



5th EUROPE – RUSSIA ECONOMIC FORUM
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Political events of the last year showed again a necessity of a dialogue as a basic form of developing international relations. The World financial and economic crisis has shown that interdependence of economies has reached such a level that only common effort based on cooperation and mutual trust can help tackle it. Russia is one of the key partners of both the EU and its member states taken separately. At the same time, relations with the European Community remain a core dimension of Russia's international politics.

To what extent the EU countries and Russia are ready to foster cooperation? Will the focus of Europe-Russia dialogue move from bilateral relations to common EU level? What are the prospects for the new Partnership and Cooperation Agreement? How will the world economic crisis influence economic cooperation? What is the role of Russia in the EU energy security?

PARTICIPANTS

About 80 guests from Russia and 80 from the EU: government officials, political leaders, business representatives, leading analysts, academics and journalists.

PROGRAMME

25 May

Presentation : „Russia 2008. Report on Transformation”

Reception

26 May

Plenary session: EU-Russia: Heading for a Partnership

Panel discussions:

- Main Political Trends in Russia and the EU Countries
- Foreign Direct Investments: Current Situation and Perspectives
- Rule of Law – Universal or National Traditions?
- Russia and EU's Financial Markets. Possible Directions of Development
- Eastern Partnership and Black Sea Synergy

Reception

27 May

Panel discussions:

- Russia's Role in the European Security Architecture
- EU Energy Security: Is Russia a Reliable Partner?
- USA – UE – Russia : Common Interests in the Post-Soviet Space
- Business Diplomacy : Economics as a Foundation of Political Relations?
- EU-Russia: Christianity as a Common Dimension of Social-Culture Space

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