



**Chamber of Commerce  
and Industry of the  
Russian Federation**

**For the benefit  
of business.**

**For the benefit  
of Russia.**

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# The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (CCI of Russia)

## Russia's oldest business association

The entire range of Russian businesses, from small companies to concerns and industrial and financial groups operating in every field of the Russian economy, trust us with the protection of their interests.

## The institute of chambers of commerce and industry

is a universally recognized instrument of interaction between the authorities and the business community.

The CCI of Russia is a member of many international organizations and has established unique contacts worldwide over the years.

## We are tasked with

- **Protecting** the business community's interests in government agencies and local self-government bodies
- **Fostering** exports of Russian goods and services and forming a positive image of domestic manufacturers
- **Developing** relations with foreign business communities and international business associations
- **Assisting** in investment promotion and implementation of innovative solutions and the best domestic technologies
- **Aiding** quality settlement of civil law disputes and arbitration development
- **Promoting** the principles of civilized business and social responsibility amongst entrepreneurs



# CCI of Russia: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

# History

## Key stages of the founding and development of CCI of Russia:

The decree by Catherine I on the association of Russian merchants and industrialists

Establishment of the All-Union Chamber of Commerce

Transformation into the CCI of the Soviet Union



The Founding Congress of the CCI of Russia

The executive order by the Russian president on the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation, Russian Law on Chambers of Commerce and Industry in the Russian Federation

Changes to the law broadening the functions and powers of chambers of commerce and industry



## Chamber Today

The CCI of Russia is a non-governmental non-profit organization uniting businessmen through membership to achieve the tasks and goals defined by the Russian Law on Chambers of Commerce and Industry in the Russian Federation and the Chamber's Charter.

The CCI of Russia represents the interests of small, medium and big businesses.

### We unite

- **Over 52,000** organizations
- **Over 300** associations of entrepreneurs and commercial entities at the federal level
- **Over 500** business associations at the regional level

**75%**  
of CCI of  
Russia  
members  
are small  
and medium  
businesses

## Over 180 chambers of commerce and industry in Russian constituent territories



## Chamber Tomorrow

The Chamber is a vibrant organization which is striving to achieve the strategic goals of the country's social and economic development, the formation of a highly effective regional policy, the creation of favorable conditions for the development of all types of entrepreneurial activities using the advantages of the latest technologies.

### Priority areas of the Chamber's activities

- Protection and promotion of business interests
- Representation of business interests abroad
- Improving the investment climate
- Development of exhibition and fair and congress activities as a mechanism to introduce innovations and advanced technologies
- Development of infrastructure to support business activities
- Improvement and development of the activities of permanent arbitration institutions and intermediation of business disputes
- Implementation of modern technologies, including ICT, in entrepreneurial activity
- Forming human resources for the knowledge economy
- Forming a common information space

# Expert Community

The CCI of Russia provides a platform for dialogue between business, authorities and civil society.

The CCI of Russia consists of over 30 committees and councils operating in various economic sectors.

- The Committee on Entrepreneurship Security
- The Committee on Economic Integration and Foreign Economic Activity
- The Committee on Exhibitions, Fairs and Conventions
- The Committee on Public-Private Partnership
- The Committee on Support to and Development of Small and Medium Business
- The Committee on Support to Entrepreneurship in Extraction, Production, Processing and Distribution of Precious Metals and Gems
- The Committee on Entrepreneurship in the Healthcare and Medical Industry
- The Committee on Entrepreneurship in the Timber Industry
- The Committee on Entrepreneurship in Housing and Public Utilities
- The Committee on Entrepreneurship in Advertising
- The Committee on Entrepreneurship in Sports
- The Committee on Entrepreneurship in Construction



- The Committee on Entrepreneurship in Tourism
- The Committee on Entrepreneurship in Real Estate
- The Committee on Entrepreneurship in the Textile and Apparel Industry
- The Committee on Natural Resources and Ecology
- The Committee on Development of the Agro-Industrial Complex
- The Committee on Development of Consumer Market
- The Committee on Development of the Procurement System
- The Committee on Support for Vocational and Business Education
- The Committee on Technical Regulation, Standardization, and Product Quality
- The Committee on Transportation and Forwarding
- The Committee on Financial Markets and Credit Institutions
- The Committee on Energy Strategy and Development of the Fuel and Energy Complex

- The CCI of Russia Council on Investment Policy
- The CCI of Russia Council on Intellectual Property
- The CCI of Russia Council on Industrial Development and Competitive Edge of the Russian Economy
- The CCI of Russia Council on the Self-Regulation of Entrepreneurial and Professional Activity
- The CCI of Russia Council on Customs Policy



The CCI of Russia expert community comprises representatives of

- **Business community**
- **Government agencies**
- **Science and education**
- **NGO and civil organizations**

Over  
**1,100**  
civil groups  
formed by  
chambers of  
commerce and  
industry in  
Russian regions

Over  
**150**  
representatives  
of organizations  
affiliated with  
the CCI of Russia  
directly delegated  
to civil groups  
operating under  
federal agencies



## Advantages of Membership in Chambers of Commerce and Industry

CCI members are Russian legal entities, including Russian associations of legal entities and/or individual entrepreneurs, as well as individual entrepreneurs registered as prescribed by Russian laws.

Whenever a foreign company establishes a Russian legal entity, it may also become a CCI member and gain benefits from this membership such as:

- Support in attracting investors and partners in Russia
- Participation in public events organized by chambers of commerce and industry and their partners
- Support in promoting investment and innovative projects
- More than 500 services that support, develop and protect its business activities
- Advice on entrepreneurial issues



## Assisting Business



## International Cooperation

### Areas of activity

- Development of multilateral and bilateral cooperation
- Organization of business missions
- Support for foreign business in Russia
- Promoting integration of Russian businesses into the global economy
- Support for Russian exports

### Services

- Attestation of force majeure circumstances
- Certification of foreign economic documents
- Consultations on foreign economic issues: legal, organizational and document support

Over  
**2,000**  
agreements  
with foreign  
business  
associations

### Cooperation with international associations of chambers of commerce



Over  
**30**  
representative  
offices of the CCI  
of Russia in  
**45**  
countries

Over  
**70**  
business  
councils  
with foreign  
countries



# Representative Offices in Other Countries

## Functions:

- Vetting of business partners
- Protection of Russian exporters' interests
- Establishment of direct B2B contacts
- Information support for businesses

## Business Councils

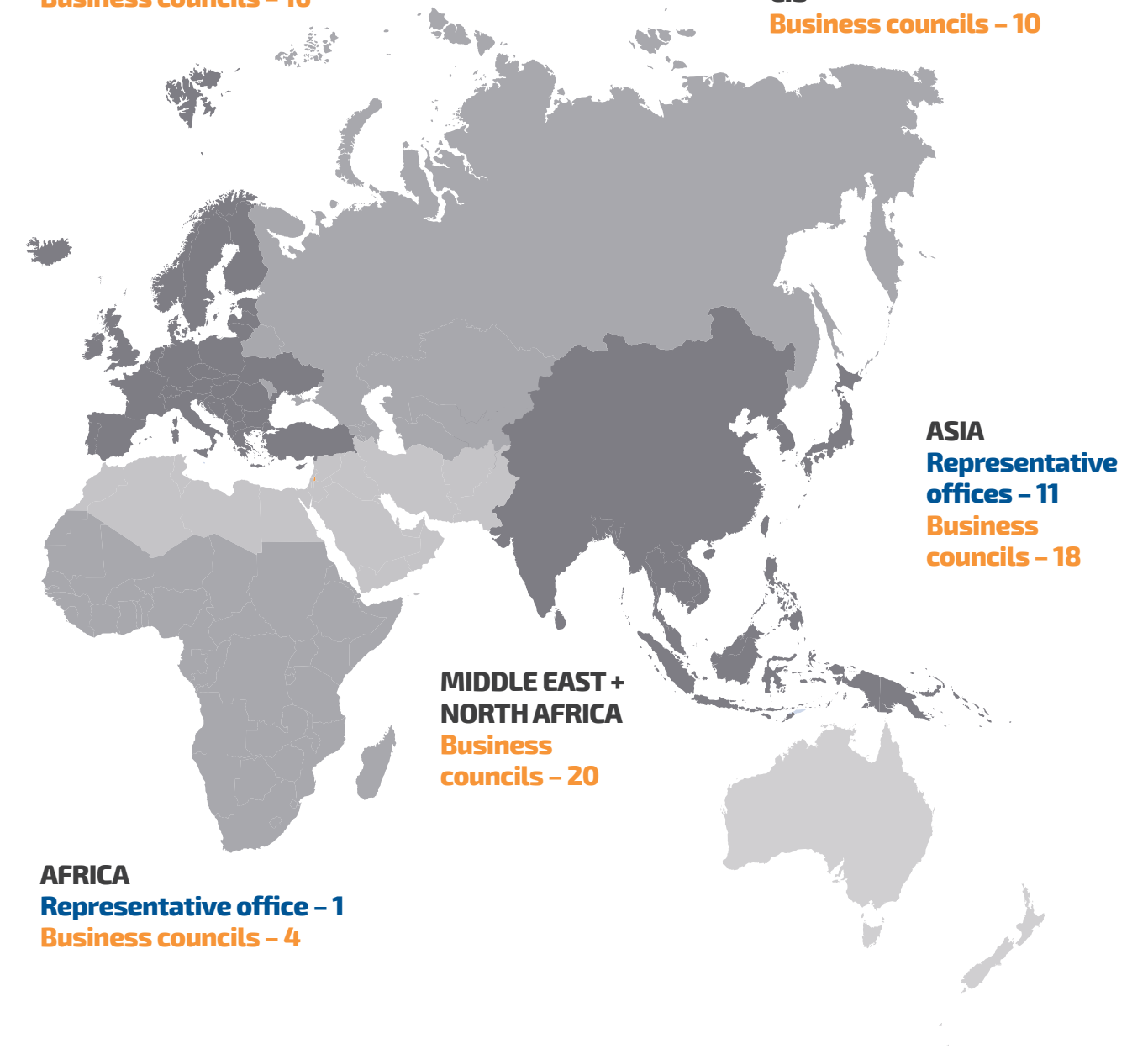
## Functions:

- Information support for businesses
- Establishment of direct B2B contacts
- Promotion of Russian exports
- Attraction of investment to Russia's real economic sector



**EUROPE**  
Representative offices – 16  
Business councils – 16

**CIS**  
Business councils – 10





# SCO and BRICS Business Councils

## SCO Business Council

Founded after the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit held in Shanghai in 2006

The CCI of Russia headed the national delegation to the SCO Business Council in 2013

### Principal events:

- Annual meetings of the SCO Business Council
- Annual business forum and B2B meetings
- Traditional SCO session within the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF)
- International IT forum involving BRICS and SCO countries (Khanty-Mansiysk)
- Forum of regional small business of SCO and BRICS member states (Ufa)

### Project initiatives:

- New exhibition and convention grounds (construction of exhibition centers in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and China)
- Development of tourism (construction of a recreation center at Issyk-Kul Lake, Kyrgyzstan), etc.
- E-trade platforms in SCO member states, etc.



## BRICS Business Council

Established in 2013 after the 5th BRICS summit in Durban, South Africa

The president of CCI of Russia heads the Russian delegation to the BRICS Business Council



### The BRICS Business Council has seven working groups on the following areas:

- infrastructure
- industrial production
- agriculture
- vocational training
- financial cooperation
- removal of administrative barriers
- energy and green economy

### Priorities:

- Project cooperation
- Elaboration of proposals on removal of administrative barriers
- Interaction at exhibitions and conventions
- Bolstering interregional economic contacts
- Interaction with the New Development Bank

### Principle events:

- The BRICS Business Council and working groups meet twice a year
- Annual BRICS session within the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF)
- Annual business forum and B2B meetings
- International IT forum involving BRICS and SCO countries (Khanty-Mansiysk)
- Forum of regional small business of SCO and BRICS member states (Ufa)



# Exhibitions, Fairs and Conventions

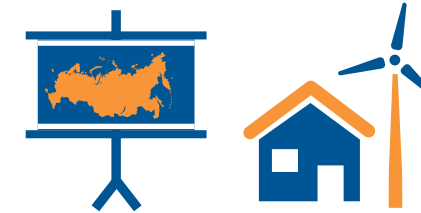
## Areas of activity

- Organization of domestic, foreign and international trade and economic missions to exhibitions, fairs and conventions
- Preparation of international customs documents for temporary exports/imports of goods for domestic and foreign events
- Information and organizational support to exhibitions, fairs and conventions held in Russia and abroad
- Development of infrastructure for exhibitions, fairs and conventions in Russia
- Assistance in preparing norms and laws regulating exhibitions, fairs and conventions
- Promoting brands of Russian regions, goods and services on domestic and foreign markets

### Services:

- Execution of ATA Carnets
- Organization of collective and individual business missions to Russian regions and abroad
- Assisting entrepreneurs in attending exhibitions, fairs and conventions at the regional, interregional, national and international levels

The CCI has helped create exhibition and convention centers



# Presentations of Regions and Foreign Companies on CCI of Russia Platform

## Primary objectives

- Establishment of direct contacts between potential partners
- Promotion of priority regional investment projects and technological solutions
- Development of joint project action plans
- Broad printed and electronic media coverage
- Organization of investors' trips to regions to learn about enterprises and investment projects
- Conclusion of contracts and agreements with companies, and financial and investment institutions

### Presentations involve

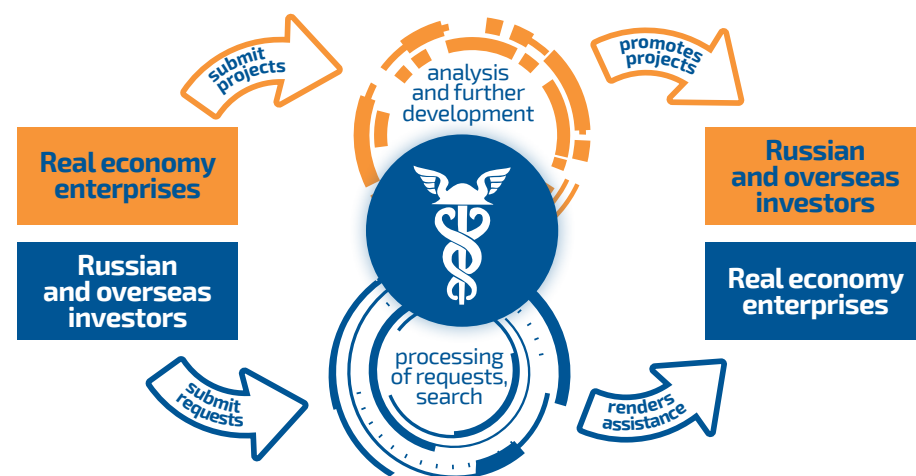
- Representatives of foreign companies
- Investment funds
- Business associations
- Chambers of commerce and industry
- Diplomatic corps



## Investment and Innovations

### Areas of activity

- Search for, selection and promotion of investment and innovation projects
- Promotion of domestic innovative technologies and products
- Assistance in improving the investment climate and business conditions in Russian regions
- Presentation of the economic, industrial and investment potential of Russia's regions and foreign companies



#### Services:

Seek out investment platforms, projects and partners

Industry market analysis

Analysis of investment appeal of Russian regions

In 2011, the CCI of Russia launched a project titled 'Investor Navigating Infrastructure Based on Chambers of Commerce and Industry', which promotes interaction between regional authorities, chambers of commerce and industry of Russian constituent territories, municipal chambers, and the CCI of Russia to seek for, select and foster regional investment projects.

## Arbitration and Intermediation

Internationally acclaimed commercial arbitration institutions have been operating under the CCI of Russia for over 80 years:

- the Maritime Arbitration Commission (MAC) since 1930
- the International Commercial Arbitration Court (ICAC) since 1932

**The ICAC is a leading arbitration institution; one of the most respected and impartial arbitration centers in the world.**

The ICAC provides

- A flexible settlement procedure with residents and non-residents of the Russian Federation
- Arbitration in Russian, English or other languages in accordance with modern international standards
- Disputes consideration does not exceed six months from the moment an arbitral tribunal is formed.

The ICAC makes its decisions consistent with the applicable legal norms chosen by the sides; arbitral awards are enforced in more than 145 states, signatories of the 1958 New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards.



### Mediation

Panel of Mediators conducting mediation processes has been operating under the CCI of Russia since 2006. The CCI's intermediaries have settled hundreds of disputes including those involving companies from Japan, the UK, and other countries.



#### Annually in ICAC:

about 300 international commercial disputes parties - companies from 40-50 countries.

The CCI of Russia and the ICAC interact in the arbitration field with international governmental and non-governmental organizations:



the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL),



the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT),



the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI).



## Support to Foreign Business in Russia

**Current Russian law vests the CCI of Russia with supporting the activity of branches and representative offices of foreign companies in Russia**

- Certification of the number of foreign staff working in branches and representative offices of foreign companies for the purpose of accreditation in Russia;
- Provision of personal accreditation of foreign staff working in branches and representative offices of foreign companies accredited in Russia consistent with the certified size of staff;
- Assistance in obtaining work visas for personally accredited foreign personnel working in branches and representative offices of foreign companies and members of their families;
- Issuance of permits for opening branches and representative offices of foreign chambers of commerce, mixed chambers of commerce, federations, associations and business associations in Russia.

In addition, the CCI of Russia provides visa support for foreign businessmen arriving in Russia for a business visit.

## World Trade Center

**World Trade Center Moscow is the largest multifunctional business complex in Russia situated in the heart of its capital.**

WTC Moscow is a member of the AIPC, the RUEF, and the WTCA.

WTC Moscow provides convention, exhibition and office support in addition to accommodation and catering. It conducts expert analyses, organizes turnkey events of any scale, and renders over 500 types of world-class services.

### **WTC Moscow offers the following types of services to foreign partners**

- Provision of trade and economic information
- Consulting and analysis
- Planning and organization of B2B meetings and match-makings sessions
- Organization of webinars and business missions
- Establishment of contacts with representatives of Russian and foreign companies
- Formation of databases
- Information support
- Hotel accommodation



# Expocentre

Expocentre is the leader in Russia's exhibition industry and organizer of the biggest international exhibitions and conventions in Russia, the CIS and Eastern Europe. It boasts more than 60 years of experience.

- Chemical industry
- Children's goods
- Construction. Architecture
- Food and food processing
- High technologies. Information and telecommunications
- Advertising
- Fuel and energy sector
- Machinery manufacturing
- Health care
- Furniture
- Consumer goods
- Services



**Expocentre annually hosts**  
over 100 exhibitions;  
over 700 congresses;  
about 30,000 participating companies;  
over 100 countries;  
about 1,500,000 visitors.

**The fairgrounds has a total exhibition space of 165,000 sq m**  
including 105,000 sq m of indoor space and 60,000 sq m of outdoor space.

Expocentre has **9** exhibition pavilions and **34** multifunctional halls accommodating exhibitions, symposia, congresses, conventions and other events with up to **6,500** participants in a space of up to **50,000** sq m.

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[www.expocentr.ru/en](http://www.expocentr.ru/en)

# Sojuzpatent

Sojuzpatent is Russia's oldest and leading company rendering intellectual property protection services to Russian and foreign clients; protection is given to

- Inventions
- Utility models
- Industrial prototypes
- Trademarks (service marks)
- Designations of origin
- Selection inventions
- Domains
- Software
- Databases
- Integrated circuit topographies, etc.

**Contacts**  
[www.sojuzpatent.com](http://www.sojuzpatent.com)



## Souyzexpertiza of CCI of Russia

Souyzexpertiza of CCI of Russia (SOEX) is Russia's largest independent national expert organization with decades of experience in the field of quality control, examination, appraisal and certification of goods and services. SOEX has 37 territorial divisions in big cities and ports in Russia.

Souyzexpertiza of CCI of Russia is a full member of the International Federation of Inspection Agencies represented by over 50 leading international companies focused on testing, inspection and certification.

SOEX has strong business relations with the biggest international independent expert organizations such as Baltic Control, Bureau Veritas, Control Union, Intertek, I.E.I., Omic, etc.

### Primary areas of activity

- Laboratory tests
- Examination and audit
- Inspection
- Appraisal
- Construction and forensic examination

### Contacts

[www.soex.ru/en/](http://www.soex.ru/en/)



## Center for Language Testing and Assistance to Migration Policy at the CCI of Russia International Institute of Business Associations' Management

Formally represents the State Testing Center of the Pushkin State Institute of the Russian Language

Founded in 2015, developing a network of testing centers based at the CCI in Russia's regions

Tests foreign citizens for knowledge of the Russian language, Russian history and Russia's fundamental laws

Issues state certificates

### Additional services

- State language test courses
- Onsite testing

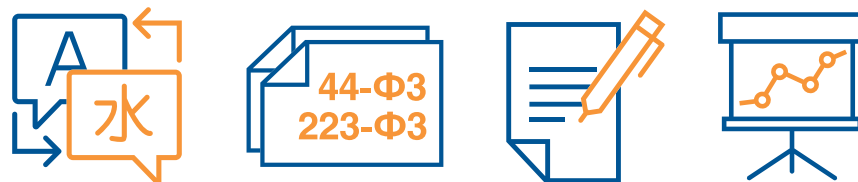
### Testing is provided at every level:

Foreign personnel (patent, work permit)

Temporary residence permit

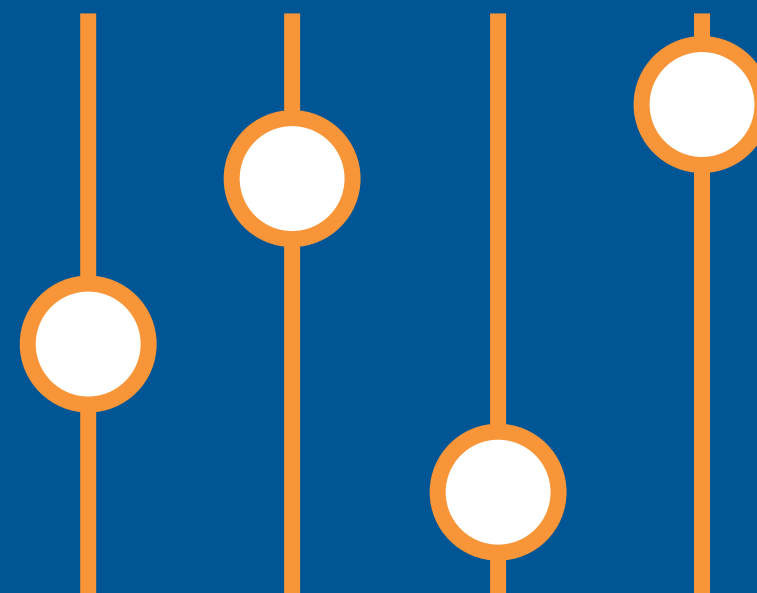
Residence permit

Russian naturalization



## Other Services for Business

- Translation
- Procurement (support to companies in public and municipal procurement, and procurement by companies with the state participation)
- Legal services
- Business education
- Consulting
- Marketing and advertising
- Business security



# Special Projects





## Major Events Organized by CCI of Russia

- **The Primakov Readings**, an international scientific and expert forum commemorating Russian researcher and statesman academician Yevgeny Primakov. It has been held in cooperation with the Russian Academy of Sciences' Institute of World Economy and International Relations and WTC Moscow since 2015.
- **The Russian Tax Forum**, a leading professional debate platform established in 2005.



- **The international exhibition industry forum SpEXPO (since 2007) and the Russian exhibition and convention conference (since 2004)** are Russia's keynote platforms for promoting communication between Russian and foreign professionals in the exhibition, convention and event industry.
- **The international 'Intellectual Property – the 21st Century' forum** has been held under the aegis of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) since 2008.
- **The Russian Entrepreneurship Day**, an annual forum established in 2008 that is timed to coincide with the professional holiday of the entrepreneurial community on May 26.





# Media

## Information partners

**Rossiya Segodnya**  
**international media group**



## RosBusinessConsulting (RBC)



# Rossiyskaya Gazeta



**REGNUM information agency**



## Interfax



Every year, chambers of commerce and industry

- release about **60** printed and online editions
- hold over **100** press conferences and press briefings

**Business Vector,**  
joint information  
project of the CCI  
of Russia and RBC  
television



# Anti-Corruption Charter of Russian Business

The Charter aims to actively encourage Russian companies to voluntarily implement special anti-corruption programs based on internal control procedures, rejection of preferences, procurement through open tenders, financial control, personnel training, cooperation with law enforcement agencies, and other measures.

Initiated by  
leading Russian  
business unions  
in 2012.

The Charter has been signed by over 3,000 companies.

## Social Responsibility

### CCI of Russia's Charity fund 'Center for Assistance to Neglected Children'

Founded in 2002

A non-profit entity funded with contributions from legal entities and individuals



### Church of Holy Prophet Ilia in Moscow's Novgorodskoye Podvorye

The CCI of Russia is participating in the church's restoration



### Filantrop international award

Awarded to people with disabilities for outstanding achievements in culture and art

The president of the CCI of Russia chairs the trustee board of the award



### International Day of Social Business, June 28

The CCI of Russia hosts the International Day of Social Business events. The participants address the conditions for social business and its prospective development in Russia



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