



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON DEVELOPING COOPERATION

'FROM LISBON  
TO VLADIVOSTOK'

*Programme accurate as at May 26, 2017*

**BUSINESS PROGRAMME**  
**International Conference on Developing Cooperation**  
**from Lisbon to Vladivostok**

*With the support of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation  
(CCI of Russia) and the Association of European Businesses (AEB)*

May 31, 2017

St. Petersburg,

ExpoForum Convention and Exhibition Centre,

Address: 64/1, Peterburgskoye Shosse, St. Petersburg, 196140

**Conference schedule**

14:30–15:00	Welcome coffee
15:00–16:15	Session 1. Creating a Common Economic Space. Challenges and Solutions
16:15–16:45	Coffee break
16:45–17:45	Conference opening
17:45–19:00	Session 2. Ensuring Prosperity from Lisbon to Vladivostok through Trade and Investment
20:00–22:00	Final session and reception Achieving Sustainable Development and Political Stability from Lisbon to Vladivostok through a Common Economic Space

*From 15:00 to 18:00, while the conference business programme is under way, a memorandum on cooperation will be signed.*

**Concurrent with the conference business programme, two Russian–European roundtables will be held as part of the Third Russian Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Forum:**

1. Roundtable: Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Russia and Italy: The Challenge for the Future  
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2. Roundtable: Developing the Export Activities of Russian and Finnish SMEs

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## PROGRAMME

The goal of this international conference is to promote the development of economic cooperation on the territory from Lisbon to Vladivostok, strengthen joint activities in the megaregion, and solidify interaction between the European Union and Eurasian Economic Union, including at the level of the European Union and the Russian Federation, as well as bilateral ties between member nations of both unions. Contacts need to be stepped up in the megaregion to achieve this goal with expanded trade, increased investment, and the creation of common spaces on the financial and labour markets all playing a key role in this process.

The conference was initiated by the parties to the Moscow Memorandum on Cooperation and Joint Activities in the Megaregion 'From Lisbon to Vladivostok', signed in March 2016 by the Roscongress Foundation, SCHNEIDER GROUP, Banca Intesa, and Thomas Vendome Investment.

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15:00–16:15      **Session 1. Creating a Common Economic Space. Challenges and Solutions**

Conference hall  
B2

The creation of a common economic space dictates a series of conditions for enhancing trade and economic ties, including:

- synchronizing technical regulation standards (including customs rules)
- establishing a single market for finance and investment
- creating a free trade zone
- simplifying the movement of labour
- developing transport infrastructure

**Moderator:**

**Ulf SCHNEIDER**, Managing Partner, SCHNEIDER GROUP

**Panellists:**

**Sergey ARISTOV**, State Secretary, Deputy Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation

**Antonio FALLICO**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Banca Intesa

**Anna NESTEROVA**, Member of the General Council Presidium, Delovaya Rossiya (Business Russia); Chairman of the Board of Directors, Global Rus Trade

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**Uldis REIMANIS**, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Transport,  
Republic of Latvia

**Vladimir SALAMATOV**, Chief Executive Officer, International Trade  
and Integration Research Centre

**Gerd SLAPKE**, Managing Director, Eurasia Global Connecting GmbH

**Alan THOMPSON**, Director, Department of International Financial  
Integration, International Investment Bank

**Evgeny VINOKUROV**, Director, Centre for Integration Studies, Eurasian  
Development Bank

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16:45–17:45

Conference opening

Conference hall  
B2

**Moderator:**

**Aleksander KNOBEL**, Head of International Trade Department, Russian  
Foreign Trade Academy of the Ministry for the Economic Development of  
the Russian Federation

**Panellists:**

**Vladimir DMITRIEV**, Co-Chairman from the Russian part, Russian–  
Italian Civil Society Dialogue Forum; Vice-President, Chamber of  
Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (CCI of Russia)

**Sergey EZHOV**, Deputy Director of the First Department of the CIS  
Countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

**Štefan FULE**, Ambassador Special Envoy for the OSCE, Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

**Alexei GRUZDEV**, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the  
Russian Federation

**Sergey KARAGANOV**, Dean of the School of International Economics  
and Foreign Affairs, National Research University Higher School of  
Economics (NRU HSE)

**Aleksey REPIK**, President, Delovaya Rossiya (Business Russia)

**Frank SCHAUFF**, Chief Executive Officer, Association of European  
Businesses (AEB)

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Session 2. Ensuring Prosperity from Lisbon to Vladivostok through Trade and Investment

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Business associations, chambers of commerce, and business people talk about the importance of economic relations in the megaregion. Consideration of the 'From Lisbon to Vladivostok' initiative from the perspective of its practical significance for the business environment.

The session's key questions will be:

- How can we achieve a reduction in administrative barriers?
- How can we stimulate trade and investment in the megaregion?
- How can we create a quality business environment and an atmosphere of trust?

**Moderator:**

**Slava KHODKO**, Head of Project Development Directorate, The Roscongress Foundation

**Panellists:**

**Nikolai GORDEEV**, President, Chairman of the Board, OFK Bank; General Partner of the Conference

**Stuart LAWSON**, Representative of the Management Board, Russo-British Chamber of Commerce

**Vladimir PADALKO**, Vice-President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (CCI of Russia)

**Philippe PEGORIER**, President, Alstom Russia; Member of the Board, Association of European Businesses (AEB)

**Oleg PROZOROV**, Director General, Belgian–Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Russia

**Matthias SCHEPP**, Head of the Moscow Office, Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry

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20:00–22:00

Final session and reception

Achieving Sustainable Development and Political Stability from Lisbon to  
Vladivostok through a Common Economic Space

It is anticipated that participants will be invited to speak.

*Venue: 20 Ul. Sadovaya, Pavlovsk*

*Entrance by invitation only*

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**General Partner of the Conference:** OFK Bank

**Partners of the Conference:** Thomas Vendome Investment, Banca Intesa, SCHNEIDER GROUP

**Organization Partners:** Belgian–Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Russia, Russo-British  
Chamber of Commerce, Russian–German Chamber of Commerce

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