

ANNUAL CONFERENCE EU-RUSSIA STUDENT  
CONFERENCE 2020 "BREAKING DOWN  
BARRIERS"



**EU-Russia  
Student  
Conference**  
Breaking Down Barriers

ONLINE

October 17, 2020

10:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Conference opening. Greeting.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome speech of the chairmen of the organizing committee of the EU-Russia 2020 conference</li> <li>• Welcome speech of the representative of the organizational partner – Higher School of Economics</li> </ul>
10:30 – 12:00	<p><b>Panel session. Digitalization in Russia and the EU: complementarity of development</b></p> <p><b>Topics for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key tasks related to digitalization for the next 2-5 years</li> <li>• Is digitalization the prerogative of the state or private companies? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Legal regulation of digital technologies;</li> <li>○ Data and information protection in the digital age</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Digital technologies during the pandemic: where did digital technologies help during the time of isolation and what remains to be worked on</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives of relevant ministries and departments from Russia and EU</li> <li>• Representatives of Central Banks of Russia and EU-members</li> <li>• Representatives of our partners</li> </ul>
12:00 - 12:15	Break
12:15 – 14:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Part 1. Expert round tables</b></p> <p><b>Session I. FinTech</b></p> <p><b>Topics for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The neo-revolution: will neo-banks replace traditional banking?</li> <li>• Fintech time: trends, figures, facts</li> <li>• Digital literacy in the modern world - an advantage or a necessity?</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top managers of leading banks and other financial institutions;</li> <li>• Representatives of FinTech startups</li> </ul> <p><b>Session II. Law and IT</b></p> <p><b>Topic for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal regulation of digital financial assets: current approaches in Russia and Europe</li> <li>• Impact of legislation on the processing of personal data (GDPR and Federal Law No. 152-FZ “On Personal Data”) on the issues of resolving disputes about domain names (domain disputes)</li> </ul>

- New technologies and legal responsibility
- Transformation of the legal function in the era of digitalization

**Speakers:**

- Heads of IP and IT practices of leading law firms;
- Representatives of legal departments of IT and financial companies

**Session III. New realities in real estate and construction**

**Topics for discussion:**

- New development trends (PropTech, fi-development and other new products, alternative sources of funding for developers, etc.),
- Trends in the residential (rental housing, service apartments and low-rise construction) and commercial (offices, retail) real estate markets,
- Problems and achievements of urbanism in Russia and abroad (smart cities, the My Street project, an integrated approach to improvement and the formation of a comfortable urban environment outside Moscow)

**Speakers:**

- Top managers of Russian and foreign real estate companies

**Session IV. EdTech**

**Topics for discussion:**

- Does online education lead to greater equality?
- Development of technologies in online education (application of ML and AI).
- Should the government sponsor socially significant EdTech projects?
- EdTech investment environment after the pandemic.
  - Development of a competitive project in EdTech: how to find sponsors?

**Speakers:**

- Representatives of Russian and European educational platforms;
- Investors in EdTech startups

14:00 - 14:15

Break

14:15 - 16:00

**Part 2. Presentation of case solutions.**

**Case 1: Development of a financial institution**

**Partner:** VTB

Participants will be asked to give recommendations to a large bank on the formation of a strategy for the development of its non-banking services, in particular the housing ecosystem.

**Case 2: Law and Investment**

**Partner:** *Expert Council for Assessing the Regulatory Impact of Bills under the Council for Financial, Industrial and Investment Policy of the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry*

The participants will be asked to assess the prospects of development and increase the investment attractiveness in the territories with special regime of entrepreneurial activity in the Russian Federation. As part of the analysis, they will have to study foreign practice, as well as recent and proposed amendments to laws regulating these territories.

16:00 - 16:30	Break
16:30 - 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Announcement of the results of the case-competition and selection of analytical studies of participants</li><li>• Closing of the conference and announcement of plans for the conference in 2021</li></ul>
18:00 – 20:00	Local cocktail meetings in the cities with the highest concentration of participants - Moscow, Vienna (depending of the participants)