: **Vitaly Zhigulin**, Kesarev; Chairman of the AEB Digital Economy Working Group

12:20

Parallel Session 3. Hall 3
Technical Regulation: Common Standards as a Driver of Goods Movement in the EAEU

The session will focus on the development and adoption of harmonized EAEU technical regulations and legal acts in the areas of standardization, metrology, accreditation, conformity assessment and state supervision of compliance with EAEU technical regulations. A common regulatory policy in these areas is essential to ensuring the free movement of safe products within the EAEU and reducing technical barriers to trade. The discussion will also address the circulation of safe, effective and high-quality medicines and medical devices across EAEU markets.

Invited to the discussion:

- **Ani Obosyan**, Deputy Director of the Department of Technical Regulation and Accreditation of the EEC
- **Anna Zuevskaya**, Head of the Division of Technical Regulation and Standardization in the Field of Food, Chemical and Agricultural Products of the Department of Technical Regulation and Accreditation of the EEC
- **Olga Chernik**, Deputy Head of the Division for Conformity Assessment and Ensuring the Uniformity of Measurements, Department of Technical Regulation and Accreditation, EEC
- **Vladislav Zaslavsky**, Director of the Department of Digital Marking of Goods and Legalization of Product Turnover of the Ministry of Industry and Trade
- **Alexey Artemyev,** Deputy Director of the Department of Chemical Industry of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation
- **Georgy Balyanov**, Deputy Director of the Coordination and Information Center of the CIS Member States for the Convergence of Regulatory Practices
- **Olga Fomicheva**, Deputy Head of the Department for Food Hygiene Supervision of the Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Welfare

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- Changes in conformity assessment schemes: TR EAEU 037/2016, TR EAEU 048/2019 (radio-electronic products and household appliances)
  Pavel Rudyakov, Chairman of the Committee of Household Appliances Manufacturers
- European Practice of Conformity Assessment of Household Appliances
  Robert Dawson, Junior Policy Officer Digital and Competitiveness, APPLiA (European Association of Household Products Manufacturers)
- Review of Technical Regulation in Neighbouring States
  Alexey Soldatov, Chairman of the Committee for Product Conformity Assessment
  Elena Stepanova, AEB Food Conformity Assessment Expert
- Transformation of Regulation in the Field of Chemical Products of the EAEU and Russia: Risks and Opportunities for the Industry
  Anastasia Filatova, Deputy Chair of the Working Group on Chemical Regulation, Merck Life Science
- Overview of key changes in the regulation of the food industry of the EAEU
  Elena Stepanova, AEB Food Conformity Assessment Expert
- Consumer Information and Food Labeling: Practical Approaches and Development of Regulation (TR CU 022/2011, Honest Mark System, Color Indication)
  Anna Chugunova, Scientific and Technical Regulation Manager, Mondelēz International, Deputy Chairperson of the AEB Product Conformity Assessment Committee
- Implementing the Red Button Law: Finding the Right Balance Between Security and Business
  Dmitry Miklin, Ph.D.; Director of Government Relations, Herbalife, Deputy Chairman of the AEB Product Conformity Assessment Committee
- Development of clinical trials within the EAEU: synergy of international trends and regional law enforcement
  Nadezhda Tikhonova, Senior Director for Pre-Registration Research, AstraZeneca (Russia and Eurasia)
- Development of the Technical Regulation System in the EAEU
  Ani Obosyan, Deputy Director of the Department of Technical Regulation and Accreditation, Eurasian Economic Commission

Moderators: **Dmitry Miklin**, Ph.D.; Director of Government Relations, Herbalife, Deputy Chairman of the AEB Product Conformity Assessment Committee; **Anna Chugunova**, Scientific and Technical Regulation Manager, Mondelēz International, Deputy Chairperson of the AEB Product Conformity Assessment Committee

14.30 **Networking**

Languages: Russian, English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

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