

# **RUSSIA'S OPENING TO THE WORLD ECONOMY AND THE BUILDING OF A COMMON EUROPEAN ECONOMIC SPACE**

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Over the last three years the Russian economy has improved its performance and enjoyed strong growth. Oil and gas exports and the effect of the Government's macro-policy have helped to support growth and favour domestic investment to meet domestic demand. In addition to this macroeconomic achievement, progress with institutional reform has created more transparency and equal treatment throughout the economy.

The crucial question now on the agenda is Russia's competitiveness and its opening to the world economy. Negotiations on accession to the WTO raise many important questions about ability of the Russian economy to cope with world competition, its development from a raw materials exporter towards value-added products, how the Russian economy can modernise for handling the challenge of the knowledge economy, and how its economy can become attractive for FDI and achieve major advances in efficiency. In a word, the point is to understand how Russia's opening could benefit its citizens and firms.

Russia is already integrating its economy with the EU. About 35% of Russian trade is with the EU, and this figure will exceed 50% after enlargement of the Union. The EU and Russia are thus natural and strategic economic partners. Several ambitious projects are being discussed (a free-trade area, single market, Common European Economic Space), which will not only reduce barriers but should be accompanied by intensive cooperation and major capital flows.

The RECEP conference aims at presenting RECEP research output on the opening of Russia and on the Common European Economic Space in the form of a *White Book*. These issues are currently being researched in various places and negotiations have started between Russia and the EU as well as between Russia and the WTO. As an independent think-tank strongly focused on these issues, it is the function of RECEP to take the initiative in debate, collect experience, provide analysis, and launch ideas.

Speakers at the conference will include officials and experts from Russian government agencies involved in these processes, as well as RECEP researchers. EU officials and experts will also participate, as will companies already acting in the global economy and involved in EU-RF cooperation.

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**Conference Location:  
The Academy of the National Economy,  
Prospect Vernadskovo, 82**

## **Programme**

### **Friday September 20**

**10:00 – 13:30: First plenary session**  
**Keynote speakers**

11:30-12:00: Coffee break

13:30-14:45 : Lunch

**14:45-17:30: Panels 1, 2, 3**

16:15-16:30: Coffee break

**18:00: Press conference**  
**Presentation of the RECEP White Book on the Opening of Russia**

19:30: Buffet

### **Saturday September 21**

**10:00-13:00: Panels 4, 5, 6**

11:00-11:30: Coffee break

13:00-14:15: Lunch

**14:15-15:30: Second plenary session**  
**Keynote speakers**

### Keynote speakers (plenary sessions):

1.	Mr. Mau Vladimir	Rector of Academy of Natural Economy
2.	Mr. John Richards	Head of economic section. EU Delegation
3.	Mr. Samson Ivan	Project Director RECEP
4.	Mr. Brunat Eric	RECEP EU Executive director
5.	Mr. Suni Paavo	ETLA Helsinki, RECEP Consortium
6.	Mr. Denisov Andrey	Deputy Minister of foreign affairs
7.	Mr. Rogozin Dmitri	Chairman of the International Affairs committee of the Duma
8.	Mrs. Khakamada Irina	Deputy Chairman of the International Affairs committee of the Duma
9.	Mr. Koptev-Dvornikov Vladimir	Chairman coordinator of the interfaction deputies' association "European Club"
10.	Mr. Manakin Evgeny	Deputy Head of Department for Trade Policy and Multilateral Negotiations. Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the RF
11.	Mr. Ivanov Ivan	Deputy Head Institute of Europe
12.	Mrs. Butorina Olga	Head of section, Institute of Europe
13.	Mrs. Commeau Irène	Managing Director of EBC
14.	Mr. Xavier Greffe	Senior expert RECEP
15.	Mr. Kivikari Urpo	Senior expert RECEP
16.	Mr. Karoly Attila Soos	Senior expert

## PANEL SESSIONS

### Panel 1: Sustainable growth and opening strategies

Chair: Eric Brunat, RECEP EU executive director – University of Savoy

- **Xavier Richet**, RECEP senior expert:  
*Opening strategies in Russia and Eastern Europe*
- **Mario Nuti**, Chairman of the European Association of Comparative Economic Systems  
*Euroisation and monetary relations with the EU: main lessons for Russia*
- **Jean-Francois Huchet**, University of Rennes  
*Lessons from the opening strategy of China*
- **Steven Rosefielde**, University of North Carolina  
*Systemic trammels on Russian competitiveness: structural militarization, rent-seeking and the rule of men*
- **Jitendra Uttam**, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea  
*Russia's New Developmental Regime: Convergence of Finance, Technology and Entrepreneurship*
- **Daria Popova**, RECEP economist  
*Inequality and its factors: a comparison across Russia and Eastern Europe*

### Panel 2: Simulations of Russia's economic opening

Chair: Paavo Suni, ETLA Helsinki, RECEP Consortium

- **Pekka Sulaama and Mikka Widgren**, ETLA Institute Helsinki  
**Xavier Greffe**, RECEP senior economist and **Ivan Samson**, Director of RECEP  
*The opening of Russia: lessons from the GTAP reference model*
- **Mathilde Maurel**, RECEP economist, University of Paris I  
**Jan Babetski**, University of Paris I  
*Optimal integration and the relevance of institutions in Russia*
- **Elena Sharipova**, RECEP economist  
*Testing institutional criteria throughout the world*
- **Alexis Belianin**, RECEP economist  
*Russia's integration with the EU and within the CIS: a gravity approach*
- **Sergei Drobichevski**, RECEP economist  
*Russian Corporate Bonds Market: first results*

### **Panel 3: Investment flows and co-production between EU and Russian companies**

*Panel jointly organised by RECEP and the European Business Club*

**Chairs: Claire Coutin, EBC Committee Director and Emmanuel Quidet, Ernst and Young – EBC Board Member**

- **Natalia Podolskaya**, EBC, Lawyer, Coordination EBC-WTO Working Groups
- **Christophe Cordonnier**, RECEP senior economist  
*Opening strategy of Russia and sectoral strategies*
- **Cevat Gerni and S.Yilmaz Kuşkay**, Ezurun, Turkey  
*Foreign economic relations between Russia and Turkey: shifting from a symbolic to an important partnership*
- **Company experiences:**
- **Saint Gobain: Andrei Loupyrev**, Director
- **Raiffeisenbank Austria: Michel Perhinin**, Chairman of the Board
- **DHL: Natalia Bochkova**, CIS Gateway and Customs Affairs Manager
- **ING Banking: Alexander Lorenz**, Director of Non-banking Financial Services
- **Interros:** to be confirmed

### **Panel 4: Acquis communautaire and institutional development in Russia**

**Chair: Pavel Kuznetsov, WCER**

- **Alexander Radygin**, RECEP senior economist and **Revolod Entov**, RECEP senior economist, Russian Academy of Sciences  
*The EU company law acquis and the transformation of Russian enterprises*
- **Vadim Novikov**, RECEP economist  
*The Common European Economic Space: the choice of space or the space of choice, or relevance for Russia of the EU acquis communautaire*
- **Ilya Trunin, Katya Ivleva, Vadim Novikov and Macha Savelieva**, RECEP economists  
*Differences in the legal system and law enforcement across Russian regions*
- **Oleg Lugovoi**, RECEP economist  
*Institutional development: a dynamic regional model of non-payments*
- **Jean-Joseph Boillot**, DREE Enlargement Observatory, Budapest  
*The EU acquis as an institutional anchor: the experience of the candidate countries*
- **Svetlana Kirdina**, Institute of Economics, RAS  
*Russia and the globalised world: institutional barriers and preferences*

**Panel 5: Sectoral adjustment strategies**  
**Chair: Jacques Fontanel, UPMF Grenoble, RECEP Consortium**

- **Peter Oppenheimer**, RECEP senior economist  
*Efficient industrial restructuring: progress and problems*
- **Lyuba Lukachova**, RECEP economist  
*Main trends in evolution of the banking system in Hungary and Poland: some lessons for Russia*
- **Victoria Ashrafian**, RECEP economist  
*Industrial cooperation in the Russian car industry*
- **Vincent Lamande**, UPMF and RECEP  
*The Russian aluminium industry and Europe*
- **Valery Mironov, Oxana Ossipova**, Development Centre economists  
*Productivity and competitiveness in the automotive and textile industries in Russia*

**Panel 6: Myths and realities: measuring the Russian economy**  
**Chair: Alexander Surinov, Deputy Head of Goskomstat**

- **Eric Brunat**, RECEP EU executive director and **Andrey Klepatch**, Development Centre executive director  
*Productivity issues of Russian industry*
- **Peter Havlik**, RECEP chief economist – WIIW Vienna  
*Convergence and asymmetries in EU-RF economic relations*
- **Irina Eliseeva**, RECEP senior economist, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, **Natasha Burova**, RECEP economist, and **Ivan Samson**, Director of RECEP  
*The measurement of PPP development level: the case of Kaliningrad*
- **Karoly-Attila Soos**, Institute of Economics, Budapest, **Ekaterina Ivleva**, RECEP economist  
*The competitiveness of Russian industry in the light of exports*
- **Natasha Burova**, RECEP economist and **Andrei Tatarinov**, University of Sochi  
*Measuring the non-recorded economy: Sochi, Kaliningrad, St Petersburg*
- **Serguei Nikolaenko**, RECEP – RET  
*The database on the Russian economy: an overview*