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Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation
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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
The Founding Congress of the CCI of Russia

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

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

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

1727

1932

1972

1991

1993

2015
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

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 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 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 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
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

Over 70 business councils with foreign countries

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

Cooperation with international associations of chambers of commerce

- ICC (The International Chamber of Commerce)
- ICC World Chambers Federation
- US Chamber of Commerce
- EUROCHAMBRES (The Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry)
- CACCI (The Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry)
- The Advisory Board of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of EAEU Member States
- The World Chambers Federation

Over 70 business councils with foreign countries

- The Council of Heads of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of CIS Member States
- The Advisory Board of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of EAEU Member States
- The World Chambers Federation
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

CIS

- Business councils – 10

EUROPE

- Representative offices – 16
- Business councils – 16

AFRICA

- Representative office – 1
- Business councils – 20

LATIN AMERICA

- Business councils – 6

AMERICA

- (North, South)
- Representative offices – 3

MIDDLE EAST + NORTH AFRICA

- Business councils – 20

ASIA

- Representative offices – 11
- Business councils – 18

AMERICA (North, South)

- Representative offices – 3

AFRICA

- Representative office – 1
- Business councils – 4

LATIN AMERICA

- Business councils – 6
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 businesses 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 businesses 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

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
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

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.

Annually in ICAC:
- about 300 international commercial disputes
- parties - companies from 40-50 countries.

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.
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

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.

Contacts
en.wtcmoscow.ru
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.

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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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

SOEX has 37 territorial divisions in big cities and ports in Russia. It provides testing at every level: foreign personnel (patent, work permit), temporary residence permit, residence permit, Russian naturalization.

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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
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
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 5pEXPO (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.
Anti-Corruption Charter of Russian Business

The Charter aims to actively encourage Russian companies to voluntary 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.

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
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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