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Participant registration

08:00-9:00

OPENING SESSION

09:00-10:00 **MC: Elif Bereketli**, TRT World

- **H.E. Mehmet Şimşek**, Ministry of Treasury and Finance of the Republic of Türkiye
- **Alexander Grushko**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation
- **Kirill Komarov**, First Deputy Director General – Director of the Development and International Business, ROSATOM
- **Antonio Fallico**, President, Conoscere Eurasia Association

SPECIAL SESSION

10:00-11:30 **MODERATOR: Alessandro Cassieri**, Journalist (Italy)

- **Necmeddin Bilal Erdogan**, Chairman, Ilim Yayma Foundation
- **Kirill Dmitriev**, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for Investment and Economic Cooperation with Foreign Countries; Chief Executive Officer, Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF)
- **Romano Prodi**, President of the Foundation for International Cooperation; President of the European Commission (1999–2004); Prime Minister of Italy (1996–1998, 2006–2008)
- **Thomas Graham**, the Henry A. Kissinger Distinguished Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations

SESSION 1. Energy in Motion: New Players, New Demands, New Problems, New Solutions

11:30-13:00 **MODERATOR: Tadzio Schilling**, Chief Executive Officer, Association of European Businesses

- **Kirill Komarov**, First Deputy Director General – Director of the Development and International Business, ROSATOM
- **Leonid Mikhelson**, Chairman of the Management Board, Member of the Board of Directors, NOVATEK
- **Dmitry Khandoga**, Head of Department, Gazprom; General Director, Gazprom Export
- **Pierre M. Louvrier**, Board Member, Clementy Asset Management

Lunch

13:00-14:00

SESSION 2. USA–Eurasia World: Challenges and Opportunities
(Curated by American Chamber of Commerce in Russia)

14:00-15:30 **MODERATOR: Robert Agee**, President, Chief Executive Officer, American Chamber of Commerce in Russia

- **Bob Foresman**, Vice Chairman, KingsRock Advisors; former Vice Chairman of UBS
- **Alexander Grushko**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation
- **George Beebe**, Director of Grand Strategy at the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft
- **Peter Nicholas Loukianoff**, Founding Partner PORTAL Venture Partners
- **Viktor Vekselberg**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Renova Group
- **Donald Sassoon**, Writer, emeritus professor in comparative European history at Queen Mary University (London)

SESSION 3. What Changes Does the Real Economy Face?

15:30-17:00 **MODERATOR: Sergey Afontsev**, Deputy Director for Scientific Work, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences

- **Burhan Özdemir**, President of MÜSİAD (Independent Industrialists and Businessmen's Association), Republic of Türkiye
- **Ilya Shestakov**, Head, Federal Agency for Fisheries (Rosrybolovstvo)
- **Mikhail Popov**, Deputy Chairman, Committee on Scientific, Educational, and Innovation Policy, Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs
- **Bruno Giordano**, President, Fondazione Cariverona
- **Alex Krainer**, Founder, Krainer Analytics
- **Emmanuel Quidet**, Honorary President, French-Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

SESSION 4. Technological Sovereignty: Building National Capabilities through Strategic Technology Projects
(Prepared by the State Atomic Energy Corporation "Rosatom")

17:00-18:00 **MODERATOR: Konstantin Simonov**, Owner, Director General, National Energy Security Fund

- **Alikaan Çiftçi**, Head of Nuclear Industry Association of Türkiye (NIATR)
- **Anastasia Pavlenko**, Deputy Executive Director, Director for Strategic Partnerships, Innopraktika
- **Umit Suleyman Sehirli**, Professor, Vice Rector of Marmara University
- **Fabio L. Grassi**, Professor, Sapienza University – Rome; Scientific Responsible of the Turkey Desk Project
- **Rob Ritchie**, Executive Director, Imine
- **Dmitry Bashunov**, Co-Founder, Metaera

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SESSION 5. Financial markets in the heart of Eurasia: Resilience, Infrastructure, Undervalued Opportunities

9:30–11:00 **MODERATOR: Elena Borisenko**, Deputy Chairman of the Management Board of Gazprombank

- **Ignat Dirks**, First Deputy Head of the Department, Gazprom
- **Princess Jahnavi Kumari Mewar**, 77th Generation (Mewar), Chairperson Ubertas World, Founder & Chairperson Power of Policy
- **Ivan Chebeskov**, Deputy Minister of Finance of the Russian Federation
- **Riccardo Fallico**, Economist, Member of the Board of Directors, Conoscere Eurasia Association
- **Viktor Zhidkov**, Chairman of the Management Board, Moscow Exchange
- **Timur Onzhanov**, Deputy Chairman of the Management Board, Baiterek

Special intervention

11:00-11:30 **MODERATOR: Alessandro Cassieri**, Journalist (Italy)

- **H.E. Alparslan Bayraktar**, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Türkiye

SESSION 6. Access to Innovations in Eurasian Healthcare

11:30–13:00 **MODERATORS:**

Vera Suldenko, Director, Government Affairs & Policy Russia & CIS, J&J MedTech & Vision; Co-chair of the Healthcare Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Russia

Emre Sevinç, Senior Country Director and General Manager of Medtronic Türkiye, AmCham Türkiye Board Member and co-chair of the AmCham Türkiye Health Committee

- **Vladislav Shestakov**, Director, State Institute of Drugs and Good Practices (GILS and NP)
- **Ece Salihoğlu**, Professor, Vice Rector Istanbul Nişantaşı University
- **Serhan Acar**, Sr. Director, HEMA and Public Affairs, GEM & Mid-Size European Markets, Boston Scientific
- **Dr. Emre Tavsancil**, Global Strategic Accounts Director, Abbott
- **Dinçer Diren**, General Manager, Molecular Imaging, EAGM · GE HealthCare

Lunch

13:00–14:00

SESSION 7. Transportation Systems in Modern Geopolitics: Certainty and Uncertainty

14:00–15:30 **MODERATOR: Mark Entin**, Professor, Moscow State Institute of International Relations

- **Vadim Mikhailov**, First Deputy Managing Director (Strategic Planning and Development), Russian Railways
- **Nurettin Paksu**, CEO, Tersan Shipyard
- **Irina Odinaeva**, Managing Director, Axenix
- **Antonio Marano**, Chairman and CEO, Airport Friuli Venezia Giulia S.p.A.
- **Alexey Naumov**, Government of Moscow, Department for External Economic and International Relations of Moscow; Head of the Foreign Investment Agency

SESSION 8. Eurasia as a Unifying Space of Cultures and Opinions to Move Towards a Society of Shared Prosperity

15:30–17:00 **MODERATOR: Bettina Campedelli**, Full Professor Management, University of Verona - Department of Management

- **Prof. Dr. Atilla Arkan**, Rector, IBN Haldun University (Türkiye)
- **Fabrizio Cardinali**, Chief executive officer, Etro
- **Andrew Spannaus**, Political scientist, Catholic University of Milan
- **Francesco Sidoti**, Italian Sociologist
- **Ogün Şanlıer**, President & Chairman, Bosphorus Film Festival
- **Igor Bogdasarov**, Deputy Director General, Mosfilm
- **Sergey Belyakov**, Chair of the Committee on Pension System Development and Social Insurance, RSPP (Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs)

Forum recap

17:00–17:30 **MODERATOR: Matthew Ehret**, Founding director, Rising Tide Foundation of Montreal, Canada; director, Pluralia Dialogos

- **Alessandro Cassieri**, Director, Pluralia Opinions
- **Antonio Fallico**, President, Conoscere Eurasia Association