



More than 2000 participants attended the Forum “Eurasian Week” held in Kazakhstan on August 24-26, 2017 in “Astana EXPO-2017” area. Representatives from more than **49 countries** registered to the Forum. The business part included **33 events of interest and exhibition** with 168 companies presented from the Union country-members. The Forum became the platform for the Union business development. More than 1300 entrepreneurs joined the **meeting-appointment system**. **450 B2B meetings** were arranged via digital system. The Forum evidenced **15 memoranda and agreements** concluded.

The Financial and Banking Association of Eurasian Cooperation (FBA EAC) was represented by the Chairman of Coordinating Council of FBA EAC, Executive Vice-President of RSPP **Alexander Murychev**, General Director of FBA EAC **Oleg Berezovoy**, Chairman of the Board of the Universal Commodity Exchange-Eurasian Cooperation (UCEX) **Alexander Uzkih**, Head of UCEX Representative office in Russia **Egor Ivankov**.



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At the Eurasian Week 2017 representatives of business, governments and experts discussed issues of single financial and exchange area, single labor market, competitive commodities, innovations etc.



Chairman of Coordinating Council of FBA EAC, Executive Vice-President of RSPF **Alexander Murychev** took part in discussions at round tables “EAEU International Cooperation Trends. Business Opportunities” and “Establishment of common financial market EAEU: advantages and challenges for country-members”.



From left to right: Member of FBA EAC Supervisory Board, Director of Financial Politics of EEU **Tigran Davtyan**, Dean of Economics at Lomonosov Moscow State University **Alexander Auzan**, Chairman of FBA EAC Supervisory Board, Member of the Board – Minister in Charge of Economy and Financial Policy of EEU **Timur Zhaksylykov**, FBA EAC General Director **Oleg Berezovoy**.

The round table “Development of single labor market: advantages, ideas, future” was of much interest. The discussion involved leading international experts of labor migration, representatives of governmental bodies, entrepreneurs and non-governmental organization of EAEU. Participants of the round table discussed future integration, cooperation within labor migration. In his speech Member of the Board – Minister in Charge of Economy and Financial Policy of EEU **Timur Zhaksylykov** stressed that “Establishment of single labor market becomes the most important priority of integration process in our countries. It is a kind of “cementing” element of Eurasian integration”. The EAEU Agreement ensured conditions for free movement of labor force on the whole territory of integration union and equal rights for labor activity. There is no need in approval documents for work or extra procedure. Degrees and qualifications in many professions are acknowledged. Workers and their families have access to medical, social insurance and education. These norms have essentially improved legal position, eliminated most

restrictions of access to common labor market and raised the level of social security of workers. “Today we can claim that our possibilities ensure free movement of labor force, create conditions for comfortable working activity of the Union citizens, influence illegal working immigrants”, - EEU Minister added.

However there are still outstanding possibilities. Currently the Commission is working to overcome barriers for gaining all the advantages of economic integration. Another work area of EEU is simplification of mutual trips. **Timur Zhaksylykov** also pointed out such goal for the EEU as mutual engaging of workers into the single labor market.



Chairman of FBA EAC Supervisory Board, Member of the Board – Minister in Charge of Economy and Financial Policy of EEU Timur Zhaksylykov, FBA EAC General Director Oleg Berezovoy during discussion at panel session “Improving investment prospects of EAEU countries as a base for business development”. The dialogue included issues of innovations in of intellectual property regulation in EAEU, regulation of business activity and introduction of the most progressive models of regulation in EEU.

Mutual direct investments within EAEU were also discussed at the panel session “Improving investment prospects of EAEU countries as a base for business development”. It is important to mention that in 2016 the amount of direct investments in EAEU resumed growth after three years of reduction, according to Eurasian Development Bank.

The amount of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the EAEU countries increased during the last year by 15.9% up to \$26.8 bn after three years of reduction (in 2012 the amount was \$27.6 bn), according to joint research of EDB Center of Integration Research and Institute of World Economy and Integration Relations of RAS based on companies’ reports of investment deals for more than \$1 m. Mutual FDI of the EAEU countries grew twice faster than those in CIS and Georgia, which increased by 7.9% up to \$45.1 bn. However Russia is still trailing Belarus (\$8.6 bn) and Kazakhstan (\$8.2 bn).

Russia remains the main capital exporter is but its share in mutual FDI of the EAEU countries has been reducing from 82.6% to 78.6% within the last 4 years. The largest amount of investments from Russia was directed to Belarus (\$8.5 bn) and Kazakhstan (\$8.2 bn). Besides \$3.4 bn was invested in Armenia and \$0.86 bn in Kyrgyzstan. The share of FDI of 25 largest Russian companies investing in the EAEU countries is 71% of all cumulative investment in the Union. Dependence on Russian capital in CIS and Georgia has decreased (today the share of non-Russian FDI is 22.8%, in 2013 it was 16.3%). In its turn Kazakh investment in Russia amounted to \$2.95 bn by the end of the year vs \$3.37 bn in 2015, investment flow from Belarus spiraled from \$204 m. to \$2.05 bn (due to purchase of 20% in “Uralkaliy” by a Belarusian investor). Mutual Belarus-Kazakhstan investments remain moderate: \$57m from Kazakhstan, \$34m from Belarus. At the same time Kazakhstan invests a lot in Kyrgyzstan (\$605m).

In total amount of FDI investments in FEC prevail – its share increased from 42.6% to 43.8% of total investment in EAEU, non-ferrous industry is at the second place (10.9%). Telecommunication and IT holds the third place (9.6%). Belarusian and Kazakh investors prefer investing in the Russian chemical sector (35.1%), agricultural sector (15.8%) and transport (14.2%).

