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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*
- Chris Weafer, CEO, Macro-Advisory*
- Alexey Zobotkin, Deputy Governor, CBR*
- Evgeny Roshkov, Managing Partner, Kesarev*

Moderator: Ilya Chizhevsky, CEO, OTP 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*
- Alexander Grushko, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs*
- Vasily Osmakov, Deputy Minister of Industry & Trade*
- Tatiana Ilyushnikova, Deputy Minister of Economic Development
- Andrei Melnichenko, Founder, SUEK / Eurochem*
- Alexander Shokhin, President, Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP)*
- 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
- Roland Galharague, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to Russia*
- Borirzhon Asadov, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Russia*
- Stefan van Doorslaer, CEO, Astros Logistics
- Vadim Besperstov, Country Manager Russia and CIS, Emirates*
- Ulf Schneider, President, Schneider Group

Moderator: Alexey Grigoryev, Head of Representative Office, METRO*

13:30 Networking lunch

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