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KEY CONCLUSIONS

There is no strategic dialogue between Russia and the European Union

We have a short-term strategy in terms of our dealings with the EU. That strategy only considers conflicts and tension that exists between countries, while economic dialogue is the same as it was before 2014 — Sergey Cheryomin, Minister, Head of Department for Foreign Economic Activity and International Relations of Moscow, Moscow City Government.

The basis for political dialogue in future will be economic relations and engagement

While politicians are talking, business people are busy working — Nadezhda Sikorsky, Chief Editor, Nasha Gazeta.ch.

Everyone is worse off without dialogue, but now is not the time to develop political dialogue. If we just work together, dialogue will come naturally — Mauro Pantaleo, President, P&P Advisory Group.

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ST. PETERSBURG INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FORUM 2019

Russia–Germany
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KEY CONCLUSIONS

Partnership between Russia and Germany is mutually beneficial

We do not share an agenda this saturated with any other European country — Azer Talibov, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation.

Russian and German businesses are not competitors. We only have means complete each other — Vasily Osmakov, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation.

We are confident that the exchange should happen across all sectors. It is good for both Germany and Russia, it is important for Russian-European cooperation — Manuela Schwesig, Minister-President of the State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

Germany invested 3 billion into Russian economy. Russia is a great investment opportunity for us — Klaus Mangold, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Knorr-Bremse.

It is not just the client that matters to us, it is the supplier as well and we are interested in the development of Russian industry, which is twice interesting for us — Klaus Rosenfeld, Chief Executive Officer, Schaeffler.

We are building business contact structures with medium-sized businesses. Apart from Russia, we work with 120 universities and plan to invest EUR 70 million before 2020 — Alexander Klaeger, Chief Operating Officer, Head of Cloud Business for Middle and Eastern Europe, SAP.

Economic growth potential is out there

At its peak, commercial turnover with Germany reached USD 74 billion, now it is slightly over 60: there is room to grow — Azer Talibov, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation.

We support Northern Stream 2. Germany will abandon nuclear and coal-driven energy by 2030, so we need natural gas — Manuela Schwesig, Minister-President of the State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.
German society wants to see the relations with Russia brought back to normal

Many of our entrepreneurs care about Russia, and it is not strictly business. I want to support you — **Manuela Schwesig**, Minister-President of the State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

Most Germans want to be closer to Russia and politicians cannot ignore that. They need to keep that in mind and change the situation while they still can — **Heinz Hermann Thiele**, Owner, Knorr-Bremse.

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**Frank Schauf**

Chief Executive Officer, Association of European Businesses

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**KEY CONCLUSIONS**

**Relationship with Russia is important for Switzerland**

Switzerland believes Russia to be an important partner, a country that holds a priority in economic relations. Trade grows by 10% per year and we are among 10 largest investors in the Russian economy — **Marie-Gabrielle Ineichen-Fleisch**, Director, Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO).

In regards to sanctions, Switzerland has its own position that is different from the EU. Accordingly, there are different possibilities for economic ties with Russia — **Frank Schauf**, Chief Executive Officer, Association of European Businesses.

There is a demand in Switzerland that comes from small businesses. They are increasingly more interested in Russian companies and want to enter the Russian market — **Béatrice G. Lombard-Martin**, Swiss Russian Forum.

Russia is of strategic importance to us — **Stefan Oliver Reutter**, Managing Director, Regional Vice Chairman, UBS Switzerland AG.

In the past 20 years we have invested over USD 2 billion in the Russian economy. We have been increasing investment pace, especially in the past 3 years — **Martial Rolland**, Chief Executive Officer in Russia and Eurasia, Nestlé S.A..
Our investment is not slowing down. We opened a marine service centre in Murmansk to maintain large vessels that transport LNG. We opened an engineering centre in Kaliningrad. Additionally, we develop project engineer training programme, which is extremely important for Russia — Peter Voser, Chairman of the Board of Directors, ABB Ltd.

We see the Russian market in a positive light. One of the state programmes that develops infrastructure and the roads sector is one of the key economic drivers. We bring technology to Russia that is not yet here, like building cement roads. We are trying to standardize this technology for Russia — Maxim Goncharov, Chief Executive Officer, LafargeHolcim Russia.

Switzerland is interested in cooperation with the Eurasian Economic Union

The Eurasian Economic Union is of great interest to our companies — Marie-Gabrielle Ineichen-Fleisch, Director, Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO).

The Eurasian Economic Union is important to us, particularly when it comes to bringing stability into legislature. We find many different markets within the union very appealing — Martial Rolland, Chief Executive Officer in Russia and Eurasia, Nestlé S.A.

Russia created favourable conditions for foreign business

Russia created unprecedented conditions [for foreign companies, – Ed.] to start operations. It is state and regional support. These are special economic zones, industrial parks, and so on. We have introduced dual education at universities, that allows working and studying at the same time. We create technical training centres, whose graduates can work in any field. All of this helps big companies that have more than one factory in our region grow even further — Vladimir Potemkin, Deputy Governor of Kaluga Region.

We live in difficult times but in terms of accessing the Russian market – especially the regional market – Swiss companies have a chance to seriously expand their presence here. Russia adopted a number of long-term development programmes, that can include a wealth of Swiss companies, not just those that are historically present here — Alexey Moskov, Chief Executive Officer, Witel AG.

If we talk about R&D – we opened a laboratory in Moscow together with Skoltech. It was a great decision, everything worked out. We did everything quite fast, and in both Germany and the US people were amazed at the opportunities available in Russia — Roland Fischer, Chief Executive Officer, OC Oerlikon Management AG.
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