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# The First Connecting Eurasia Dialogue – From the Atlantic to the Pacific

Friday, 15 March 2019  
08:30–13:30  
Salle des Cariatides,  
Cercle Royal Gaulois,  
Rue de la Loi, 5,  
Brussels

## Main dialogue themes

- **Many strategies, one goal:** moving Europe and Asia closer together. Experience of the Eurasian Economic Union, the EU-Asia Connectivity Strategy, and China's One Belt, One Road Initiative.
- **Sustainable connectivity and dialogue on standards:** enhancing Eurasian economic relations through various integration frameworks.
- **Connecting Eurasia in practice:** strengthening connectivity in transport, energy, personal interaction, and other fields.

## Key topics for panel discussions

Standards for sustainable infrastructure planning, financing, and procurement to address capacity bottlenecks and prevent economically unviable projects.

Technical operational standards for transport, logistics, digitization and legal frameworks (e.g. customs rules). Addressing the need to identify practical aspects of connectivity where parties could work together to take full advantage of the region's economic potential.

Regional development with the aim of strengthening local economies and integrating them into value and supply chains so they avoid remaining mere areas of transit.

Today, the global trading sector is facing headwinds like never before. The notion of well-integrated cross-border supply chains based on specialization and interdependence is being challenged by import-substitution and buy-domestic policies. These new nationalist policy trends sharply contradict the logic and tradition of modern-day economics developed on the back of the WTO treaties and global market integration concepts. How we respond to these new challenges is not a simple matter, given the existence of different political views, preferences, and tools. The aim of this event is therefore to address the need for long-term political cooperation while engaging with highly technical issues and taking into account different integration options. It is fitting that Brussels – the heart of Europe and the EU – will host this discussion between high-level policymakers and members of the international business community.

Event participants: key figures from the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European External Action Service, and the Eurasian Economic Commission; senior officials from Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Russia, China and India; representatives of international commercial and financial institutions (WTO, EBRD, EIB, etc.); and heads of some of the leading European and Asian companies operating in these markets (representing the energy, transport, digital, chemical, and pharmaceutical industries), among others.



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## Programme

### 08:30–09:00 Participants' registration

### 09:00–10:00 Session 1: Many strategies, one goal: trying to move Europe and Asia closer together

**Moderator:** Alessandro Cassieri, RAI PARIS – Bureau Chief

**Romano Prodi**, President, Foundation for Worldwide Cooperation; President of the European Commission (1999–2004); Prime Minister of Italy (1996–1998, 2006–2008)

**Aleksander Pankin**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

**Stefano Manservigi**, Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development

**Tatyana Valovaya**, Minister of Integration and Macroeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission

**Sodiq Safoev**, First Deputy Chairperson, Senate of the Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan

### 10:00–11:15 Session 2: Sustainable connectivity and dialogue on standards

**Moderator:** Mark Entin, Head of the Department of European Law; Professor, MGIMO University; Russian Ambassador to Luxembourg (2012–2016)

**Grigory Rapota**, State Secretary of the Union State of Russia and Belarus

**Aigul Kuspan**, Kazakhstan's Chief Representative to the European Union and to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

**Frank Schauff**, Chief Executive Officer, Association of European Businesses

**Arnaldo Abruzzini**, Chief Executive Officer, Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry (EUROCHAMBRES)

**Garegin Tosunyan**, President, Association of Russian Banks

**Sergey Afontsev**, Ph.D. in Economics, National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations

### 11:15–11:30 Coffee break

### 11:30–13:00 Session 3: Connecting Eurasia in practice

**Moderator:** Philippe Pégrier, President, Alstom Russia; Member of the Board, Association of European Businesses

**Koen Berden**, Executive Director for International Affairs, European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA)

**Pierroberto Folgiero**, CEO, Maire Tecnimont S.p.A.

**Mark A. Gyetvay**, Deputy Chairman of the Management Board, Novatek

**Sergey Ivanov**, CEO, ALROSA

**Fares Kilzie**, Chairman, Creon Capital

**Vladimir Shipkov**, Executive Director, Association of International Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

**Oliver Cescotti**, President GEA, Russia

**Oleg Prozorov**, Chief Executive Officer, Member of the Board, Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Russia

### 13:00–13:30 Closing remarks

**Moderator:** Riccardo Pozzi, OSCE Special Representative

**Maurizio Massari**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Italy to the European Union

**Alexander Stuglev**, Chief Executive Officer, the Roscongress Foundation

**Vladimir Chizhov**, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the European Union

**Antonio Fallico**, President, Conoscere Eurasia Association

### 13:30–14:30 Lunch for the participants (Salle de Lorraine, Cercle Royal Gaulois)

