



International Youth Forum

“Future of Eurasian and European Integration: Foresight-2040”

4 – 8 December 2017, Vienna -Laxenburg, Austria

About

On 4 – 8 December 2017, the International Youth Forum “Future of Eurasian and European Integration: Foresight-2040” will be held in Vienna - Laxenburg. The event is co-organized by the Institute for Economic Strategies (INES) of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Laxenburg, Austria. The Forum will be hosted by the IIASA in Laxenburg and Vienna as a part of IIASA’s Initiative on the Eurasian Futures Initiative “Challenges and Opportunities of a Wider European and Eurasian Economic Space” with the financial support of the Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund, IIASA and INES.

The aim of the Forum is to motivate talented young thinking people from different countries to show the initiative in predictive search for new senses and to model the vision of the Future of Eurasian and European integration at the turn of - 2040, as well as in the long run professionally and responsibly take on building a better Future on the Eurasian continent.

As part IIASA’s science diplomacy concept, in a time of geopolitical divide, the Forum brings together young and senior experts, as well as high-level policy makers from the European Union, the Eurasian Economic Union, the CIS, East- and South-East Asia in order to freshly (from the stand point of youth), yet realistically think about the future of cooperation in the Greater Eurasian space by 2040.

Participants

The main participants of the forum are 34 young experts (16-26 y.o.) – students, young researchers, journalists and entrepreneurs from the EU, the EAEU, the CIS, East- and South-East Asia. They are aided in their foresight projects by a professional team of 21 senior experts, that includes such noted researchers and high-level policy makers, as: Alexander Ageyev, PhD Economics, general director, INES RAS; Askar Akaev, president, Kyrgyz Republic (1990 – 2005), Pavel Kabat, professor, doctor, director general and chief executive officer, IIASA, Sergey Krylov, Vice-President of LLC "Siemens", the Permanent representative of Russia to the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva (1996-1997), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation in the Federal Republic of Germany (1997-2004); Deputy Minister of foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (1993-1996) et al.

Format

The Forum will be held in the format of a dynamic strategic game uniting educational and scientific aspects by three key areas: - economic cooperation; socio-cultural cooperation and security cooperation. Young people will take part in interactive seminars, master classes and listen to presentations, made by senior experts and high-level policy-makers.

A powerful intellectual breakthrough in the work of the Forum will be given by the foresight sessions, thanks to which the participants will be able to:

- to identify sources, growth points and key drivers for strengthening the Eurasian and European integration;
- to propose breakthrough technologies and project solutions that can fundamentally change the existing character of relations between the countries of the Eurasian space within the next 20-25 years;
- to identify effective directions and areas in which young people are able to successfully realize their talent, competence and potential;
- to model the vision of the Future of Eurasian and European integration by 2040.

The Forum envisages a cultural program: tours of the main sights of Vienna and of Laxenburg.

Results

The Forum participants, representatives of active talented youth from the EU, the EAEU, Russia and other countries of the European and Asian space with intellectual support of reputable scientists, policy-makers and professionals will:

- model the vision of the Future of Eurasian and European integration-2040 and develop project solutions capable in the future to radically change the character of the relations of the countries on the Eurasian space;
- prepare an "Appeal to the younger generation-2040".

Experts jury will choose and award the most active and promising participants, who will be granted an option of a short-term apprenticeship at IIASA and INES, and on December 7th the two best of selected young participants will present the result of the Forum proceedings - the document "Vision of the Future of the Eurasian and European Integration at the Turn of 2040" in front of the OSCE Ministerial Council, which takes place as part of Austria’s chairmanship of the OSCE on 7 and 8 December 2017 in Vienna.

The Forum organizers – IIASA and INES based on the results of the Forum will produce a Substantive Report, titled “Future of Eurasian and European Integration: Foresight-2040” in English and Russian languages.