

Challenges and Opportunities of Economic Integration within a Wider European and Eurasian Space



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Agenda

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Roundtable:

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Today relations between the EU countries and Russia are complicated. The political crisis that has been under way since 2014, has led to unprecedented tensions in the region and caused considerable damage to trade and economic cooperation between traditional partners, as the sharp steps taken did not take real national interests into account. At the same time the sanctions pressure does not lead to political goals achievement, but only contributes to further escalating tensions in relations, reducing competitiveness and depriving the parties and their partners of possible cooperation benefits.

Under the current circumstances, it is especially important to concentrate efforts, if not on strengthening relations between the countries of the region, but on identifying potential opportunities for constructive interaction and establishing mechanisms for restoring cooperation in separate areas. It is also necessary to identify key points of contact that could later become the cornerstones of mutually beneficial and fair cooperation reflecting the interests of the authorities, society and business in the region. A special issue of the above mentioned processes is reinforcement of a dialogue between EU and EAEU as two flagship integration associations, on cooperation of which stability and well-being of people in Greater Eurasia depend.

The Roundtable: "Prospects for the EU – EAEU Common Economic Space: Challenges and Opportunities for Business" aims debate the opportunities and prospective spheres of the EU – EAEU cooperation. The event will bring together representatives of public authorities of the EU and the EAEU, EU business and academic communities.

Agenda

(Languages: Russian, English)

10:00-11:00 **Registration** of guests and participants (welcome coffee and informal meetings)

11:00-13:00 High-level roundtable:

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Moderator: Vladimir Salamatov, Director-general, Research Centre “International Trade and Integration”

Key topics of the Roundtable

- *Existing challenges and problems in the development of economic integration within the European and Eurasian space;*
- *Opportunities and potential for engagement in overcoming mutual restrictions and reducing risks and costs for cooperation related to third-country sanctions;*
- *Potential business opportunities from increased integration of EU and EAEU integration: implementation challenges;*
- *Development of cooperation between the EU and the EAEU in priority areas (transport, non-tariff barriers, foreign direct investment).*

Opening of the Roundtable

11:00-11:05 **Alexander Shokhin**, President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP), Chairman of the Presidium of the EAEU Business Council in 2018

11:05-11:10 **Tatiana Valovaya**, Member of the Board (Minister) for Integration and Macroeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC)

11:10-11:15 **Luis Portero**, Head of the Trade Section of the Representative Office of the European Union in the Russian Federation

Presentation of the reports on the major directions of cooperation

11:15-12:15 **Pavel Kabat**, Director General and CEO, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA):

7 min **Michael Emerson**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS); Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to Russia (1991 – 1995) – Presentation of IIASA’s working paper on: “**Technical Product Standards and Regulations in the EU and EAEU – Comparisons and Scope for Convergence**”

Remarks of Eurasian and European business representatives:

5 min **Matthias Schepp**, Chairman, Russian-German Chamber of Commerce

- 5 min **Vladimir Basko**, Chairman, Committee on Digital Agenda of the EAEU Business Council; General Director, InfoPark
- 7 min **Yury Scherbanin**, Professor, Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Foreign Ministry – Presentation of IIASA’s working paper on: **“Trans-Eurasian Land Transport Corridors Assessment of Prospects and Barriers”**
- Remarks of Eurasian and European business representatives:**
- 5 min **Philippe Pegorier**, President, Alstom Russia
- 5 min **Alexey Grom**, President, UTLC Eurasian rail alliance / **Andrey Kurushin**, Director General, ASMAP
- 7 min **Péter Balás**, Senior Research Scholar, IIASA; Former Deputy Director-General for Trade (2005-2014), European Commission; Head, Support Group for Ukraine, European Commission (2014-2015); **Peter Havlik**, Staff Economist, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw) – Presentation of IIASA’s working paper on: **“Foreign Direct Investment in the EU and the Eurasian Countries”**
- Remarks of business and academic representatives:**
- 5 min **Frank Schauff**, The General Director of the Association of European Businesses
- 5 min **Alexander Knobel**, Director of the Institute of International Economics and Finance All-Russian Academy of Foreign Trade Ministry of Economic Development of Russia.

Open discussion

- 12:15-12:20 **Yaroslav Lissovolik**, Managing Director for Research - Chief Economist, Eurasian Development Bank
- 12:20-12:25 Remarks and interventions of the Round-table participants
- 12:45-13:00 **Closing remarks** by **Alexander Murytchev** executive vice-president, RSPP; Chairman of the CIS and CEE International Bank Council, Tatyana Valovaya, Frank Schauff, Pavel Kabat

13:00-14:30 Reception for participants of the round-table

13:00-15:00 Meetings with Pavel Kabat, IIASA

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