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Economy of trust and business diplomacy from Atlantic to Pacific

Discussion topics:
• Global energy market trends
• Modern geopolitics and freedom of business
• Gas industry development scope
• Business dialogue in Greater Eurasia
• Financial resources and Eurasian economy of the future
• Infrastructure from Atlantic to Pacific
• Innovations in agriculture and agroindustry
• New technologies as a trajectory for sustainable social and economic growth

Forum participants: public officials, ministers of the Eurasian Economic Commission, ambassadors, heads of integral corporations of the participating countries, political and public figures, experts, and mass media representatives.

ANTONIO FALLICO
Chairman of the Board of Directors, Banca Intesa; President, Conoscere Eurasia Association

“The Eurasian Economic Forum in Verona is designed to be not only the largest platform in Europe for dialogue between business representatives from the nations of Greater Eurasia, which it has become over the years since it was founded, but also a place where entrepreneurs from a variety of countries can forge professional contacts. It is my hope that meetings of this kind will be of great practical value, and that in time, an economic space with shared rules stretching from Lisbon to Vladivostok will come into being.”

ALEXANDER STUGLEV
CEO, The Roscongress Foundation

“The interest shown in the Forum by official and business circles increases with each passing year. This can be seen primarily in terms of the growing number of delegates and the expanding geographical range of the countries taking part in the event. Over the years, since it began, the Forum has taken on great significance for representatives from governmental institutions and the business and expert communities in Russia, Italy, and other nations within Greater Eurasia, as a non-politicized platform for direct and open dialogue on issues of European and Eurasian integration and developing partnerships in areas that show promise for cooperation.”
The key theme for discussion at the Verona Forum in 2017 was ‘Greater Eurasia as a driving force in the current international geopolitical and economic context’. Participants discussed a number of issues, including building new projects and models for government interaction and economic cooperation in the current environment, developing the innovative infrastructure in Greater Eurasia, and cooperating in energy, manufacturing, technology, transport, and the agricultural industry. Among the problems touched on were developments in the geopolitical environment in Eurasia, as well as prospects for cooperation between the regions of various countries. Discussions at the Forum identified innovation as the main driver of long-term growth and change throughout the global economy, and placed particular emphasis on the importance of establishing dialogue between the European Union and the Eurasian Economic Union on political and economic cooperation.

Speaker and Special Guests

Romano PRODI, President, Foundation for Worldwide Cooperation; Prime Minister of Italy 1996–1998, 2006–2008
Gerhard SCHRODER, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Rosneft; Federal Chancellor of Germany 1998–2005
Igor SECHIN, CEO, Rosneft (Russia)
Emma MARCEGAGLIA, Chairman, Eni, President, BusinessEurope; Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Marcegaglia Holding (Italy)
Grigory RAPOTA, State Secretary of the Union State of Russia and Belarus
Tatyana VALOVAYA, Minister in Charge of the Development of Integration and Macroeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission
Veronika NIKISHINA, Minister for Trade, Eurasian Economic Commission
Michael CHRISTIDES, Secretary General, Permanent International Secretariat, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation

Leonid MIKHIELSON, Chairman of the Management Board, Novatek (Russia)
Elena BURMISTROVA, Director General, Gazprom Export (Russia)
Ivan GLASENBERG, CEO, Glencore International (Switzerland)
Marco TRONCHETTI PROVERA, Executive Vice Chairman, CEO, Pirelli & C.
Alessandro DECCO, CEO and General Manager, SACE (Italy)
Luciano CIRINA, CEO, Generali CEE (Italy)
Alessandro PROFUMO, CEO, Leonardo (Italy)
Alexander SHOKHIN, President, Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (Russia)
Mikhail KUSHNIROVICH, Chairman of Supervisory Board, Bosco di Ciliegi Group (Russia)
Francesco PROFUMO, President, Compagnia di San Paolo (Italy)
RUSSIAN–ITALIAN ECONOMIC SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

A memorandum of cooperation between the Eurasian Forum, represented by the Conoscere Eurasia Association, and the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, represented by the SPIEF Foundation (from December 2015, the Roscongress Foundation), was signed in January 2015. The memorandum expanded the agenda, increased the variety of key topics at certain working sessions, and enabled co-organization of various events, including business seminars and forums throughout Italy and in Switzerland: in Rome, Turin, Florence, Milan, Naples, Bari, Catania, Bologna, Trento, Genoa and Lugano.