

BUSINESS PROGRAMME of the 5th EURASIAN ECONOMIC FORUM

Astana, Congress Centre, 12 Heydar Aliyev Str./ "Hilton Astana" Hotel, 14 Heydar Aliyev Str.

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May 26, 2026

15:00 – 17:00

SIDE EVENTS OF THE FORUM

Off-site Venue

Public Reception for Businesses on Competition and Public Procurement Issues

**Hilton
Garden Inn
Astana**

The Public Reception of the Competition and Antitrust Regulation Block of the Eurasian Economic Commission provides a platform for direct dialogue with the EAEU business community. It provides an opportunity to present the Commission's work in the areas of competition and public procurement, as well as to discuss key business challenges and explore possible solutions.

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Batyr Ave

To broaden outreach and enable wider participation, Public Receptions are held in a hybrid format (in person and online); representatives from across the Commission are welcome to participate in the reception.

The programme also includes individual consultations, during which EEC experts provide guidance and clarifications to businesses.

All materials from the Public Receptions are published on the official EEC website under the "Public Reception" section: https://eec.eaeunion.org/commission/direction/caa/public_reception/

Key Discussion Topics:

- general competition rules (abuse of dominance, anti-competitive agreements, unfair competition, procedures for filing complaints, and the respective competences of the Eurasian Economic Commission and national competition authorities of the EAEU Member States, cases involving violations, among others);
- ensuring access to public (municipal) procurement markets across EAEU Member States;
- procedures for confirming the country of origin of EAEU goods for public (municipal) procurement purposes;
- other issues of interest to the business community;
- individual consultations.

Moderator:

Maxim Yermalovich – Member of the Board (Minister) for Competition and Antitrust Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Welcoming Addresses:

Bolat Sambetov – Deputy Chairman of the Agency for Protection and Development of Competition of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Timur Zharkenov – Member of the Management Board; Deputy Chairman of the Management Board of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan "Atameken".

Speakers:

Alina Kazachenok – Deputy Director of the Department for Competition and Public Procurement Policy of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Sergei Maximov – Director of the Department for Antitrust Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission.

Participants:

Representatives of the business community of the EAEU Member States and EEC departments.

May 28, 2026

09:00 – 10:20

EAEU+

Congress Centre
Turkestan Hall
(1 Floor)

Integration Without Barriers: Dialogue Among Regional Organizations to Strengthen Economic Ties

The rapid development of integration processes worldwide in recent decades has led to the emergence of a substantial body of effective regional solutions aimed at enhancing economic resilience and competitiveness, as well as addressing both internal and external challenges. The Union's integration agenda is primarily focused on improving citizens' well-being and creating the most favorable conditions for doing business. At the same time, each regional organization brings its own unique integration experience in achieving these objectives.

The EAEU has formalized dialogue with key regional organizations, including the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), ASEAN, the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), MERCOSUR, the Pacific Alliance, the Andean Community, the Latin American Economic System (SELA), Secretariat for the Central American Economic Integration (SIECA), the African Union, COMESA, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), and ESCAP. Working-level contacts have been established with the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU), the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), which may serve as a foundation for future economic cooperation. Dialogue with BRICS is being advanced through the participation of EEC and EAEU representatives in relevant events held within the framework of these intergovernmental organizations. Among the new areas of activity this year is the development of cooperation and the institutionalization of engagement with the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

The session will focus on enhancing cooperation among regional and intergovernmental organizations and identifying new drivers of global economic growth. Participants will discuss best practices in economic integration, opportunities for expanding trade and economic cooperation, and the role of digital and innovative solutions, including artificial intelligence, in building resilient economic ties.

Key Discussion Topics:

- the role of intergovernmental cooperation in promoting sustainable development and stabilizing the global economy;
- new opportunities and advantages for businesses within integration frameworks;
- prospects for industrial cooperation and joint economic projects;
- the adoption of artificial intelligence and digital technologies to facilitate trade, optimize logistics, and enhance the efficiency of interregional cooperation.

Moderator:

Nurlan Kulbatyrov – Deputy Chief Executive Officer of QazTrade Trade Policy Development Center JSC under the Ministry of Trade and Integration of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Speakers:

Nasser Al-Motairi – Secretary General of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD);

Sohail Khan – Deputy Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO);

Sergey Lebedev – Secretary General of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS);

Dmitry Mariyasin – Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);

Bakytzhan Sagintayev – Chairman of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Kairat Sarybay – Secretary General of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA);

Shombi Sharp – Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

09:00 – 10:20

EURASIAN CONNECTIVITY

Congress Centre
Caspian Hall
(1 Floor)

Industrial Cooperation in the EAEU: Business Ideas and Support Mechanisms

The development of industrial cooperation among enterprises of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States is a key priority for strengthening economic integration and enhancing industrial competitiveness. The establishment of integrated value chains supports technological advancement, expands production linkages, and enables the implementation of joint business initiatives within the Union.

The EAEU has demonstrated resilience to external economic challenges, while its established regulatory framework and industrial policy instruments create favorable conditions for the development of cooperative ties and the formation of a common industrial space, including through the use of digital technologies.

Interest from the business community in cooperation projects continues to grow. Member States and the Eurasian Economic Commission are developing a comprehensive set of support instruments, including financial support mechanisms and a digital platform – the “EAEU Industry” portal which facilitates partner search and promotes industrial cooperation.

The panel session will serve as a platform for discussing strategic priorities for the development of industrial sectors in the EAEU Member States, improving the framework for industrial cooperation, and enhancing the effectiveness of existing support mechanisms, with the participation of both public authorities and businesses.

Key Discussion Topics:

- strategic priorities for the development of industrial sectors in EAEU Member States and the creation of conditions for industrial cooperation in the context of digital transformation;
- business ideas and initiatives from the entrepreneurial community aimed at advancing industrial cooperation;
- opportunities for engaging small and medium-sized enterprises in the development of cooperative value chains;
- support instruments for integration projects, including the financial support mechanism for industrial cooperation;
- barriers and constraints hindering the development of industrial cooperation within the EAEU.

Moderator:

Konstantin Kim – Director of the Center for Foreign Trade under the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation

Speakers:

Gohar Barseghyan – Member of the Board (Minister) for Industry and Agro-Industrial Complex of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Roman Chekushov – State Secretary – Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation;

Murat Kerefov – Deputy Chair of the State Development Corporation VEB.RF;

Gennady Klyga – Deputy Chairman of the Belarusian Chamber of Commerce and Industry;

Leonid Ryzhovskiy – Deputy Minister of Industry of the Republic of Belarus;

Olzhas Saparbekov – Vice Minister of Industry and Construction of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Farkhat Sarskeyev – Chair of the Management Board of the Damu Entrepreneurship Development Fund JSC;

Kanat Sharlapayev – Chairman of the Presidium of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs “Atameken”;

Alexander Shokhin – President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs;

Raphael Zohrabyan – CEO of Saint-Gobain Construction Products Rus LLC.

09:00 – 10:20

TRANSFORMING THE EAEU MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Congress Centre
Altay Hall
(2 Floor)

Digital Product Safety Ecosystem: Platform Solutions and Economic Outlook

In accordance with Decision No. 63 of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated 14 July 2021, the Commission ensures the coordination and implementation of the project “Digital Technical Regulation within the Eurasian Economic Union” (hereinafter, the DTR project), one of the key objectives of which is to provide stakeholders with a comprehensive set of data on product requirements established within the Union.

The consistent implementation of the DTR project in 2023–2025 has demonstrated significant potential for the use of information technologies in the development of the Union’s technical regulations and the related implementing acts.

The session will be held in the format of a dialogue with representatives of authorized bodies and organizations of the Union in the fields of technical regulation, standardization, conformity assessment and accreditation, as well as representatives of the business community of the Member States. It will not only help identify the needs of the Member States in advancing digital technologies at the supranational level as part of further work on the DTR project, but will also contribute to strengthening a professional community at the intersection of technical regulation and IT.

Key Discussion Topics:

- the DTR project as a tool for addressing challenges in the development and application of the Union’s technical regulations;
- opportunities and areas for applying artificial intelligence technologies in technical regulation and standardization;
- advanced approaches to product classification algorithms;
- practical experience in the implementation of IT solutions in EAEU Member States;
- future directions for the digital transformation of technical regulation processes.

Moderator:

Dmitry Drobyshev – Chief Executive Officer of International Trade and Integration LLC

Speakers:

Yelena Morgunova – Chair of the State Committee for Standardization of the Republic of Belarus;

Aset Nusupov – Vice Minister of Trade and Integration of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Alexander Subbotin – Member of the Board (Minister) for Technical Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Anton Shalayev – Head of the Federal Agency for Technical Regulation and Metrology;

James Wood – Director of Communications at the International Electrotechnical Commission.

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EURASIAN CONNECTIVITY

Congress Centre
Burabay Hall
(2 Floor)

Eurasian Trade and Logistics in the New Reality

The transport and logistics sector is a cornerstone of trade and economic cooperation both among EAEU Member States and with external partners, including those under free trade agreements. The expansion of the EAEU's network of trade agreements is taking place alongside the development of transport infrastructure, enabling the Union to better leverage its unique geographic position at the intersection of major trade routes along the North–South and East–West corridors.

A key driver of efficiency in these processes is the adoption of paperless transport solutions. The digitalization of document workflows significantly reduces transit times at borders, minimizes the risks of fraud, lowers operational costs for market participants, and enhances transparency and traceability of goods in transit.

In addition, free trade agreements increasingly incorporate elements of sectoral cooperation, creating opportunities for the implementation of multilateral investment projects aimed at developing transport, transit, and logistics infrastructure. In this context, initiatives to establish unified digital platforms for cross-border transportation are becoming particularly relevant.

Key Discussion Topics:

- shaping trade routes in the context of expanding trade and economic relations with partner countries;
- paperless logistics: legal aspects of document recognition, as well as technical challenges and solutions;
- multilateral investment projects 2.0: the role of “smart” transport technologies;
- ongoing investment projects, including case studies from Iran and Mongolia, reflecting growing trade between the EAEU and its partner countries;
- trends in the development of business cooperation between EAEU Member States and existing partners.

Moderator:

Vladimir Salamatov – Chairman of the Committee on Trade and Economic Relations with Partner Countries of the Business Council of the Eurasian Economic Union

Speakers:

Sultan Akhmatov – Deputy Minister of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic;

Natalia Boer – CEO OZON CIS;

Vittoria Idrisova – Rector of the Russian Foreign Trade Academy under the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation;

Vladimir Ilyichev – Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation;

Ali Akbar Joukar – Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Vladimir Panov – Special Representative of the Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation for Arctic Development;

Arman Shakkaliyev – Minister of Trade and Integration of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Andrey Slepnev – Member of the Board (Minister) for Trade of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Timur Zharkenov – Deputy Chairman of the Management Board, Member of the Management Board of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan “Atameken”.

Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi – Minister of State for Foreign Trade of the United Arab Emirates.

09:00 – 10:20

EURASIAN CONNECTIVITY

Congress Centre
Aspan Hall
(3 Floor)

Modern Digital Solutions in Tourism: Experience of the EAEU Member States

The session aims to deepen economic cooperation among the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union through the exchange of experience in implementing digital platform solutions in the tourism sector, as set out in the Concept for Tourism Development within the EAEU, approved by Decision No. 19 of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council dated 21 December 2025.

Cooperation in the tourism sector will contribute to strengthening economic ties among the Member States of the Union, unlocking their tourism potential, increasing mutual tourist flows, enhancing the competitiveness of the tourism sector, and promoting tourism products, as well as improving the overall image of the Member States, making them more attractive to international visitors and investment.

Key Discussion Topics:

- digital infrastructure and national tourism platforms;
- mobile applications and virtual solutions for tourists;
- analytics, big data, and artificial intelligence;
- marketing and promotion of tourism brands;
- prospects and challenges amid the rapid digitalization of the tourism sector.

Moderators:

Lusine Bagratuni – Deputy Director of the Business Development Department of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Yulia Yakupbayeva – Chair of the Tourism Industry Committee of the Presidium of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan “Atameken”.

Speakers:

Mekhak Apresyan – Chairman of the Armenian Federation of Tourism (online);
Yernar Bakenov – Director of the Eurasian Economic Commission Business Development Department;
Filipp Guly – Chairman of the Board of the Republican Union of the Tourism Industry (the Republic of Belarus);
Nikita Kondratyev – Director of the Department for Multilateral Economic Cooperation and Special Projects of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (online);
Kirill Masharsky – Director of the National Agency for Tourism, a state institution (the Republic of Belarus);
Malika Moltoyeva – Deputy Director of the Department of Tourism under the Ministry of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic;
Nurlan Mukatayev – Director of the Department for Digital Transformation and Public Services Development of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
Ramon Pomes Hernandez – Adviser to the Minister of Tourism of the Republic of Cuba (online);
Inna Rey – President of the Association of Tour Operators of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

09:00 – 10:20

EURASIAN CONNECTIVITY

**Hilton Astana
Hotel**
Hall 3
(–1 Floor)

EAEU Law and the Role of the Court of the Union in the Context of Digital Transformation: Development Potential

(Joint Session of the Court of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Eurasian Economic Commission)

The dedicated legal session will focus on enhancing dispute resolution mechanisms and the evolving case law of the Court of the Union in the context of the ongoing digital transformation of legal relations, as well as its impact on the EAEU legal framework. The discussion will also address the need to raise awareness of EAEU law, strengthen the role of the Court of the Union, further develop the Union's legal environment, and expand cooperation between the Court of the Union and the highest judicial authorities of the Member States.

Key Discussion Topics:

- the role of the Court of the Union in shaping a single economic space: per aspera ad astra;
- digital transformation processes (including artificial intelligence, digitalization, and data protection): targeted integration-driven regulation or their impact on the law of the Union;
- prospects for developing institutional dialogue among judicial systems within the EAEU;
- awareness of Union law as a driver for enhancing the effectiveness of the EAEU legal system, achieving integration goals, and protecting business interests.

Moderator:

Askar Kishkembayev – Deputy Chairman of the Court of the Eurasian Economic Union

Speakers:

Elvira Azimova – Chair of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
Alexander Basalyga – Deputy Director of Eurasian Economic Commission Legal Department;
Alexey Dronov – Chairman of the Court of the Eurasian Economic Union;
Natalia Filippova – First Deputy Minister of Justice of the Republic of Belarus;
Natalya Pavlova – Judge of the Court of the Eurasian Economic Union;
Mikhail Vinogradov – Head of the Main Directorate for International Legal Cooperation of the Prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation;
Saira Yzakova – First Deputy Minister of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic.

09:00 – 10:20

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**Hilton Astana
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Hall 4
(1 Floor)

Eurasian Energy Integration: Strategic Direction

Energy is a cornerstone of economic sovereignty and a key driver of integration. Amid the global transformation of energy markets and the reconfiguration of logistics chains, the Eurasian Economic Union is focused on implementing a common strategy to ensure resilience, energy security, technological advancement, and a strong position in the global arena.

Digitalization and artificial intelligence have become the new language of the energy sector. A shared digital agenda is expected to support the development of truly integrated and efficient energy markets within the EAEU. The key challenge today is not only to combine energy capacities, but to build liquid, transparent, and fair common markets with clear and predictable rules for all participants.

The issues to be discussed will help shape the future direction of the EAEU's energy policy, including its digital transformation strategy, and support the transition towards a transparent and economically efficient system of relations in the energy sector.

Key Discussion Topics:

- the architecture of energy security in the EAEU in the context of developing common energy markets. Ensuring stable supply and protecting the Union's economies from external risks;
- the architecture of exchange-based trading in energy resources, including the development of a unified Eurasian price benchmark and the harmonization of exchange rules, clearing systems, and collateral requirements;
- price convergence across energy markets;
- the expansion of low-carbon energy generation in the EAEU, including the role of renewables, nuclear energy, and hydrogen in the Union's green energy mix;

- advancing digitalization and digital transformation of the fuel and energy sectors of EAEU Member States, including the use of AI in forecasting balances, automated analysis of energy system performance, metering systems, and related areas;
- developing common approaches to data exchange in energy trading, including the establishment of electronic document management systems using national information security frameworks, as well as prospects for supranational digital platforms for data and document exchange in energy markets;
- balancing national requirements for the storage and processing of energy data with the need for seamless cross-border data flows to support real-time forecasting and exchange trading.

Welcoming Address:

Arzybek Kozhoshev – Member of the Board (Minister) for Energy and Infrastructure of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Moderator:

Olga Prudnikova – Director of the Department for Energy of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Speakers:

Yerlan Akkenzhenov – Minister of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Konstantin Anoshenko – Deputy Minister of Energy of the Republic of Belarus;

Oleg Barkin – Member of the Management Board of the Market Council Association;

Taalaibek Ibrayev – Minister of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic;

Dauren Shakenov – Managing Director for Market Development and Trading System, Member of the Management Board of the Kazakhstan Electricity and Power Market Operator JSC;

Armen Simonyan – Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia (online);

Sergei Tsivilev – Minister of Energy of the Russian Federation.

09:00 – 10:20

**Hilton Astana
Hotel**
Hall 5–6
(1 Floor)

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Artificial Intelligence and the New Paradigm of Competition: Risks or Drivers of Cross-Border Market Development in the EAEU?

Amid the global digital transformation of the economy, competition authorities are increasingly exploring artificial intelligence mechanisms and adapting them to the evolving needs of antitrust regulation.

AI technologies present a unique paradox. On the one hand, they provide regulators with powerful tools for market analysis, enhancing the speed and effectiveness of oversight. On the other hand, they enable new business models based on complex, often opaque AI systems, which may give rise to novel forms of competition restriction. At the same time, for businesses, AI remains a key driver of competitiveness.

Despite varying levels of AI adoption, a common trend is the growing focus on inter-agency data integration, the automation of routine processes, and the deepening of analytics to proactively identify risks to competition.

A central challenge across the Eurasian region is to strike the right balance. Regulators must develop flexible legal frameworks that, on the one hand, do not stifle the innovative potential of AI, while, on the other, are capable of preventing new forms of anti-competitive conduct enabled by AI technologies. This session will explore these pressing issues.

Key Discussion Topics:

- balancing the benefits and risks of AI: how to ensure that AI remains a driver of development rather than a source of systemic threats to competition;
- the range of tasks addressed through AI, from routine processes to complex systems, and defining the boundaries of its use, including safeguards against delegating critical decision-making authority to AI;
- current and emerging risks associated with AI, including new forms of anti-competitive conduct;
- ecosystems as a new form of monopoly: how AI shapes user choice and creates lock-in effects;
- methodologies and competencies required by competition authorities to conduct independent audits of AI systems;
- ensuring an appropriate level of transparency of AI tools for antitrust oversight without undermining innovation or exposing commercially sensitive information: approaches to achieving this balance;
- balancing interests: how to strike the right balance among three objectives: 1) protecting competition and consumers, 2) fostering innovation and investment in AI, and 3) ensuring technological sovereignty and security.

Moderator:

Dinara Mukayeva – Deputy Director of the Department for Antitrust Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Speakers:

Yerlan Alzhan – Deputy Chairman of the Agency for Protection and Development of Competition of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Nazgul Bazhayeva – Director of the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Governance of the Ministry of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Alexey Ivanov – Director of the BRICS International Centre for Competition Law and Policy; Professor at the Faculty of Law of the National Research University HSE;

Grigory Radionov – Deputy Head of the Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation;
Alexia Vaverou – Head of Legal Affairs at the Competition and Consumer Commission of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA);
Maxim Yermalovich – Member of the Board (Minister) for Competition and Antitrust Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission;
Yelena Zayeva – Director for Government Relations at Ozon.

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SIDE EVENTS OF THE FORUM

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 (1 Floor)

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 Hall 2
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TRANSFORMING THE EAEU MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Congress Centre
 Turkestan Hall
 (1 Floor)

Applying Modern Digital Solutions in the Work of Statistical Authorities

In today's rapidly changing world, traditional methods of collecting, processing, and disseminating statistical data are struggling to keep pace with the exponential growth of data. Conventional survey and census approaches are time-consuming, often resulting in data becoming outdated by the time it is published. In many cases, data is fragmented and updated infrequently, which undermines the quality of analysis and decision-making.

Modern digital technologies offer solutions to these challenges and can significantly accelerate statistical production. They are transforming statistical activities by integrating artificial intelligence, big data, machine learning, and cloud platforms to speed up the collection, processing, analysis, and dissemination of official statistics. Key trends in digital transformation include reducing the burden on respondents, shortening the time required to process administrative and large datasets, producing rapid sectoral estimates, and enhancing data visualization. The active adoption of digital technologies and investment in forward-looking areas are no longer optional but essential for ensuring the quality and competitiveness of official statistics.

International cooperation and the global exchange of best practices are becoming key drivers of integration and priorities for future development strategies.

The panel session aims to assess the current state and future prospects of integrating advanced digital technologies into the work of statistical authorities and the Eurasian Economic Commission. It will also provide a platform for sharing best practices in the use of big data, artificial intelligence, cloud solutions, SDMX, and other innovations, as well as for jointly analyzing existing challenges.

Key Discussion Topics:

- the application of advanced digital technologies and the transformation of statistical activities;
- international standards for the exchange of statistical information: practical implementation;
- international experience in integrating artificial intelligence into statistics;
- improving statistical methodologies and strengthening professional competencies.

Moderator:

Daniyar Imanaliyev – Member of the Board (Minister) for Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Speakers:

Gagik Aghajanyan – Head of the Statistics Division of the Macroeconomics Directorate of the Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia;

Alexander Albychev – Deputy Head of the Federal Treasury of the Russian Federation;

Abdulla Gezalov – Staff Member of the United Nations Statistics Division (online);

Vadim Ponkratov – Director of the Institute for Research on Socio-Economic Transformations and Financial Policy, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation;

Maksat Turlubayev – Head of the Bureau of National Statistics of the Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Galina Vasilyeva – Director of the Statistics Department of the Bank of Russia;

Alexey Yarkovets – Deputy Chair of the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus (online);

Sergey Yegorenko – Deputy Head of the Federal State Statistics Service of the Russian Federation (online);

Valery Zubakha – Head of the Department of Statistical Information Resources and Technologies of the Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

10:40 – 12:00

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 Caspian Hall
 (1 Floor)

Global Trends in Industrial Digital Transformation: Experience of the EAEU and UNIDO

Within the priorities of EAEU Member States, industrial digitalization is seen as a key instrument for improving production efficiency and the implementation of modern technological solutions. A body of experience has been accumulated through pilot projects involving the adoption of artificial intelligence and automation in industry. However, moving from isolated solutions to a systemic and economically efficient modernization remains a complex challenge, given the varying levels of digital maturity across enterprises. It is essential to clearly assess the need for such a transition, as well as its potential benefits, including productivity gains, the development of new products, and improved resource efficiency.

The panel discussion will focus on identifying real-world case studies, key barriers (regulatory, financial, human resources, infrastructure-related), and practical mechanisms that can enable the scaling of successful solutions at the level of enterprises, industries, and the Union as a whole.

Within its mandate to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development, UNIDO provides expert support to the Member States in the areas of digitalization, methodological guidance, and the exchange of international best practices.

It is important to understand how artificial intelligence and automation work in practice – without triggering a “digital arms race” and with due regard to the level of digital maturity of enterprises.

Key Discussion Topics:

- types of AI solutions that have demonstrated economic viability across EAEU enterprises;
- industries that benefit most from automation, as well as models of public-private and intergovernmental partnerships;
- assessing enterprise readiness for AI adoption: where to start with limited budgets;
- global practices in the digital transformation of industrial processes and the role of international organizations in providing expert and methodological support;
- the application of AI technologies, digital twins, industrial robotics, and data analytics;
- barriers to scaling successful pilot projects: why even economically viable AI and automation solutions often remain limited in scope;
- the distribution of risks and benefits among business, government, and society, including approaches that enable impact with moderate investment through the use of existing infrastructure and human capital.

Moderator:

Boris Titov – Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for Relations with International Organizations for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Speakers:

Gohar Barseghyan – Member of the Board (Minister) for Industry and Agro-Industrial Complex of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Yury Chebotar – Minister of Economy of the Republic of Belarus;

Roman Chekushov – State Secretary – Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation;

Zhannat Dubirova – Vice Minister of Industry and Construction of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Fatou Haidara – Deputy to the Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Discussion Participants:

Talgat Alpysbayev – Director of KARLSKRONA LC AB LLP;

Zhirayr Edilyan – Head of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Office in the Republic of Armenia;

Anara Makasheva – President of the Kazakhstan Automobile Union;

Vladimir Turekhanov – President of the Kazakhstan Association for Automation and Robotics;

Zhanybek Ybraiyim uulu – Head of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Office in the Kyrgyz Republic.

10:40 – 12:00

TRANSFORMING THE EAEU MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Congress Centre
Altay Hall
(2 Floor)

Digitalization and AI in SPS Measures: Innovative Solutions

A key priority outlined in the address of the Chairman of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, to the heads of the EAEU Member States is the integration of artificial intelligence technologies across all areas of the EAEU activity.

One of the critical factors in ensuring public health protection, veterinary and phytosanitary safety within the EAEU, as well as the free movement of safe goods among the Member States, is the Union's regulatory framework in the field of sanitary, phytosanitary, and veterinary measures.

Effective monitoring of compliance with this framework across all Member States should be supported by advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence.

The consistent use of such technologies will also contribute to the uniform application of EAEU legal acts in the field of sanitary, phytosanitary, and veterinary measures across Member States and help prevent the

emergence of administrative barriers.

A key priority is to identify practical applications for advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence, to enhance public health protection, veterinary and phytosanitary safety within the EAEU. Their use can improve business awareness of SPS requirements, facilitate the application of the regulatory framework, and contribute to reducing administrative barriers to trade among Member States.

Key Discussion Topics:

- experience and prospects for the use of digital technologies and artificial intelligence to ensure public health protection, veterinary and phytosanitary safety within the EAEU;
- international experience in applying digital technologies and artificial intelligence in the field of sanitary, phytosanitary, and veterinary measures;
- artificial intelligence as a potential tool for preventing the emergence of administrative barriers in the application of sanitary, phytosanitary, and veterinary measures.

Moderator:

Mereke Taitubayev – Head of the Subregional Representation of the World Organization for Animal Health for Central Asia

Speakers:

Svetlana Alekseeva – Deputy Head of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the Russian Federation (online);

Nazgul Bazhayeva – Director of the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Governance of the Ministry of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Sarah Cahill – Secretary of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (online);

Alexander Lachininsky – Senior Expert of the Plant Production and Protection Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

Zhanat Saduakassova – Deputy Chair of the Committee for Sanitary and Epidemiological Control of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Yerbol Spatayev – Project Coordinator at the Country Office of the World Health Organization in the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Alexander Subbotin – Member of the Board (Minister) for Technical Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission.

10:40 – 12:00

TRANSFORMING THE EAEU MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Congress Centre
Burabay Hall
(2 Floor)

Digital Trade in the EAEU: Prospects, Approaches and Instruments

The development of digital technologies in EAEU trade is an urgent priority driven by the rapid transformation of global markets and intensifying competition among economic actors. Digital technologies enable the optimization of trade processes and significantly enhance the efficiency of economic activity.

Artificial intelligence allows companies to forecast demand, manage inventories, personalize offerings, and dynamically adjust pricing strategies. The digitalization of document workflows significantly reduces transaction times and minimizes errors associated with the human factor.

The “Eurasian Economic Path” Declaration calls for the accelerated development of digital technologies in trade, taking into account national achievements. Key areas include the expansion of electronic document management in the B2B segment, the adoption of smart contracts, the development of an AI ethics framework, and the establishment of a registry of national AI solutions.

The session aims to facilitate an exchange of views among the Eurasian Economic Commission, representatives of authorized bodies and the business community of the EAEU Member States, as well as international organizations, on the prospects, approaches, and instruments for advancing digital trade in the EAEU.

Key Discussion Topics:

- key directions for the development of digital technologies in trade across EAEU Member States;
- enabling electronic document management in mutual trade within the Union;
- the application of smart contract technologies;
- approaches to establishing a registry of national digital solutions across EAEU Member States;
- ethical considerations in the use of artificial intelligence;
- emerging trends and technologies in digital trade.

Moderator:

Andrey Slepnev – Member of the Board (Minister) for Trade of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Speakers:

Sultan Akhmatov – Deputy Minister of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic;

Yerzhan Birzhanov – Vice Minister of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Mikhail Chekanov – Chief Executive Officer of Industrial Cryptosystems JSC;

Mikhail Goncharov – Secretary General of the International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation (CCTT);

Olzhas Issagaliuly – Director for Strategic Development and GR at IDOCS.KZ LLP;

Aliya Ospanova – Chief Executive Officer of the Digital Government Support Center;

Shombi Sharp – Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia

and the Pacific (ESCAP);

Oleg Vinichenko – Executive Director of the Public Sector Relations Department at Sberbank PJSC.

10:40 – 12:00

TRANSFORMING THE EAEU MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Congress Centre
Aspan Hall
(3 Floor)

Developing the EAEU Labor Market Through Digital Tools

Digitalization is reshaping the interaction between employers, workers, and the state. Assessments of its impact on the EAEU common labor market vary and require discussion at the supranational level. At the same time, all EAEU Member States are actively developing and implementing electronic services in the field of labor migration.

In December 2025, the Action Plan for the implementation of the Declaration on the Further Development of Economic Processes within the EAEU until 2030 and for the period up to 2045, “The Eurasian Economic Path,” was approved. The Plan includes a dedicated mechanism for the Development of the Labor Market Through the Use of Digital Tools.

Key Discussion Topics:

- future directions for the development of the EAEU common labor market in the context of digitalization;
- the development of national electronic services in the field of labor migration and prospects for their integration across the EAEU;
- the projected impact of artificial intelligence technologies on the functioning of the EAEU common labor market.

Moderator:

Bakhyt Sultanov – Member of the Board (Minister) for Economy and Financial Policy of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Speakers:

Serhan Aktoprak – Chief of Mission at IOM Kazakhstan, Country Office with Coordinating Functions (COCF) for Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan;

Yulia Berdnikova – Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Protection of the Republic of Belarus (online);

Marina Galas – Head of the Scientific and Methodological Association for Migration and Demographic Processes, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation;

Muradil Dzhumadilde uulu – Chair of the Federation of Trade Unions of Kyrgyzstan;

Chatani Kazutoshi – Senior Employment Specialist at the Country Office of the International Labor Organization (ILO) for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (online);

Bolat Tozhekenov – Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Kanat Sagynbayev – Minister of Labor, Social Security and Migration of the Kyrgyz Republic;

Sergey Ulatov – Chief Economist of the Eurasian Fund for Stabilization and Development;

Margarita Usova – Deputy Secretary General of the General Confederation of Trade Unions, an international trade union association;

Denis Vasilyev – Deputy Head of the Federal Service for Labor and Employment;

Askarbek Yertayev – Minister of Labor and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Yerassyl Zhumanbayev – President of the Center for Labor Resources Development JSC.

10:40 – 12:00

TRANSFORMING THE EAEU MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Hilton Astana Hotel
Hall 3
(-1 Floor)

Digital Solutions in Transport and Logistics

The transport sector of the Eurasian Economic Union is evolving amid the rapid transformation of the global economy. Today, the focus is shifting from theory to the practical implementation of digital solutions – from pilot projects to the large-scale deployment of paperless technologies, and from isolated smart solutions to the creation of integrated digital ecosystems.

At the forefront are the questions shaping the future of Eurasian logistics: how can seamless transport be achieved through electronic document management and digital twins? What technological constraints are hindering the adoption of artificial intelligence and autonomous transport? How can legal frameworks be harmonized and the necessary infrastructure for AI-driven solutions be developed, taking into account both national specificities and integration objectives within the EAEU?

The session will examine current use cases of AI, explore the future development of intelligent transport systems, and identify pathways to achieving synergy in digital innovation across the Eurasian space to enhance the efficiency, safety, and competitiveness of the transport sector.

Key Discussion Topics:

- modern document workflows for seamless transport in the EAEU: digital ambition or paper-based reality;
- road transport under the e-CMR framework: moving from pilot projects to full-scale implementation in the EAEU;
- digital transformation and the development of paperless technologies;
- intelligent transport systems;
- current AI applications in transport and logistics;

- autonomous transport: current status and future outlook;
- technological challenges in deploying AI in transport;
- legal regulation of AI applications;
- infrastructure for AI-driven solutions;
- AI in the EAEU: national specificities and integration dimensions of implementation;
- digital twins in transport systems: achieving synergy at the Eurasian scale.

Moderator:

Zhanna Issingarina – Chief Executive Officer of TLK Media LLP

Speakers:

Grigory Glazko – First Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Belarus;

Damir Kozhakhmetov – Vice Minister of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Arzybek Kozhoshev – Member of the Board (Minister) for Energy and Infrastructure of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Dmitry Mariyasin – Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe;

Almaz Turgunbaev – Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic (online);

Armen Simonyan – Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia (online);

Aleksey Skatin – Senior Managing Director of the Eurasian Development Bank;

Dmitry Zverev – State Secretary – Deputy Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation;

10:40 – 12:00

TRANSFORMING THE EAEU MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Hilton Astana Hotel
Hall 4
(1 Floor)

Emerging Trends in the Digital Ecosystem for a Seamless EAEU Internal Market

How can fragmented national digital systems be transformed into a unified space of trust, where goods, services, capital and labor can move freely without barriers? This session is devoted to practical steps towards the establishment of the “DIGITAL UNION” – a unified digital ecosystem designed to ensure the seamless functioning of the Union’s internal market.

Participants will discuss the architecture of the Digital Union, the experience of implementing artificial intelligence in public administration and the economy, as well as the key question: is mutual access for businesses to the information systems of participating countries already ensured today? The focus will be on the mutual recognition of electronic signatures, secure data exchange and intelligent services as instruments for putting the “four freedoms” into practice.

Key Discussion Topics:

- national digitalization and AI strategies: experience, priorities, and expectations from the common market;
- integration or fragmentation? Approaches to interoperability among national digital ecosystems;
- Commission tools for alignment: bridging digital gaps and developing common standards;
- strategic regulation: the role of institutions in shaping the framework for the “DIGITAL UNION”.

Moderator:

Varos Simonyan – Member of the Board (Minister) for Internal Markets, Informatization, and Information and Communication Technologies of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Speakers:

Alesya Abramenko – Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Belarus (online);

Alexey Dronov – Chairman of the Court of the Eurasian Economic Union;

Narek Hovakimyan – Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Armenia;

Vladimir Ilyichev – Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (*to be confirmed*);

Elimbek Kanybek uulu – Head of the EAEU Coordination Department of the Ministry of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic;

Zhanel Kushukova – Vice Minister of Trade and Integration of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Alexander Murychev – Vice President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs;

Timur Zharkenov – Deputy Chairman of the Management Board, Member of the Management Board of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan “Atameken”.

10:40 – 12:00

TRANSFORMING THE EAEU MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Hilton Astana Hotel
Hall 5–6
(1 Floor)

Digitalization of Public Procurement in EAEU Member States: Challenges and Approaches

The digitalization of public procurement processes in EAEU Member States represents a natural evolution of both legislation and practice in this area. It is closely linked to ongoing reforms at both the national and EAEU levels.

This priority is reflected in the Declaration on the Further Development of Economic Processes within the Eurasian Economic Union until 2030 and for the period up to 2045. In the coming years, ensuring non-discriminatory access to public procurement will largely depend on the completion of the transition to fully digital procurement systems across EAEU Member States.

During the year of the Republic of Kazakhstan’s chairmanship in the EAEU bodies, particular emphasis has

been placed – at the initiative of Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov – on the importance of a systematic approach to the digitalization of public procurement.

The session will explore approaches to assessing the level of digitalization of procurement processes in EAEU Member States, address the uneven pace of digital transformation across national systems, and examine opportunities to leverage national information resources for integration purposes. It will also consider prospects for interoperability between information systems to expand cross-border public procurement within the Union.

Key Discussion Topics:

- approaches to assessing the level of digitalization of public procurement processes in EAEU Member States;
- opportunities for further digitalization and the use of artificial intelligence in public procurement and related procedures within the EAEU;
- the use of information resources for integration purposes, including mechanisms to ensure interoperability of public procurement information systems across the EAEU;
- ensuring national treatment in the context of the digitalization of public procurement.

Moderator:

Yerlan Seitov - Director of the Department of Legislation of Public Procurement and Procurement of the Quasi-public Sector of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Speakers:

Bek Abdyrakhmanov – Deputy Director of the Public Procurement Department under the Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic (online);

Avag Avanesyan – Deputy Minister of Finance of the Republic of Armenia (online);

Alexey Moiseyev – Deputy Minister of Finance of the Russian Federation (online);

Yevgeny Mozhayev – Deputy Director General of TEK-Torg JSC (the Russian Federation);

Denis Svirsky – Deputy Chairman of the Management Board of the Electronic Finance Center JSC of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Natalia Vasilevskaya – First Deputy Minister of Antimonopoly Regulation and Trade of the Republic of Belarus (online);

Maxim Yermalovich – Member of the Board (Minister) for Competition and Antitrust Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission.

12:00 – 12:20

SIDE EVENTS OF THE FORUM

Congress Centre

Yessil Hall
(1 Floor)

Official Document Signing

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Hotel**

Hall 2
(-1 Floor)

12:20 – 13:40

EAEU +

Congress Centre

Turkestan Hall
(1 Floor)

EAEU–CIS: Economic Partnership for Progress

(Joint Session of the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States)

The Eurasian Economic Union and the Commonwealth of Independent States are key integration frameworks in the region. Dialogue between them was established in 2012. Between 2019 and 2025, the Eurasian Economic Commission and the CIS Executive Committee implemented three joint action plans, with work currently underway on the next one.

A direct dialogue has been established between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the CIS Executive Committee on specific areas of economic cooperation, enabling the prompt exchange of information and ensuring the participation of experts in discussions of projects of mutual relevance developed within the framework of the Union and the Commonwealth of Independent States. Contacts are maintained at various levels and in multiple formats with CIS states that are not members of the Union. Sectoral dialogue is actively developing. At present, the Eurasian Economic Commission is implementing 9 (nine) memoranda with CIS sectoral cooperation bodies aimed at advancing cooperation in specific areas.

Since 2021, efforts have been undertaken to address potential inconsistencies between draft acts of the Union's bodies and regulatory legal acts being developed within the CIS. A coordination mechanism has been established between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the CIS Executive Committee to prevent such inconsistencies.

At the Forum, representatives of the Eurasian Economic Commission and the CIS Executive Committee will share best integration practices, discuss ways to strengthen trade and economic cooperation, and outline mechanisms for addressing key economic challenges, including industrial and agro-industrial cooperation, the development of international transport corridors, and the digitalization of the economy.

Key Discussion Topics:

- how cooperation between intergovernmental organizations can contribute to sustainable development and economic stability in EAEU Member States and CIS participating countries;
- what opportunities for business are created through cooperation between integration frameworks;
- what is required to advance joint cooperation initiatives;
- how the implementation of digital technologies can help overcome logistical challenges and facilitate trade among participants of different regional and intergovernmental organizations.

Moderator:

Timur Zhaksylykov – Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Republic of Belarus, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Commonwealth of Independent States

Speakers:

Asan Darbayev – Vice Minister of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Daniyar Imanaliyev – Member of the Board (Minister) for Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Laziz Kudratov – Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan (*to be confirmed*);

German Nurbayev – Chairman of the Economic Court of the Commonwealth of Independent States;

Alexander Pankin – Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation;

Denis Trefilov – Deputy Secretary General of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

12:20 – 13:40

TRANSFORMING THE EAEU MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Congress Centre
Caspian Hall
(1 Floor)

Digital Modernization of the EAEU Common Agricultural Market: From Traceability to Trade Instruments

Digital modernization of the EAEU common agricultural market involves the integration of advanced digital solutions into the agricultural value chain, unlocking new opportunities to enhance efficiency, transparency, and competitiveness, as well as to facilitate trade within the Union.

The entry into force of the Agreement on the Rules for the Issuance, Circulation and Redemption of Warehouse Certificates for Agricultural Products within the EAEU on 1 June 2026 will enable Member States to introduce and mutually recognize a new financial instrument in agricultural trade on the common market – dematerialized warehouse certificates. This will create new opportunities for marketing agricultural products, facilitate access to financing through the use of such securities as collateral, and increase market transparency, including improved traceability of agricultural goods.

In this context, the exchange of experience in implementing measures to promote electronic trade in agricultural products is of particular interest, including the development of digital ecosystems and solutions for product traceability and the establishment of commercial relationships between producers and buyers.

Key Discussion Topics:

- the potential of digital modernization of the EAEU agricultural market in ensuring the traceability of agricultural products;
- digital initiatives by public authorities and businesses aimed at improving production efficiency and advancing agricultural trade;
- warehouse certificates as a tool to facilitate mutual trade within the EAEU and to attract financial resources to the agricultural sector.

Moderator:

Sergey Glocke – Chief Operating Officer of Eurasia Group AG

Speakers:

Talgat Aldazharov – Chief Executive Officer of Aitas Agro;

Dmitry Antonov – Chairman of the Food Market Committee of the EAEU Business Council;

Berik Aryn – Director General of the Islamic Organization for Food Security;

Gohar Barseghyan – Member of the Board (Minister) for Industry and Agro-Industrial Complex of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Talabek Kanafin – Vice Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Assel Kenenbayeva – Deputy Minister of Water Resources, Agriculture and Processing Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic;

Tadzio Schilling – Chief Executive Officer of the Association of European Businesses;

Maxim Uvaïdov – State Secretary – Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Russian Federation (online);

Alexander Yakovchits – Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Belarus (online);

Kakhramon Yuldashev – Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan (online).

12:20 – 13:40

TRANSFORMING THE EAEU MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Congress Centre
Altay Hall
(2 Floor)

Trends in Customs Regulation and Administration Across the EAEU, Including the Integration of AI Tools

The Customs Union forms the foundation of the Eurasian Economic Union, with customs regulation serving as a key driver of integration processes within the Union. Customs regulation should support the core objectives of the EAEU – ensuring stable economic development, promoting industrial diversification, and facilitating the formation of a single market for goods and their free movement across the Union. At the same time, it must strike a balance between the interests of states and businesses: on the one hand, by facilitating foreign trade through the simplification of customs procedures using modern technologies; on the other, by ensuring supply chain security and protecting the economic interests and national security of the Member States.

These objectives can be achieved through the automation and digitalization of customs administration, the adoption of advanced customs technologies, the development of inter-agency data exchange, the enhancement of risk-based approaches to customs control, and the harmonization of risk management systems across Member States. This includes a shift towards post-clearance control, the further development of advance information and advance declaration mechanisms, and the implementation of single window systems, among others.

Key Discussion Topics:

- digital transformation of customs clearance and customs control processes, both pre- and post-release;
- approaches to establishing common principles and standards for the use of artificial intelligence in customs within the Union;
- practical implementation of technologies enabling the automated execution of customs operations;
- experience of Member States in deploying integrated information systems for inter-agency cooperation, including the development of national single window systems and their interoperability with foreign systems;
- the development of electronic interaction between customs authorities and economic operators;
- the use of electronic navigation seals for tracking the movement of goods and future directions for enhancing this mechanism;
- approaches to improving post-clearance customs control;
- the development of intelligent border crossing points, among others.

Moderator:

Sergey Shklyayev – Member of the Board (Minister) for Customs Cooperation of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Speakers:

Yerzhan Birzhanov – Vice Minister of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Elnura Mambetzhunusheva – Deputy Chair of the State Customs Service under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic;

Dmitry Mariyasin – Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);

Tatyana Merkushova – Deputy Head of the Federal Customs Service of the Russian Federation;

Dmitry Radivonik – Deputy Chairman of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus;

Representatives of the business community;

Gennady Shestakov – Chairman of the Council of the Kazakhstan Association of Customs Brokers (KACB), Member of the Presidium of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan "Atameken".

12:20 – 13:40

EURASIAN CONNECTIVITY

Congress Centre
Burabay Hall
(2 Floor)

The International Climate Agenda: Challenges and Opportunities for the EAEU

The session will focus on assessing the impact of global climate initiatives on the economies of EAEU Member States.

Particular attention will be given to product carbon footprint standards, which are becoming an important instrument for ensuring competitiveness in international markets. Participants will examine how the introduction of such standards can contribute to the transition to more sustainable production practices.

Special focus will also be placed on climate-related issues within the framework of free trade agreements and the impact of related commitments on trade relations between the EAEU Member States and their partners. Climate projects being implemented across the EAEU will also be highlighted during the session.

Key Discussion Topics:

- specific measures that EAEU countries can take to implement product carbon footprint standards
- how these measures will affect the competitiveness of Eurasian goods in international markets;
- how international trade will change following the implementation of climate initiatives;
- what barriers exist to the implementation of climate projects and how they can be overcome.

Moderator:

Natalia Stapan – Director of the Third Rome Center for Cross-Sectoral Expertise

Speakers:

Dinara Kemelova – Special Representative of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic for the Implementation of Mountain Agenda;
Sohail Khan – Deputy Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO);
Dmitry Mariyasin – Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
Pedro Manuel Moreno – Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (online);
Yelena Myakotnikova – Chair of the Council on Sustainable Business Development, Corporate Social Responsibility and Volunteering of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation;
Mansur Oshurbayev – Vice-Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
Andrey Slepnev – Member of the Board (Minister) for Trade of the Eurasian Economic Commission;
Boris Titov – Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for Relations with International Organizations to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals.

12:20 – 13:40

EAEU +

Congress Centre
 Aspan Hall
 (3 Floor)

International Experience in Advancing Digital Transformation in Cross-Border Transport

Today, logistics performance depends not only on the development of physical infrastructure, but also on the efficiency of end-to-end logistics processes and technologies.

The session will address key challenges and solutions – from building an innovative transport model based on digital technologies to enabling seamless document workflows. It will examine the role of modern digital tools at border crossing points in managing transport flows and logistics, as well as opportunities for advancing intermodal transport.

Particular attention will be given to international cooperation and the role of UN/CEFACT standards and UN conventions in driving digital transformation. Drawing on successful case studies, including OTLC and Abu Dhabi Ports, the discussion will explore how ecosystem-based approaches and digital platforms can enable end-to-end logistics and the effective cross-border recognition of electronic signatures across Eurasia.

As part of the session, a representative of UNCITRAL will present the UN Convention on Negotiable Cargo Documents, which aims to enable the transfer of title to goods in transit, support the development of multimodal transport, and promote the digitalization of global trade. The Convention allows for the use of a single negotiable cargo document throughout the entire transport route, simplifying document workflows, improving operational efficiency, and facilitating customs procedures.

The session will bring together senior representatives of international organizations that develop regulatory frameworks and instruments for transport activities in line with global trends. Together, participants will explore how digital technologies are transforming transport operations and the role of international organizations in this process. Our aim is to identify key steps towards building an efficient and technologically advanced transport space across Greater Eurasia.

Key Discussion Topics:

- shaping a new paradigm for the development of international transport within the EAEU in the context of digital transformation;
- modern document workflows as a foundation for seamless transport in the EAEU;
- digital technologies at border crossing points as a driver of efficient transport and logistics management;
- the development of regulatory frameworks for intermodal transport involving rail within the ESCAP region;
- road transport under the e-CMR framework: moving from pilot projects to full-scale implementation in the EAEU;
- the UN Convention on Negotiable Cargo Documents and its role in advancing digital transformation across all modes of transport;
- efficient freight flow management across the Commonwealth of Independent States as a basis for regional connectivity;
- partnership with Abu Dhabi Ports in developing ecosystems and technological platforms using electronic transport documents in seaports;
- OTLC's digital container transit as a successful model for end-to-end rail logistics in Eurasia;
- key components of the UN/CEFACT Core Component Library in the context of full-scale digitalization of business processes;
- electronic signatures: timelines and pathways for cross-border recognition.

Moderator:

Rakhim Oshakbayev – Director of the TALAP Center for Applied Research

Speakers:

Gennady Bessonov – Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Coordinating Transport Meeting of the Commonwealth of Independent States;
Manuel Alejandro Cumbrado Muñiz – Director of Business Assessment at the Office of the Mariel Special Economic Development Zone of the Republic of Cuba;
Mikhail Goncharov – Secretary General of the International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation;
Stéphane Graber – Director General of the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA);

Alexey Grom – Chief Executive Officer of United Transport and Logistics Company – Eurasian Rail Alliance JSC;
Anna Joubin-Bret – Secretary of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL);
Arzybek Kozhoshev – Member of the Board (Minister) for Energy and Infrastructure of the Eurasian Economic Commission;
Dmitry Mariyasin – Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
Shombi Sharp – Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP);
Bakhyt Sultanov – Member of the Board (Minister) for Economy and Financial Policy of the Eurasian Economic Commission.

12:20 – 13:40

Hilton Astana
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Hall 3
(–1 Floor)

TRANSFORMING THE EAEU MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Digital Product Labelling in the EAEU: Safety, Transparency and Control

One of the core principles of the Union is the promotion of fair competition and the strengthening of the competitiveness of national economies. Achieving these objectives requires the elimination of illegal and counterfeit goods from the Union's internal market.

Product labelling has proven to be one of the most effective tools in combating illicit trade. It helps formalize the market operations and protect it from counterfeit goods and unfair market participants, ensures traceability of each unit of product, increases fiscal revenues, and provides consumers with reliable product information.

Since the signing of the Agreement on the Labelling of Goods by Means of Identification in 2018, digital labelling systems have been successfully implemented across EAEU Member States, demonstrating positive outcomes for both businesses and governments. The next step is to further enhance the labelling system to strengthen its effectiveness in combating illicit goods, in line with its original objectives.

The session will focus on future directions for the development of digital labelling systems in EAEU Member States aimed at reinforcing efforts to combat illicit trade.

Key Discussion Topics:

- experience in implementing digital labelling systems in EAEU Member States;
- future directions for the development of digital labelling within the Union;
- combating the circulation of goods of unverified origin or legality;
- the application of digital labelling in e-commerce;
- preventing the labelling of goods that do not comply with EAEU technical regulations.

Moderator:

Bikesh Kurmangaliyeva – Chief Executive Officer of the Unified Operator for Product Labelling and Traceability “Tańba”

Speakers:

Timur Babashev – Head of Technology Development for State Information Networks at the Magnit Retail Chain;

Roman Chekushov – State Secretary – Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation;
Marina Durmanova – President of the “Association for Support and Development of Pharmaceutical Activities” Association of Legal Entities;

Vasily Ignatiev – Chief Executive Officer of R-Pharm;

Andrey Kirillov – Chief Executive Officer of CRPT LLC, the national operator of the goods labeling system of the Russian Federation;

Anna Muradyan – Deputy Director of the national operator of the product labelling system of the Republic of Armenia, I-Mark LLC (online);

Aset Nusupov – Vice Minister of Trade and Integration of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Andrey Slepnev – Member of the Board (Minister) for Trade of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Kubanychbek Ysabekov – Deputy Chairman of the State Tax Service under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic;

Timur Zharkenov – Member of the Management Board of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan “Atameken”; Deputy Chairman of the Management Board.

12:20 – 13:40

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Hall 4
(1 Floor)

SIDE EVENTS OF THE FORUM

Meeting of the Presidium of the EAEU Business Council

(by invitation only)

12:20 – 13:40

**Hilton Astana
Hotel**
Hall 5–6
(1 Floor)

TRANSFORMING THE EAEU MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Principles for the Responsible Use of AI in Eurasian Economic Integration

How can artificial intelligence become a driver of deeper cooperation and new growth points in the EAEU common market? This session will focus on the strategic role of AI – from a unified digital data space and “smart” logistics to coordinated approaches to regulation and the ethics of technologies.

Participants will discuss practical steps for implementing joint AI projects, with a focus on tangible benefits for businesses and citizens, as well as on identifying priority areas for pilot initiatives.

Key Discussion Topics:

- development of infrastructure for testing and validation of AI solutions in the EAEU;
- risk management and performance evaluation in AI pilot projects;
- risks and challenges of AI implementation;
- areas of cooperation and harmonization of approaches within the EAEU;
- priority areas for cross-border AI pilot projects.

Moderator:

Varos Simonyan – Member of the Board (Minister) for Internal Markets, Informatization, and Information and Communication Technologies of the Eurasian Economic Commission.

Speakers:

Alexey Borodin – Director General of the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications;

Azamat Dzhaparov – Director of the Kyzmat State Institution under the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic;

Gevorg Mantashyan – First Deputy Minister of High-Tech Industry of the Republic of Armenia;

Dmitry Mun – Vice-Minister of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Tigran Sargsyan – Deputy Chairman of the Management Board of the Eurasian Development Bank (EDB);

Maksut Shadayev – Minister of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation;

Kirill Zalessky – Minister of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus.

17:00 – 19:00

Congress Centre
Astana Hall
(1 Floor)

EURASIAN ECONOMIC FORUM PLENARY SESSION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF HEADS OF STATE OF EAEU MEMBER STATES

(by invitation only)

May 29, 2026

09:00 – 10:20

EURASIAN CONNECTIVITY

Congress Centre
Turkestan Hall
(1 Floor)

Eurasian Economic Integration: Challenges and Prospects

Throughout its history, the Eurasian Economic Union has effectively responded to emerging challenges and contributed to addressing the economic development priorities of its Member States. A key milestone in this process was the adoption of the Strategy 2025, which has proven to be instrumental for achieving the Union's objectives amid global economic transformation. A comprehensive set of systemic measures – from improving the institutional environment to launching financing mechanisms for industrial cooperation – has strengthened the common market, supported the development of resilient production chains, sustained intra-Union trade flows, and mitigated the impact of external shocks on member economies.

The EAEU has demonstrated its effectiveness as a mechanism for addressing the key challenges faced by Member States, businesses, and citizens. During the implementation of Strategy 2025, most Member States recorded strong economic growth, accompanied by increases in investment and household incomes. At the same time, the continued resource dependence of the Union's economies, combined with shifts in global trade rules and the rapid advancement of breakthrough technologies such as digitalization, artificial intelligence, and robotics, calls for a reassessment of the economic development paradigm across the EAEU.

EAEU Member States have the potential to undertake a qualitative modernization of their economies based on the adoption of advanced technologies. However, this window of opportunity is narrowing, raising the risks of technological lag and declining productivity, which could adversely affect long-term growth prospects.

Strengthening cooperation among EAEU Member States in priority areas of integration can serve as a key response to these global challenges, accelerating the adaptation of national economies to ongoing changes. New global realities – including digitalization, the development of artificial intelligence, and broader technological transformation – require an update of the integration agenda. The implementation of the 2030/2045 Declaration offers an opportunity to recalibrate strategic priorities in line with the evolving economic landscape.

Key Discussion Topics:

- key medium-term challenges facing the economies of EAEU Member States and the Union as a whole in the context of global economic transformation;
- the impact of economic integration on sustainable development across EAEU countries;
- what significant steps have been taken for businesses and citizens under the implementation of Strategy 2025? What has been achieved, and which priority areas require further attention;
- sustainable long-term economic growth: development outlooks for the EAEU Member States and opportunities to accelerate growth within the framework of the 2030/2045 Declaration.

Moderator:

Temirlan Zhantassov – Head of the Eurasian Entrepreneurship Support Center

Speakers:

Alesya Abramenko – Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Belarus (online);

Shumkarbek Adilbek uulu – Director of the National Institute for Strategic Initiatives under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic;

Sultan Akhmatov – Deputy Minister of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic;

Uran Akhmetov – Deputy Director of the International Mountain Institute of the Kyrgyz Republic;

Daniyar Imanaliyev – Member of the Board (Minister) for Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Andrey Klepach – Chief Economist of VEB.RF State Development Corporation;

Nikita Pyzhikov – Head of the Centre for Economic Integration at the Institute for the Development of Integration Processes, All-Russian Academy of Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation;

Alexander Shirov – Director of the Institute of Economic Forecasting of the Russian Academy of Sciences;

Sergey Ulatov – Chief Economist of the Eurasian Fund for Stabilization and Development;

Alexey Vedev – Director of the Department of Macroeconomic Policy of the Eurasian Economic Commission.

09:00 – 10:20

SIDE EVENTS OF THE FORUM

**Hilton Astana
Hotel**
Hall 3
(-1 Floor)

Meeting of the Council of Heads of Authorized Bodies of EAEU Member States in the Energy Sector *(by invitation only)*

The meeting will focus on developing coordinated approaches and balanced solutions to key issues related to the establishment and further development of the common energy markets, taking into account the timelines for their launch as approved by the Heads of State of the EAEU Member States.

The session will bring together heads of authorized energy authorities of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States to discuss strategic directions for the development of the common energy markets, including ongoing work on the preparation of the Union's regulatory framework governing the electric power, gas, oil, and petroleum products markets.

Key Discussion Topics:

- key challenges related to the launch of the common electric power market of the Eurasian Economic Union;
- strategic directions for the development of the common energy markets;
- ongoing work on the preparation of the Union's regulatory legal acts governing the common energy resource markets.

Moderator:

Arzybek Kozhoshev – Member of the Board (Minister) for Energy and Infrastructure of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Speakers:

Yerlan Akkenzhenov – Minister of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

Konstantin Anoshenko – Deputy Minister of Energy of the Republic of Belarus;

Taalaipek Ibrayev – Minister of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic;

Armen Simonyan – Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia (online);

Sergey Tsvilev – Minister of Energy of the Russian Federation.

09:00 – 10:20

SIDE EVENTS OF THE FORUM

Congress Centre
Alatau Hall
(3 Floor)

Meeting of the Council of Heads of National Standardization Bodies of EAEU Member States *(by invitation only)*

09:00 – 10:20

SIDE EVENTS OF THE FORUM

**Hilton Astana
Hotel**
Hall 4
(1 Floor)

12th Meeting of the Advisory Council on Cooperation between the EEC and the EAEU Business Council *(by invitation only)*

The meetings of the Advisory Council are aimed at enhancing mechanisms for business participation in discussing a wide range of issues within the EAEU, intensifying integration among Member States, and strengthening economic ties with key trading partners.

Key Discussion Topics:

- current issues raised by business communities in EAEU Member States, including the contribution of integration processes in the Eurasian space to improving the business environment;
- effective approaches to achieving synergies from integration through the scaling of entrepreneurial activity across the EAEU.

Chair of the Advisory Council:

Bakhyt Sultanov – Member of the Board (Minister) for Economy and Financial Policy of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Speakers:

Gohar Barseghyan – Member of the Board (Minister) for Industry and Agro–Industrial Complex of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Mikael Belluyan – Director of the Integration Development Department of the Eurasian Economic Commission;

Danil Ibrayev – Member of the Presidium of the Business Council of the Eurasian Economic Union; President of the Kyrgyz Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs;

Eduard Kirakosyan – Authorized Representative of a Presidium Member of the EAEU Business Council, Director of the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs of Armenia;

Alexander Panasyuk – Authorized Representative of a Member of the Presidium of the EAEU Business Council; First Deputy Chair of the BelAPP Republican Association of Industrial Enterprises;

Kanat Sharlapayev – Chairman of the Presidium – President of the Business Council of the Eurasian Economic Union; Chairman of the Management Board of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan "Atameken";

Alexander Shokhin – Member of the Presidium of the Business Council of the Eurasian Economic Union; President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs.

B.A. Sagintayev, Chairman of the EEC Board, has been invited to attend the meeting of the Advisory Council.