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a Mission in Russia and a conference in Brussels

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29 – 30 November 2018, Russia






Energy Sector Mission to the Russian Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Region — Yugra

INSIDE WEST SIBERIA

Organizers: CCBLR Moscow in cooperation with CCBLR Brussels

The Trade Mission offers a timely and cost-effective means for member's firms to engage with key stakeholders and enter the promising West Siberian Plain market for oil and gas equipment, technology, services and more. The delegation will be comprised of 12 firms, representing our Belgian and Luxembourg business community that have developed products and services for general exploration and production activities, interested in developing business partnerships in the region. Operators and representatives of trade associations may also apply.

PROGRAMME

-  Introduce Belgium's and Luxembourg's Firms to rapidly expanding market in Russian Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Region — Yugra.
-  Meetings and Roundtables with local Government, commercial and oil and gas sector decision-makers (includes translation services).
-  Customized one-on-one meetings and networking events with government leaders, potential partners, distributors, and end users.
-  Gain insights, make important local contacts, solidify business strategies and advance specific technologies.
-  Trade Mission Cost: Member fee: 10,000 Rubles (env. 150 €), Non-member: 30,000 Rubles (env. 450€)

DRAFT PROGRAMME:

November 29 (Thursday)

05.50	SU-1382 Moscow Sheremetyevo, Arrival to Khanty-Mansiysk
06.20 – 06.40	Transfer to Hotel Complex Yugorskaya Dolina, Tobolsky trakt, 4
08.00 – 08.45	Breakfast with briefing
09.00 – 09.10	Transfer to the High Technology Park
09.10 – 10.10	Visit of the High Technology Park, meeting with Director General and Park's residents
10.15 – 10.25	Transfer to the meeting with leaders of business community of Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug — Yugra
10.30 – 11.15	Working meeting with business community of Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug — Yugra – oil, gas and energy sectors
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee – break
11.30 – 12.00	B2B meetings
12.00 – 12.15	Transfer to Lunch
12.15 – 13.30	Lunch in restaurant Molly O'Brian
13.30 – 14.30	Transfer to Gazpromneft-Khantos LLC field
14.30 – 17.00	Visit to Gazpromneft-Khantos LLC field and meeting with Director general
17.00 – 18.00	Transfer to Hotel Complex Yugorskaya Dolina, Tobolsky trakt, 4
18.30 – 18.50	Transfer to Dinner
19.00 – 22.00	Business dinner reception
22.00 – 22.20	Transfer to Hotel Complex Yugorskaya Dolina, Tobolsky trakt, 4

November 31 (Friday)

08.30 - 09.30	Breakfast in Hotel's Restaurant
09.30 – 10.30	Transfer to LLC RosNeft - Yuganskneftegaz field
10.30 – 12.30	Visiting of LLC RosNeft - Yuganskneftegaz field and working meeting with Director General
12.30 – 13.30	Transfer to Hall Yugra-Classic
13.30 – 14.45	Lunch in Vienna's Café
15.00 – 16.00	Meeting with Governor of Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug — Yugra Mrs Komarova, members of Government
16.00 – 16.30	Small Culture Program
16.45 – 17.00	Transfer to Hotel Complex Yugorskaya Dolina, Tobolsky trakt, 4
18.00	Dinner

December 1 (Saturday)

04.00 – 04.15	Transfer to Airport Khanty – Mansiysk
06.40	SU-1383, Departure to Moscow

Registration Deadline

Mission delegates will be accepted on a rolling basis until at least 10 participants are selected with a maximum of 12. Applications received after November 19, 2018, will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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11 December 2018, Brussels
Conference
"Energy at the Edge of Innovation
Scope 2040"



by CCBLR Brussels and NautaDutilh Brussels

- Keynote address by the Federal Planning Bureau: "The Energy Landscape in 2040"
- Case studies on technology and a low-carbon economy
- Roundtable discussion moderated by Christian Cleutinx: "Energy at the Edge of Innovation - Scope 2040"

14.30 Registration

15.00 Introduction

- Introduction by Alexis Brouhns (CCBLR President and Senior Executive Vice President at Solvay) and Kurt Demeyere (CCBLR Vice President and Senior Associate at NautaDutilh)
- NautaDutilh's Energy Team (Thibaut Willems, Partner)

15.10 Keynote address

- "The Belgian Energy Landscape in 2040" by Dominique Gusbin (Team Leader Energy & Transport, Federal Planning Bureau) and Danielle Devogelaer (Energy Expert, Federal Planning Bureau)

15.30 Part 1: Case studies on technology and energy - successful partners in low-carbon solutions

- How Russian gas and innovative technologies can contribute to carbon-neutral energy solutions by Gazprom
- Solar and wind energy - the Hydrogene pilot project at Charleroi Airport by Laurent de Schaetzen (CMI Group Cockerill Maintenance & Ingénierie)

16.10 Break

16.30 Part 2: Roundtable moderated by Christian Cleutinx, Former Director at DG ENER and Director General of the Euratom Supply Agency (European Commission)

Western European and Russian energy companies are embracing technology in order to solve current and long-term challenges. Christian Cleutinx will submit several topics to the panel, including:

- energy storage and new technologies (low-carbon management programme);
- new technologies to fight to "duck curve" and how to rapidly meet sudden energy demands; and
- new nuclear technologies.

The panellists will include:

- WindEurope - Offshore Wind Ports Platform (Wim Stubbe, WindEurope Ports Platform Chair and Business Development Manager AG Port of Ostend)
- Hydrogene Europe (Nicolas Brahy, Director)
- Fluxys
- Lukoil

17.30 Reception

Venue: NautaDutilh, Terhulpesteenweg 120, 1000 Brussels

Registration is free.

Please submit your contact information (full name; title/position; company; company's area(s) of activity; address; vat number; phone number; email; website) to Maria.Landenok.CCBLR@gmail.com with a copy to A.Arianoff@ccblr.org.

Please note that the number of participants is strictly limited to 50 people.

On 9 November 2018 in Brussels took place a meeting with the Russian delegation from the Tver Region. The presentations of the following Russian companies can be provided upon your request:

- 🔗 NGO "USP" (Autonomous Detection and Activation Devices, Security)
- 🔗 Incanto-A LLC (Kids furniture: Weekly we produce more than 500 beds from Canadian beech and birch massif covered with Italian-made hypoallergenic paints and varnishes on a natural basis, they have the certificates of quality and safety)
- 🔗 Alliance Nord-Auto LLC
- 🔗 Selena LLC (wholesale and retail trade of food. Search of the partners for the further development of the production and implementation of the new articles of products on the base of the manufacturing complex)
- 🔗 LLC "Z-TeX" (Weaving production)
- 🔗 Contact us asap and join this meeting!



FOREIGN TRADE TURNOVER OF THE LIPETSK REGION WITH BELGIUM INCREASED BY ALMOST 40%

Foreign trade turnover of the Lipetsk region with Belgium increased for the first eight months of 2018 of 39% compared to the same period last year and amounted to 833,1 million dollars, according to the administration of the Lipetsk region.

«For several years, Belgium is among the five largest foreign trade partners of the Lipetsk region. In January-August 2018 turnover of the Lipetsk region with Belgium increased by 39% compared to the same period of the previous year and amounted to 833,1 million dollars. The exports also increased by 39% to 821,2 million dollars. The share of exports in turnover: 98,6%», — stated in the message.

According to the administration of the region, exports from the Lipetsk region in Belgium by the end of 2017 increased by 55% and amounted to 907 million dollars. The main commodity group exports steel products in small quantities exported oil products. Also increased 3.5 times the imports from Belgium reached \$ 28 million. Major commodity groups of imports in 2017 — engineering products (50%), ferrous metals (24%), chemical products (17%).

SOURCE: CHELORG.COM OF 09/11/2018

RUSSIAN REGION OF YUGRA (KHANTY-MANSIYSK AUTONOMOUS OKRUG-YUGRA, TYUMEN OBLAST), IS NEGOTIATING THE ARRIVAL OF BUSINESS MISSIONS WITH TWO CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, THE BELGIUM LUXEMBOURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (CCBLR), AND THE GERMAN-RUSSIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Roman Genkel, Director of the Fund for the development of Ugra: "certainly, it's a kind of MSB. We hope that this kind of delegation, such visits will become regular. We have two chambers: the Luxembourg and Belgium, as well as the German-Russian Chamber of vnesnetorgoj negotiations on arrival. I think by the end of November, we are waiting for the next delegation. With regard to the arrival of the Franco-Russian Chamber of Commerce and industry, then surely there is common ground among the participants in this delegation.

SOURCE : UGRA-TV OF 06/11/2018

77 BELGIAN COWS-BODYBUILDERS BROUGHT IN VORONEZH OBLAST, "BELGIAN BLUE GROUP" SENT A THIRD BATCH OF ELITE BEEF COWS TO RUSSIA,

which Russian company "Molvest" from VORONEZH began breeding in 2015, the transfer of a herd of 77 cows was held in the south of Belgium near to Namur.

So called cows-bodybuilders were delivered to isolated agricultural enterprise platform "Novomarkovskoe". Due to the mutation of a gene, which affects protein, the animals have a greater muscle mass. It seems that they practised for decades in the fitness rooms.



In the regional Rosselkhozadzore (a quality control agency) confirmed that Belgian ungulates combine high fat milk with large quantities of meat.

So far, the cows are in the quarantine mode in Kantemirovskom area. This is required by the rules of the Customs Union.

SOURCE: Arkady Arianoff & BLOKNOT-VORONEZH.RU OF 9/11/2018 (FREE TRANSLATION)

BLCC Russia CEO Monthly Business Breakfast



Moscow; ING Bank, Puratos, Solvay Vostok, DeForche Construction, Brussels Airline, GlobAudit Skif consulting, La Lorraine Bakery group, Padva&Epshtein, Mostechexpertise, Belgian Embassy in Moscow, Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Senior representatives was around the table of the Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Russia. The event was organized in premises of Moscow Capital Club.

Ms. Trofimova worked in Gazprombank namely as a Member of the Management Board and supervised the Ratings Advisory Centre, the Centre for Economic Forecasting and the Corporate Communications Department. Ms Trofimova has share with us the

forecast of economic situation in 2018 and the outlook for 2019.

CCBLR (Moscow-Brussels) notes the dynamic intensity of the development of the political context, which will undoubtedly be expressed in the continuation of economic cooperation between our countries.

On 19 October 2018 took place the meeting of Tatyana Golikova, Chairperson of the Russian part of the mixed commission, and Didier Reynders, Chairperson of the Belgian part of the Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation between Russia and the Belgian-Luxembourg Economic Union, expressed the hope that the countries will be able to raise the level of trade and economic dialogue.



The deepening of cooperation in the field of innovation, aviation, cooperation in education and science, as well as the localization of production in consumption areas will be continued.

The parties also discussed trade and economic cooperation, noting the intensity and interest in the cooperation of national business communities. According to the results of January-August 2018, the volume of Russian-Belgian trade increased by 25% compared to the same period last year.

In addition, implementation of the agreements reached during the XI session of the mixed commission on economic cooperation between Russia and the Belgian-Luxembourg Economic Union was discussed.

SOURCE: BLCCRUS; BELGIUM.MID.RU OF 9/11/2018

TWO MAJOR DEVELOPMENT BANKS AGREED ON WEDNESDAY TO COLLABORATE ON BELT AND ROAD PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST AND HELP ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Beijing-based Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and Almaty-based Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) plan to cooperate via infrastructure projects in transport, sustainable development, urban and energy sectors, in addition to consulting services, analysis, and research.

The agreement will help the banks "boost economic growth and prosperity in the region" and "enhance its internal and external connectivity in terms of trade, investment and business links" in addition to strengthening knowledge-sharing on multiple fronts such as temporary assignments and staff exchanges,

From October 14th to 17th, the Chamber of Commerce of Luxembourg organized an accompanied visit to the Skolkovo Open Innovations Forum preceded by an economic mission to Moscow. The commercial delegation was composed of 24 companies with a total of 40 company representatives of a variety of sectors, as well as eight institutional partners including the Ministry of the Economy and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research. The last visit of the Chamber of Commerce to the Moscow Open Innovation Forum dates back to 2015.



SOURCE: BLCCRUS

THE LUXEMBOURG INVESTMENT FUND FLBS AND RYAZAN OBLAST GOVERNMENT

concluded an agreement on the establishment of dry ports in Ryazan. The agreement was signed by the Governor of Ryazan oblast Nikolay Liubimov and representative FLBS, our member and friend Philip Nyssen.

SOURCE: BLCCRUS

WORLD BANK GROUP FLAGSHIP REPORT "DOING BUSINESS 2019. TRAINING FOR REFORM" comparing business Regulation for Domestic Firms in 190 Economies

Doing Business 2019 is the 16th in a series of annual reports investigating the regulations that enhance business activity and those that constrain it. Doing Business presents quantitative indicators on business regulation and the protection of property rights that can be compared across 190 economies—from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe—and over time.

Regulations affecting 11 areas of the life of a business are covered: starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts, resolving insolvency and labor market regulation. The labor market regulation data are not included in this year's ranking on the ease of doing business.

Data in Doing Business 2019 are current as of May 1, 2018. The indicators are used to analyze economic outcomes and identify what reforms of business regulation have worked, where and why.

TABLE 1.1 Ease of doing business ranking

Rank	Economy	EODB score	EODB score change
1	New Zealand	86.59	0.00
2	Singapore	85.24	+0.27
3	Denmark	84.64	+0.59
4	Hong Kong SAR, China	84.22	+0.04
5	Korea, Rep.	84.14	-0.01
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30	Spain	77.68	+0.07
31	Russian Federation	77.37	+0.61
32	France	77.29	+0.99
33	Poland	76.95	-0.36
34	Portugal	76.55	-0.07
35	Czech Republic	76.10	+0.05
36	Netherlands	76.04	+0.01
37	Belarus	75.77	+0.72
38	Switzerland	75.69	+0.01
39	Japan	75.65	+0.05
40	Slovenia	75.61	+0.02

Belarus

- Starting a business. Belarus made starting a business easier by abolishing the requirement to register the book of Registry of Inspections and

allowing its purchase within six months of incorporation.

- Dealing with construction permits. Belarus made dealing with construction permits easier by streamlining the process at the one-stop shop.

Russian Federation

- Dealing with construction permits. Russia made the process of obtaining a building permit faster by reducing the time needed to obtain construction and occupancy permits. Russia also increased quality control during construction by introducing risk-based inspections. This reform applies to both Moscow and St. Petersburg.

- Getting electricity. Russia made getting electricity faster by imposing new deadlines for connection procedures and by upgrading the utility's single window as well as its internal processes. Getting electricity was also made cheaper by reducing the costs to obtain a connection to the electric network. This reform applies to both Moscow and St. Petersburg.

- Paying taxes. Russia made paying taxes less costly by allowing a higher tax depreciation rate for fixed assets. This reform applies to both Moscow and St. Petersburg.

- Trading across borders. Russia made trading across borders easier by prioritizing online customs clearance and introducing shortened time limits for its automated completion. This reform applies to both Moscow and St. Petersburg.

SOURCE: WWW.DOINGBUSINESS.ORG/RANKINGS OF 8/11/2018

THE RUSSIAN ECONOMY: MODEST GROWTH AHEAD

This 39th issue of the Russia Economic Report provides an assessment of recent economic developments and the outlook for the period 2018-2020.

Russia's economic recovery continues, amidst relatively high oil prices, enhanced macroeconomic stability, gradual monetary loosening, and ongoing momentum in global economic growth.

However, Russia's growth prospects for the period 2018-20 remain modest.

Growth is forecast at between 1.5% and 1.8% in the period 2018-20. However, in the short-term, these forecasts may change due to changing oil prices.

Summary

Global growth continued its 2017 momentum and is currently expected to peak at 3.1% in 2018. Recoveries in investment, manufacturing, and trade continue as commodity-exporting developing economies benefit from firming commodity prices.

Oil prices, which firmed up in 2017, are projected to average \$65/bbl in 2018 and 2019, and \$66/bbl in 2020, but may increase further, especially in the short term.

Supported by deepening macro-economic stability and gradual monetary loosening, Russia's economy continued its recovery in 2017, mainly driven by non-tradable sectors. Growth momentum towards the end of 2017 slowed down, but picked up in the first quarter of 2018.

Russia's balance of payments remained stable. An increase in the trade surplus due to higher energy prices was the key factor behind the strengthening of the current account. Monetary policy remained consistent with the inflation-targeting regime, and is moving from moderately tight to neutral. Annual inflation now stands at a record low-level, below the Central Bank's target of 4%. The poverty rate is expected to decrease slightly due to low inflation and recoveries in private income and consumption, but remains above the pre-crisis level.

The banking sector's fundamentals are largely stable, but the share of state-controlled banking assets grew because of the continuing Central Bank clean-up. The share of state-controlled banks in the combined assets of the Russian banking system increased to nearly 70%.

Russia's growth prospects remain modest, with growth forecast to be between 1.5% and 1.8% in the 2018-20 period. However, in the short-term, these forecasts may change due to changing oil prices. Relatively high oil prices, continued momentum in the global economic growth and macro stabilization would support growth. Yet, the growth forecast for Russia for 2018 has been slightly decreased to 1.5%.

A strategic focus on digital transformation has enabled Russia to build a national digital infrastructure. However, to gain significant socio-economic benefits from these changes, Russia will need to implement policies that accelerate the digital transformation of the economy's traditional enterprise sector, and promote R&D, innovation and entrepreneurship.

SOURCE: HTTP://WWW.WORLDBANK.ORG/EN/COUNTRY/RUSSIA/PUBLICATION/RER OF 8/11/2018

SUCCESS OF THE TRADE MISSION TO MOSCOW ORGANIZED BY LUXEMBOURG CCI



From October 14th to 17th, the Chamber of Commerce of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, in close collaboration with Luxinnovation and the Embassy of Luxembourg in Moscow, organized an accompanied visit to the Skolkovo Open Innovations Forum preceded by an economic mission to Moscow. The commercial delegation, led by the Chamber of Commerce of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, was composed of 24 companies with a total of 40 company representatives of a variety of sectors, as well as eight institutional partners including the Ministry of the Economy and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research. The last visit of the Chamber of Commerce to the Moscow Open Innovation Forum dates back to 2015.

According to the Luxembourgish statistics portal (STATEC), the Grand Duchy's exports to Russia have stabilized since 2014 and are currently increasing again. In concrete figures: last year, Luxembourg exported roughly over 151 000 000€ worth of goods to Russia (greatly through to the sale of heavy machinery, plastics and metals) and 237 000 000€ in services and imported a mere 14 000 000 € worth of products, yet 147 000 000€ worth of services. This balance sheet, in itself quite impressive, is far away from having achieved our limits. Russia's prime geographic situation has allowed the country to tie a strong network with its neighbors in Europe, in Central Asia and in the Far East. Despite the EU-Russia sanctions and the somewhat acrimonious political climate, business opportunities between the world's largest country and Luxembourg, the second-smallest country in the European Union, could be plentiful.



The trade mission began with the first of its kind Luxembourg – Russia Business Forum held in the premises of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (CCIRF) on October 15th. The premises, previously used as the old Moscow Stock Exchange, served as an ideal location for tailor-made Business-to-Business meetings organized between Luxembourg-based and local companies before kicking off the forum's plenary session. The latter, presenting the latest economic and innovative developments in both countries, was composed of Mr. Katyrin, President of the CCIRF, Mr. Padalko and Mr. Kurochkin, Vice-Presidents of the CCIRF, Mr. Stepanov, Head of Division of the Institute of Innovation Management at the Moscow Higher School of Economics, H.E. Mr. Knebler, Ambassador of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to Russia, Mr. Cresswell, Head of International Affairs at Luxinnovation and Mr. Erpelding, Director International Affairs at the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce.



The Plenary Session was concluded with the signature of a cooperation agreement between the two Chambers of Commerce, and was followed by an expert panel on Innovation, moderated by Mr. Foy, Head of Sector Development - Digital Economy at Luxinnovation.

During said panel, Mrs. Huizinga (Deloitte), Mrs. Tkachenko (Ziffer) and Mr. Wiertz (Paul Wurth InCub') presented Luxembourgish success stories, its investment climate, recent infrastructural and industrial developments, whereas the Russian side, i.e. Mr. Volostnov (Frost & Sullivan), Mr. Arseniev (RusITExport) and Mr. Amelin (Investing Russia) showcased the recent public and private initiatives of the Russian Federation. The first Luxembourg – Russia Business Forum and the delegation's first day in Moscow came to an end with a networking reception held at the Ritz-Carlton Moscow, to which the members of the delegation could invite business partners and prospects.

On the second day of the mission, October 16th, the Chamber of Commerce organized an accompanied visit to the Skolkovo Open Innovations Forum, Russia's leading platform for technology, entrepreneurs and corporations to find new opportunities for development, connect with investors, partners and officials.

The Open Innovations Forum, with its 21.000 visitors, was one of the largest events in Russia and 2018 showcased its 7th edition. The Forum focuses on future technologies in the modern human society, economy and everyday life. The main topic was Humanity in the Center of the Technological Revolution. The program comprises five specific spheres of the human life that are dramatically changing under the impact of technologies – productivity, habitat, education, health and entertainment/arts.

The Skolkovo Foundation, with whom Luxinnovation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (aiming to strengthen the bilateral cooperation in the field of innovation and new technologies), offered the Luxembourg delegation an accompanied visit of the fair as well as their campus, which offers shared and/or individual facilities to its tenants (over 1600 startups), including but not limited to laboratories, co-working space and financing bodies. The visit particularly shed a light onto biomedical start-ups which develop groundbreaking solutions, such as cheap and quick illness prevention-

kits or an open p2p biopsy-analysis platform that allows for a greater number of medical opinions.

A number of Skolkovo startup have already found their way to Luxembourg though the existing cooperation cultivated by the Skolkovo Foundation and Luxinnovation, in order to facilitate their globalization and access to the EU market. Luxinnovation previously made contacts in Russia and has seen these companies quickly becoming ambassadors for the Luxembourg economy, specifically in the start-up community where a snowball effect is currently developing. The companies in question keep choosing Luxembourg as their European Hub due to its ideal environment with access to grants and personnel and its logistic facilities. The day-long visit was wrapped up with a dinner reception held at the Embassy of Luxembourg in Moscow, which allowed the delegation to make contact with the Embassy's extensive network.

The third and last day allowed for a very interesting visit of Artec 3D's Moscow office. Artec 3D is a global leader in handheld 3D scanners that has been at the forefront of innovative 3D technology since 2007. The company develops and manufactures the high quality, yet easy to use portable 3D scanners, smart, user-friendly 3D software and an SDK that provides the best integration possibilities, whatever the application. With a worldwide presence and a large number of global clients, Artec 3D supplies state of the art 3D



technology to the areas of industrial design, healthcare, science, education, art and design. Besides their offices in Moscow and in the Silicon Valley, Artec chose Luxembourg as their Europe Hub a few years ago and are now manufacturing and assembling their scanners in the Grand-Duchy,

earning the company the "Made in Luxembourg" label. One lucky participant had the privilege to get a full body scan which can later be 3D printed.

FULL REPORT OF THE LUXEMBOURG CCI YOU MAY FIND HERE:

[HTTP://WWW.CC.LU/FR/ACTUALITES/DETAIL/TRADE-MISSION-TO-MOSCOW-AND-ACCOMPANIED-VISIT-TO-THE-SKOLKOVO-OPEN-INNOVATIONS-FORUM/](http://www.cc.lu/fr/actualites/detail/trade-mission-to-moscow-and-accompanied-visit-to-the-skolkovo-open-innovations-forum/) OF 8/11/2018

RUSSIAN DIRECT INVESTMENT FUND (RDIF) AND SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC IMPLEMENT THEIR FIRST JOINT PROJECT – INCREASING ENERGY EFFICIENCY ON COTTON WAY'S PRODUCTION SITE

Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF), the sovereign wealth fund of Russia, and Schneider Electric, a global expert in energy management and automation, announce the first project of their partnership for energy saving technologies in businesses. The parties intend to work jointly to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs at Cotton Way's production site. Cotton Way is an RDIF portfolio company and the Russian market leader for the rental and professional handling of textiles. A corresponding agreement was signed today at a session of the Foreign Investment Advisory Council (FIAC).

The project assumes optimizing the engineering infrastructure and installation of modern equipment that decreases energy consumption at Cotton Way's production sites. The Cotton Way factory in Khimki will become the pilot project. In the future, the parties will also consider projects that improve energy efficiency at Cotton Way's other sites.

RDIF and Schneider Electric will further cooperate to consummate mutually beneficial energy efficiency projects that serve the long term economic interests of Russia and France and promote economic co-operation between the two countries.

Kirill Dmitriev, CEO of the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF), noted: 'We are delighted to facilitate the introduction of advanced energy saving technologies at our portfolio company, Cotton Way. Thanks to the partnership between RDIF and Schneider Electric, the company will be able to significantly decrease production costs and improve energy efficiency across the business. Schneider Electric is one of the global leaders in this field. Modernizing Cotton Way's equipment will not

only create new opportunities for the company, but will stand as an excellent example of how to improve efficiency at a production site and promote sustainable approaches to energy consumption for other production sites.'

Johan Vanderplaetse, Senior Vice President, President of Schneider Electric in Russia and CIS, said:

'At the time of digital modernization of the Russian economy and growing demand for energy-efficient solutions, we are ready to offer Schneider Electric's expertise and world-class innovative solutions to the local market. The platform of the Foreign Investment Advisory Council in Russia and cooperation with organizations such as RDIF provide us with an excellent opportunity to implement such plans. Russia is one of the priority markets for us and we will keep investing in Russian economy.'

...

Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) has been established in 2011 to make equity co-investments, primarily in Russia, alongside reputable international financial and strategic investors. RDIF acts as a catalyst for direct investment in the Russian economy. RDIF's management company is based in Moscow. Further information can be found at www.rdif.ru.

Schneider Electric is a global expert in energy management and automation. Total sales of the company are 25 billion euro per year. In Russia, the company owns 5 production sites, as well as logistics centers and two R&D centers – in Moscow and Innopolis. Over the past few years, Schneider Electric has invested more than 1 billion euro in Russian economy.

Cotton Way is the Russian market leader for rental and professional handling of textiles. Cotton Way invests in the creation of regional network of high-performance and energy efficient laundry factories. In 2014 the company opened the 'Olympic' production and logistics complex in Sochi. In 2017 it launched the first factory in Russia specializing in laundry and sterilization of textiles for medical institutions.

SOURCE: [HTTPS://RDIF.RU](https://rdif.ru) OF 15.10.2018

CONFERENCE "WHY INVEST IN BELARUS" AND VISIT OF BARCO

On 24 October 2018 has took place the conference "Why Invest In Belarus. A door to the Eurasian Economic Union, the Market of 180 million inhabitants" and visit of Barco facilities in Kortrijk in presence of H.E. Aleksandr Mikhnevich, Ambassador of Belarus to Belgium and Luxembourg. It is a joint project of the Flemish Chamber of Commerce for Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus, Barco (sponsor of the event) and CCBLR Brussels in cooperation with Belarus












Embassy in Belgium.

On the photo here below you may see our speakers. We had 66 registered participants.

Please visit our website

<https://www.ccblr.org/events> in order to find following slides of Belarus authorities and companies, which were present at the conference:

-  Bremino Project
-  Belarus E-marketplace solutions
-  Belarus logistics BelgruzCargoMaster
-  Belarus Minsk soft drink factory
-  Belarus Mogilev metallurgical works
-  Construction projects in Minsk small
-  Belarus National Agency for Investment and Privatization
-  Customs Service at the Belarusian Embassy
-  Belarus straw or wood pellets Fornax

WORLD BANK REVISES BELARUSIAN ECONOMY GROWTH FORECAST FOR 2018

World Bank revises Belarusian economy growth forecast for 2018 to 3.4% According to the source, the

steady revival of the Belarusian economy, which began in 2017, continued into 2018. However, further structural changes are necessary in order to bolster the competitive ability on foreign markets.

SOURCE: [HTTP://ENG.BELTA.BY](http://eng.belta.by) OF 9/11/2018

EURASIAN ECONOMIC UNION EAGER TO BECOME WTO OBSERVER

According to the source, the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission has instructed the authorized bodies of the EAEU member states to weigh the possibility of the EAEU's participation in the WTO work as an observer via permanent representatives of the EAEU member states in the World Trade Organization.

SOURCE: [HTTP://ENG.BELTA.BY](http://eng.belta.by) OF 9/11/2018

BELARUS PLEDGES BEST TERMS FOR INVESTORS IN EAEU

A series of measures will be implemented to this end – from improving the domestic legislation to elaborating a special legal framework for concluding and implementing special investment agreements.

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EURASIAN FORUM IN VERONA TO FOCUS ON TRUST-BASED ECONOMY, BUSINESS DIPLOMACY, INNOVATIONS

The 11th Eurasian Economic Forum kicks off in Verona, Italy on 25 October. Taking part in the event will be over 1,100 delegates from more than 40 countries.

The two-day discussion will highlight the development of the trust-based economy from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, ensuring the energy security of Greater Eurasia, introduction of advanced innovations in the agro-industrial sector and the activity of financial institutions in the new geopolitical environment. Attending the forum will be representatives of government bodies, businessmen, political and public figures, diplomats, experts, journalists from Belarus, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, the UK, Hungary, Germany, Greece, Israel, India, Iran,

Spain, Italy, Cyprus, China, Luxembourg, Malta, the United Arab Emirates, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, the United States, Finland, France, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, Japan and other countries. Among the participants of the forum will be State Secretary of the Union State Grigory Rapota, member of the Board (Minister) for Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission Tatyana Valovaya, Chief Executive Officer of Rosneft Igor Sechin, Italy's Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Matteo Salvini, President of the Foundation for Worldwide Cooperation, former Prime Minister of Italy Romano Prodi, Under-Secretary of State for Economic Development Michele Geraci, Mayor of Verona Federico Sboarina, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the International Peace Foundation Alfred von Liechtenstein.

The Eurasian Economic Forum has been organized by the non-profit association Conoscere Eurasia, the Roscongress Foundation, and the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum. Antonio Fallico, President of Conoscere Eurasia Association, Chairman of Banca Intesa, told reporters that the more geopolitical tensions, sanctions, tariff wars and various obstacles we have in the world, the more business shows interest in removing such artificial barriers. This explains the growing interest of business and politicians in the Verona Forum, which focuses on building a common economic space from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

This forum has become a landmark event in Europe. Business diplomacy is becoming a significant force in an increasingly unpredictable world, said Antonio Fallico.

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Calendar of Russian cultural events in Belgium
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CERISE lectures 2018-2019

17 October 2018

Julie Hansen (University of Uppsala)

History and the Detective: Reading the Stalinist Past in Alexander Terekhov's Novel 'Kamennyi most'

21 November 2018

Pieter Stockmans (MO* Magazine)

Spionnen van het Westen, of echte patriotten? De actieve burgersamenleving in Rusland vandaag

4 December 2018

Miriam Lexmann (IRI Beacon Project)

Russian Interference in Europe: The Dilemma Between Addressing Exploitable Societal Vulnerabilities and Scapegoating Russia

27 February 2019

Lauri Mälksoo (University of Tartu)

Russian Approaches to International Law

20 March 2019

Tetyana Lokot (Dublin City University)

Selective Censorship and Strategic Visibility on the Russian Internet

8 May 2019

Dariya Orlova (Mohyla School of Journalism)

Donbas Residents' Response to Ukrainian and Russian Mainstream Media Narratives

Time & place

19.30h at Het Pand, Onderbergen 1

Online registration

www.ugent.be/russia



22 November 2018, Belgium

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Organisation ?

Les réunions se tiennent de 8h45 à 12h30 et sont toujours suivies d'un lunch dans un restaurant de la région, de 12h30 à 14h00. Les réunions se tiennent au sein des entreprises participantes.

Tarifs préférentiels pour les membres des CCI's de Wallonie (restaurants, matériel didactique inclus):

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27 – 28 November 2018, Krasnogorsk (Moscow Region) 5th International Agricultural Dairy Forum

The Forum is an annual agroindustrial event focused on establishing contacts, broadening trade and cooperation ties between the Moscow region businessmen, different Russian regions, CIS-countries and foreign states.

The Forum is a well-reputed venue to discuss the most relevant issues related to the milk products market, business and dairy industry as a whole. Among the main tasks and objectives of the Forum are discussion of the potential of the dairy industry and problems related to its development, a presentation of investment projects of Moscow region and development of international ties of the region.



The key subjects of the Forum in 2018 are the new conditions in which dairy business should be run, including issues pertaining to regulation, milk consumption and export potential of Russian producers. Representatives of state authorities, industrial associations, businesses and attendees from abroad will discuss the development of dairy industry in Russia and beyond.

The Forum will host an exhibition of dairy companies from Russia and abroad representing dairy products and equipment used in the milk industry. Apart from that, visitors will be able to try new milk and dairy products in the dairy show-room and get information on the results of innovation projects implemented in Moscow region.

The event will gather heads of the state authorities, representatives of Russian and foreign companies of agroindustry, research centers and universities. It will focus on the vital issues of the dairy industry, investment support and new technologies.

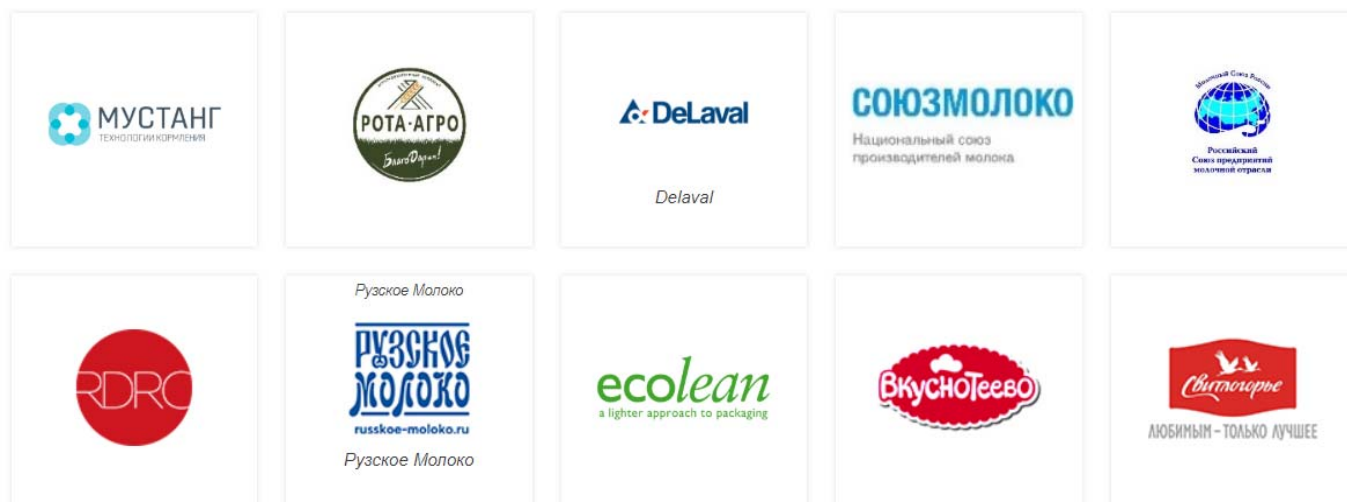
Participation in the Forum is free of charge. Please register in advance on the site to participate in the Forum: www.agromosreg.ru. Practical issues can be discussed with the specialists of the Ministry of Investments and Innovations of the Moscow region:

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12 – 15 March 2019, Ufa (Russia)
29th International specialized exhibition "Agro Complex"

- 27 years of joint development with leading world and Russian enterprises of agroindustrial complex
- The largest ground for premieres and product presentations in the market of central Russia, the Urals and Siberia
- Support of the Government of the Republic of Belarus and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Belarus. Traditional support of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation.
- One of the most visited exhibitions in Russia
- Direct communication at the level of the first persons of regions, heads of the agroindustrial complex and financial institutions
- The business program includes the holding of the Plenary Session "New Technologies in the Agroindustrial Complex: Industry 4.0" and work in 25 sections.



Thematic sections of the exhibition



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