

## AESI FORUM – ST. PETERSBURG



### “EUROPEAN UNION AND RUSSIAN FEDERATION UNIVERSITY COOPERATION FOR PEACE AND SOLIDARITY”



ST. PETERSBURG 3 – 5 OCTOBER 2017

#### PROGRAMME

##### Thursday, 3 October 2017

- 12.15 pm 1.05 pm **Departures Aeroflot from Rome - 5.40 pm Arrival in St. Petersburg**  
**Transfer to Hotel Europe**  
(Nevsky Prospekt Mikhailovskaya Ulitsa 1/7, 191186 St. Petersburg)
- 7.00 pm **ITALIAN CONSULATE IN ST. PETERSBURG**  
**Welcome** : Meeting with the Italian Consul General in St. Petersburg
- 8.30 pm **DINNER WITH THE RECTOR**  
**Welcome:** Rector of St. Petersburg State University of Economics

##### Wednesday, 4 October 2017

#### ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS

(Sadovaya St, 21, Sankt-Peterburg, Russia, 191023)

**International Forum : «European Union and Russian Federation: University Cooperation for Peace and Solidarity»**

#### Programme

- 9.30 am **Check-in of participants;**
- 10.00-11.00 am **Plenary meeting :**



#### Greeting remarks:

Rector of SPbSUE, **professor Igor A. Maksimtsev**;  
Representative of Saint Petersburg City Administration;  
General Consul of the Italian Republic in St. Petersburg **Leonardo Bencini**;  
President AESI, **professor Massimo Maria Caneva**;

Chief academic secretary of the panel of Saint Petersburg Scientific Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences, **professor Grigoriy V. Dvas**;

**11.00-12.00 am**

**I Session: Italy and Russian Federation: priorities and perspectives**

General Consul of the Italian Republic in St. Petersburg **Leonardo Bencini**;

Head of Tourism and Special Programs Sector, State Hermitage Museum, **Olga B. Arhipova** «Cultural aspects of the cooperation between Russia and the European

Union as in the case of Saint-Petersburg and Italy cooperation»;

Member of International Studies Association, **professor of SPbSU Stanislav**

**Tkachenko** «Cooperation between Russia and Italy in the field of higher education»;



**12.00-12.30 pm Coffee-break**

**12.30-13.30 pm II session: European Union and Russian Federation Cooperation**

Head of the World Economy and International Economic Relations Department, **professor Sofia I. Record** «European Union and Eurasian Union Cooperation»;

Vice-Rector for GR, European University at St. Petersburg, **professor Nikita A. Lomagin** «Political aspects of European Union and Russian Federation Cooperation»;

Chair of the Young Scientists Council at **SPbSUE Elena Stepanova**, chief of the International Relations Department of the Council **Anna Petrova** «The role of youth in the formation of stable cooperation between **Russian Federation and European Union**»

Secretary General AESI, **professor Antonio Macchia**

**13.30-15.00 pm Lunch at the University**

**15.00 - 17.00 pm Historical City Sightseeing Tour**

**8.00 pm Dinner in Hotel**



**MEETING WITH EXCELLENCY EVGENY D. GRIGORIEW CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE FOR EXTERNAL RELATORINS OF GOVERNMENT ST. PETERSBURG**



Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva. MD, PhD  
PRESIDENT AESI - ROME

One of the basic challenges for the XXI Century is international peace and development in the light of the new world balance. Today, there are problems that can only be solved by action at the global level. New strategic thinking is required to approach global issues and advance “global public goods”. Consequently, international communities must become protagonists of a new strategy to intervene in crisis areas and to promote peace, human rights and development with a strategy based on realistic and effective foreign common policy.

Such a strategy must include the collaborative efforts of all the “international actors” while being rooted in the common goal of development of a strong cooperation culture of solidarity capable of understanding local needs and providing quick and efficient solutions that are at once professional and respectful of human dignity. Such a strategy must rely on cultural expertise and include expert knowledge of the theoretical elements of crisis and development management and the capability to understand the real comprehensive needs of the populations, and their historical and cultural roots in order to give effective answers to them, and to promote peace and development even in the first phases of the interventions.

The traditional “academic collaboration” is distinct from the “university cooperation for peace and development” understood as a strategy of action aimed to build a more developed and peaceful society. In fact, university cooperation needs to manage and deal with a double problem of independence in order to face the challenges to which it is called: from one side, it has to tackle the problem of research, didactics and operational services naturally built into the academic structure; from the other, it has to deal with the necessity of reconciling technical-scientific interventions, that must be tailored to the real demands of the local populations whose needs become are gradually discovered as the project proceeds.

When we speak about university cooperation we don't refer only to the exchange of lecturers and researchers - which is usually the objective of traditional forms of academic collaboration - although this kind of activity may be very useful. University cooperation implies a more general strategy based on both analysis and action, of training and research in the field, of cooperation among the academy and civil institutions, diplomats and international organizations, volunteers and peace forces, in order to provide support in both the prevention and solution of crisis promoting future development.



## ESI FORUM IN MOSCOW



Delegation of the European Union  
to Russia Federation



Apostolic Nunciature in Moscow



MOSCOW 5 /6 OCTOBER 2017

### PROGRAMME

**Thursday, 5 October 2017**

- 9.20 am 09.20 am Departure to Moscow by flight Aeroflot  
10.35 am Arrival in Moscow Sheremetyevo
- 12.00 pm **APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE** (Vadkovsky lane 7 Moscow)  
**Meeting with HE Most Reverend Celestino Migliore** - Apostolic Nuncio
- 1.15 pm Lunch Break at "Semplice" Restaurant Ul. Chaplygina 6  
**ITALIAN INSTITUTE OF CULTURE IN MOSCOW**  
(107078 Moscow, Malij Kozlovskij pereulok 4, str.1)
- 1.45 pm **Welcoming Remarks: Min. Cons. Michele Tommasi** - Deputy Chief of Mission  
Italian Embassy in Moscow  
**Greetings: Director Olga Strada** - Director of Italian Institute of Culture Moscow  
**Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva** - President AESI
- 3.15 pm **MGIMO University** (Vernadskogo, 76, 119454 Moscow)  
Meeting with **Prof. Anatoly Torkunov** - Rector  
**Panel discussion: students of AESI and MGIMO University discussion on**  
**"University and Diplomacy Cooperation promoting Peace"**



- 5.00 pm **DELEGATION OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO RUSSIAN FEDERATION**  
(Kadashevskaya Nab. 14/1, 119017 Moscow)  
**Welcome : Deputy Head Mission - European Union**  
**Session : Mr. Andrey Kasyanenko** - Delegation of European Commission Moscow

6.00 pm **Transfer to Hotel Mercure Moscow Baumanskaya and Residence:**  
(Baumanskaya 54 bld. 1, Moscow, Russia, 105005 and Gorokhovskiy 18/2)  
Dinner in Hotel (Staff AESI Meeting)

**Friday 6 October 2017**

10.00 am Visit of Moscow

3.00 pm Transfer from Hotel and Residence to the Airport of Moscow Sheremetyevo

6.45 am 6.40 pm Departure of **Aeroflot to Rome** – Arrival in Rome 9.40 pm

**AESI FORUM SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE IN ROME AND BRUXELLES :**

**Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva** – President AESI

**Amb. Adriano Benedetti** – Vice President AESI (Italian Ambassador)

**Amb. Gabriele Checchia** – Presidency AESI Scientific Committee (Italian Ambassador)

**Prof. Antonio Macchia** – Secretary General AESI

**Dr. Lucio Battistotti** - Scientific Committee AESI (European Commission)