

BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE ON EU — EAEU AS A FORMULA FOR COOPERATION

The EU/Russia Industrialists Roundtable (IRT) met in St. Petersburg on 18 and 19 June in the framework of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF).

On 18th June, the IRT co-hosted the meeting with the World Economic Forum (WEF) and the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP) on the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and its relevance for business.

Topics of discussion included the role of the EAEU as a new global economic player and its cooperation with business and other stakeholders.

The main goal of the event was to disclose business opportunities of the cooperation according to the “EU-EAEU” formula.

The meeting was moderated by Mrs. Martina Larkin, Senior Director and Head of Europe of the World Economic Forum and co-chaired by the IRT Co-Chairs Mr. Anatoly Chubais and Mr. Cees 't Hart. Speakers included the chairman of the Eurasian Economic Commission, Mr. Khristenko and Russia's First Deputy Minister for Economic Development, Mr. Likhachev.

The IRT also held its regular Council Meeting on 19 June with the participation of Russia's First Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Shuvalov to discuss the current business climate in Russia and the Russian's government business priorities.