

Press release

EAEU Member States export potential will be discussed at the Eurasian Week Forum

On August 24 - 26, 2017 the Eurasian Week Forum will be held in Kazakhstan at World's fair EXPO-2017 Astana, participants will discuss topics of export potential development, the free movement of goods, services, capital, labour, and the unification of information flows on the EAEU territory, they will also review the best technological and business practices.

Moscow, Russia, June 21, 2017 - the Eurasian Week Forum is held annually by the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) with the support of the Member States political executives. The event will take place within the framework of the World's fair EXPO-2017 Astana, it will congregate more than 2000 participants from 25 countries and will become the platform for the joint work on the EAEU development strategy under conditions of global challenges, Union's economy competitiveness improvement, B2B-contacts and international cooperation projects building-up.

The business program includes three main issues, one particular day will be dedicated to each of them. On the margins of the Forum there will take place parallel events: Subcontracts Exchange (NADLOC) and professions festival WorldSkills.

"We have received plenty of proposals according to the results of the Eurasian Week 2016, and the business program draft was formed on their basis. The program has turned out to be highly topical and interesting both for the authorities and for business", – Veronika Nikishina, head of the Organizing Committee of the Eurasian Week Forum, the Member of the Board (Minister) in charge of Trade of the EEC, said.

The topic of the first day is "Competitiveness in the modern economic conditions: growth potentials." It supposes discussion of transformation and strategical development of financial, transport and production models competitiveness in the conditions of the EAEU digital reset. The key events will be the plenary session "Competitiveness in the changing world: new models, technologies, forms of management" and the conference "EAEU digital reset. A new look at the economy."

The second day will be devoted to the four freedoms' topic: the free movement of goods, services, capital, labour, and the unification of information flows on the EAEU territory. The key event of the business program - the plenary session "EAEU Member States external economic priorities: interfacing with the national interests."

The third day of the Eurasian Week is given to the entrepreneurs. The general discussions topic "Economics of the Future: strategical directions of business development" implies practical format

of events for business: the master-class "From an idea to a successful business project. Secrets of success in the digital economy", the conference "Business of the future: trends, prospects, opportunities."

Eurasian Week Forum is held annually by the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) with the support of the Member States political executives. This year the delegates from the countries of the EAEU, the EU, as well as Azerbaijan, Vietnam, Georgia, Egypt, Israel, India, Iran, China, Moldova, Serbia, Singapore, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and South Korea will attend the event.

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For Reference

Eurasian Week Forum is an annual event that is held by the EAEU and EEC Member States. The initiative to hold the Forum was approved in May 2015 by the decision of the five Prime Ministers of the EAEU Member States. The Forum includes business and exhibition parts, contributes to the establishment of B2B- and B2G-contacts. The first Eurasian Week was held in October 2016 on the sidelines of the International Moscow Forum and Open Innovations development show. The business program included 16 thematic workshops with the participation of business and expert circles of Union member-states and third countries (Vietnam, Singapore, Egypt, South Korea, and EU countries). More than 400 speakers came out at the Forum. 43 exhibitors from the Union Member states took part in the exhibition part. The forum was attended by more than 2,000 persons.

The Eurasian Economic Commission is the permanent supranational regulatory body of the Eurasian Economic Union, which started its functioning on February 2, 2012. The EEC comprises representatives of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia. Decisions of the Commission are binding on the territory of the Union Member States. The Chairman of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission is Tigran Sargsyan. The Treaty on the Establishment of the Eurasian Economic Union was signed on May 29, 2014 and entered into force on January 1, 2015. The Union provides for freedom of movement of goods, services, capital and labour, as well as a coordinated, agreed or single policy in various sectors of the economy. The goal of the EAEU is to provide conditions for the stable development of the economies of the Member States to raise the living standards of their population, implement overall modernization, cooperation and increase the competitiveness of the national economies.

The Supreme Eurasian Economic Council is the supreme body of the Union and comprises the Presidents of the Member States.

The Eurasian Intergovernmental Economic Council is a body that comprises the Prime Ministers of the Member States. The Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission is a body that comprises the Deputy Prime Ministers of the Member States.

In accordance with the annual rotation, the bodies of the Union are chaired by Kyrgyzstan in 2017. The President of Kyrgyzstan Almazbek Atambayev is the Chairman of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council.