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Friday, 15 March 2019

08:30–13:30

Salle des Cariatides Cercle Royal Gaulois

Rue de la Loi, 5 – Bruxelles

Main dialogue themes

- **Many strategies, one goal:** moving Europe and Asia closer together. Experience of the Eurasian Economic Union, the EU-Asia Connectivity Strategy, and China's One Belt, One Road Initiative.
- **Sustainable connectivity and dialogue on standards:** enhancing Eurasian economic relations through various integration frameworks.
- **Connecting Eurasia in practice:** strengthening connectivity in transport, energy, personal interaction, and other fields.

Key topics for panel discussions

Standards for sustainable infrastructure planning, financing, and procurement to address capacity bottlenecks and prevent economically unviable projects.

Technical operational standards for transport, logistics, digitization and legal frameworks (e.g. customs rules). Addressing the need to identify practical aspects of connectivity where parties could work together to take full advantage of the region's economic potential.

Regional development with the aim of strengthening local economies and integrating them into value and supply chains so they avoid remaining mere areas of transit.

Today, the global trading sector is facing headwinds like never before. The notion of well-integrated cross-border supply chains based on specialization and interdependence is being challenged by import-substitution and buy-domestic policies. These new nationalist policy trends sharply contradict the logic and tradition of modern-day economics developed on the back of the WTO treaties and global market integration concepts. How we respond to these new challenges is not a simple matter, given the existence of different political views, preferences, and tools. The aim of this event is therefore to address the need for long-term political cooperation while engaging with highly technical issues and taking into account different integration options. It is fitting that Brussels – the heart of Europe and the EU – will host this discussion between high-level policymakers and members of the international business community.

Event participants: key figures from the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European External Action Service, and the Eurasian Economic Commission; senior officials from Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Russia, China and India; representatives of international commercial and financial institutions (WTO, EBRD, EIB, etc.); and heads of some of the leading European and Asian companies operating in these markets (representing the energy, transport, digital, chemical, and pharmaceutical industries), among others.



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Programme

08:30–09:00 Participants' registration

09:00–10:00 **Session 1: Many strategies, one goal: trying to move Europe and Asia closer together**

Moderator: Alessandro Cassieri, RAI PARIS – Bureau Chief

Romano Prodi, President, Foundation for Worldwide Cooperation; President of the European Commission (1999–2004); Prime Minister of Italy (1996–1998, 2006–2008)

Aleksander Pankin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Tatyana Valovaya, Minister of Integration and Macroeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission

Sodiq Safoyev, First Deputy Chairperson, Senate of Uzbekistan

10:00–11:15 **Session 2: Sustainable connectivity and dialogue on standards**

Moderator: Mark Entin, Head of the Department of European Law; Professor, MGIMO University; Russian Ambassador to Luxembourg (2012–2016)

Grigory Rapota, State Secretary of the Union State of Russia and Belarus

Aigul Kusan, Head of the Representative Office of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Arnaldo Abruzzini, Chief Executive Officer, Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry (EUROCHAMBRES)

Garegin Tosunyan, President, Association of Russian Banks

Sergey Afontsev, Ph.D. in Economics, National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations

11:15–11:30 Coffee break

11:30–13:00 **Session 3: Connecting Eurasia in practice**

Moderator: Philippe Pégurier, President, Alstom Russia; Member of the Board, Association of European Businesses

Koen Berden, Executive Director for International Affairs, European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA)

Pierroberto Folgiero, CEO, Maire Tecnimont S.p.A.

Mark A. Gyetvay, Deputy Chairman of the Management Board, Novatek

Sergey Ivanov, CEO, ALROSA

Fares Kilzie, Chairman, Creon Capital

Vladimir Shipkov, Executive Director, Association of International Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

Mikko Turtiainen, Vice President, Global Sales, Finnair

Oliver Cescotti, President GEA, Russia

13:00–13:30 **Closing remarks**

Moderator: Riccardo Pozzi, OSCE Special Representative

Maurizio Massari, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Italy to the European Union

Alexander Stuglev, Chief Executive Officer, the Roscongress Foundation

Frank Schauff, Chief Executive Officer, Association of European Businesses

Vladimir Chizhov, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the European Union

Oleg Prozorov, Chief Executive Officer, Member of the Board, Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Russia

Antonio Fallico, President, Conoscere Eurasia Association

13:30–14:30 **Lunch for event participants** (Salle de Lorraine, Cercle Royal Gaulois)