

BUSINESS PROGRAMME OF THE VISITING SESSION TO PROMOTE RUSSIA'S BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT POTENTIAL IN TÜRKİYE

10 December 2024, Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, Mandarin Oriental Bosphorus Hotel

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10:00–11:00

Foyer

Guests arrive, welcome coffee break

11:00–11:25

Jasmine Ballroom

Opening ceremony, welcoming remarks

Moderator: Erdem Acay, Board Chairman, Russian-Turkish Businessmen's Association (RTİB)

Speakers:

- **Aleksei Erkhov**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Türkiye
- **Ali Alperen Kaçar**, Deputy General Director of International Services Trade Directorate, Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Türkiye
- **İzzet Ekmekçi**, Chairperson, Türkiye – Russia Business Council (DEİK)
- **Aidar Gashigullin**, Trade Representative of the Russian Federation in the Republic of Türkiye

11:25–12:00

Jasmine Ballroom

Presentation of key business communication platforms of the Roscongress Foundation

The Roscongress Foundation is a socially oriented non-financial development institution and a major organizer of nationwide and international conventions; exhibitions; and business, public, youth, sporting and cultural events. The participants of this visiting session will be introduced to the Roscongress Foundation ecosystem's main projects, which traditionally attract a large number of participants from foreign countries and offer unique opportunities to establish business relationships: the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, Russian Energy Week, the Let's Travel! Russian Tourism Forum, the St. Petersburg International Legal Forum, the Russian Design Industry Forum, the Caucasus Investment Forum, the Young Scientists Congress, the Future Technologies Forum, the Healthy Life Forum.

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Speaker:

- **Alexander Stuglev**, Chairman of the Management Board and CEO, Roscongress Foundation

12:00–13:20

Jasmine Ballroom

Panel discussion entitled ‘Opportunities for Russian-Turkish Business Cooperation’

Business cooperation between Russia and Türkiye has many different aspects to it. Both countries are each other’s most important trading partners. They are dynamically developing industrial cooperation and taking measures to increase mutual investments. The business communities of Russia and Türkiye are truly committed to each other, as evidenced by the number, pace, and content of various conventions and exhibitions, negotiations, and meetings held by representatives of Russian and Turkish businesses. High intensity is also observed in interregional cooperation: Russian and Turkish regions act as points of attraction for each other. What success stories can those who support Russian-Turkish business cooperation share? What opportunities do they have at this stage? How can Russia and Türkiye overcome the challenges of our time and increase trade, economic, and investment cooperation? Representatives of Russian and Turkish business associations, which have been promoting a business dialogue between the two countries for many years, will talk about this and more with the participants of the visiting session.

Moderator: Andrey Barannikov, Vice-President, Russian Public Relations Association (RASO)

Speakers:

- **Erdem Acay**, Board Chairman, Russian-Turkish Businessmen’s Association (RTİB)
- **İsmet Biner**, Representative of the All-Russian Non-Governmental Organization of Small and Medium-Sized Businesses OPORA RUSSIA in the Marmara and Aegean Regions of Türkiye
- **Vladimir Emmer**, Representative of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation in the Republic of Türkiye
- **Emre Gencer**, Chairman, Turkish Machine Manufacturers Association (MİB)
- **Kadir Kurtuluş**, Chairman of the Board, Russian-Turkish Trade House ROST
- **Timur Safin**, Representative of the Russian Export Center in the Republic of Türkiye
- **Alexey Valkov**, Deputy Director, Roscongress Foundation; Director, St. Petersburg International Economic Forum

13:20–14:30

Foyer

Lunch, informal communication

