



# XI NEVSKY INTERNATIONAL ECOLOGICAL CONGRESS



## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS



# WELCOME TO THE 11<sup>th</sup> NEVSKY INTERNATIONAL ECOLOGICAL CONGRESS!

 **22–23 May  
2025**

**09:00–19:00**

 Tavrichesky Palace  
([47, Shpalernaya Ulitsa, St. Petersburg](#))

We recommend that you arrive at the Congress venue 30-40 minutes prior to the start of the event you have registered for.





**To access the Conference venue, you need to receive a badge.**

## CONGRESS ORGANIZERS

- Government of the Russian Federation
- The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
- Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment of the Russian Federation
- The Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS)

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# VISA SUPPORT



## DOCUMENTS FOR CROSSING THE BORDER

To avoid encountering any problems when crossing the border, all foreign participants arriving from abroad are required to bring the following documents with them:

### IF YOU NEED A VISA TO ENTER THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

You must bring the following to cross the border:

- a visa
- a valid passport
- a medical insurance policy valid on the territory of the Russian Federation (if needed)

### IF YOU DO NOT NEED A VISA TO ENTER THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

You must bring the following to cross the border:

- a valid passport
- a medical insurance policy valid on the territory of the Russian Federation (if needed)



## HOW TO APPLY FOR A VISA?

If you need a visa to enter the Russian Federation, you can:

- 1) **obtain a visa through an invitation for foreign arrivals** (for all Congress participants);

OR

- 2) obtain **an electronic visa** (available for citizens of 64 foreign countries).

## VISA BY INVITATION FOR FOREIGN ARRIVALS

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Visa} \\ = \\ \text{invitation for foreign arrivals} \\ + \\ \text{list of documents} \end{array}$$

## VISA VALIDITY PERIODS

After submitting all the required documents, Congress participants can obtain a short-term, single-entry Russian visa **for the period from 15 to 30 May 2025** at foreign consular offices of the Russian Federation on the day of their application.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A VISA BY INVITATION FOR FOREIGN ARRIVALS?

**An invitation for foreign arrivals is not an invitation to the Congress, but a separate document from organizers, which is available in the [Roscongress personal account](#).**

1. All confirmed participants will receive an official invitation to the Congress by email.
2. After receiving the invitation, log in to your [Roscongress personal account](#) using your personal login and password.
3. Confirm your attendance at the Congress.
4. Go to the 'My events – 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress – Event dashboard – Visa support' tab of the [Roscongress personal account](#).
5. Your personal information will be automatically uploaded from the Roscongress personal account to the document. You can manually add the city and country where you will be applying for your visa. You can contact a Roscongress Foundation specialist to make changes to the personal data. The specialist's contact information can be found in the [Roscongress personal account](#) and in your invitation letter.
6. Download and print the invitation for foreign arrivals.
7. Provide your Russian consular office with the invitation for foreign arrivals and the other required visa documents. Information about the location of Russian consular offices can be found [on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation](#).

## E-VISA

Can be issued to citizens of **64** foreign countries:

Austria, Barbados, Bahrain, Belgium, Bulgaria, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Eswatini, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Myanmar, Netherlands, North Korea, Northern Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Vatican, Vietnam, Zimbabwe.

## VISA VALIDITY PERIODS

The unified electronic visa is a single-entry visa. **The validity of the single electronic visa is 60 days** from the date of issue.

The permitted period of stay in the Russian Federation on a single electronic visa is **not more than 16 days from the day of entry** within its validity period.

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR AN E-VISA?

To apply for a unified e-visa, it is necessary to fill in an application on the purpose-made [website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia](#). **The unified electronic visa is not free.** Applications may be submitted **not earlier than 40 days and no later than 4 days** before the expected date of entry into the Russian Federation.

**For more detailed information, see:**

 ['Visa support'](#) section of the Congress website.

## MIGRATION REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN CITIZENS

**If you are staying at a hotel**, the hotel administration will automatically file a notification about the arrival of a foreign citizen with the authorities. Foreign citizens who have come to Russia for more than 7 days and **are not staying at a hotel** must register for migration purposes.

Please note that the Congress programme lasts less than 7 days. The Congress organizer is not responsible for the registration of foreign citizens for migration purposes.

Detailed information about migration registration is available [on the website of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs](#).

# ARRIVAL IN ST. PETERSBURG

## BY AIR

### FLIGHTS TO ST. PETERSBURG

Pulkovo Airport (LED) is St. Petersburg's only airport that serves scheduled domestic and international flights. The journey from the airport to the Congress venue takes about 60 minutes, depending on the traffic.

For a list of items requiring a written customs declaration and to find out how to fill in the declaration form, see the '[Customs](#)' section of Pulkovo Airport website.



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### TRANSIT VIA FOREIGN AIRPORTS

Should you be unable to travel directly between your point of departure and an airport in Russia, we advise flying via a country offering flights to Russia. At present, flights are available through transit points in Armenia, Egypt, India, China, Kazakhstan, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Serbia and Uzbekistan.

We recommend that you select the appropriate departure and arrival points, then check the website or the airport information service to see which air carriers operate regular and/or non-scheduled flights via the desired route. For more information about flights, we suggest you visit the website of your preferred air carrier. For the latest information, please visit the website of the selected airline.



## TRANSFER IN MOSCOW

Should you be unable to travel directly between your point of departure and St. Petersburg, we advise flying via one of Moscow's airports.

The flight time is approximately 90 minutes. For the latest information, please visit the websites of [Sheremetyevo](#), [Domodedovo](#), and [Vnukovo](#) airports and your airlines of interest. Alternatively, you may contact airlines directly.

If you plan to fly to Moscow and take an onward journey to St. Petersburg by train, the convenient Aeroexpress trains allow you to travel via the following routes in comfort. Please visit the '[Aeroexpress](#)' website to view timetables and purchase tickets.

## BY RAIL

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St. Petersburg has five rail terminals: Moskovsky, Ladozhsky, Vitebsky, Finlyandsky, and Baltiysky. Each of St. Petersburg's rail terminals is conveniently situated and serves suburban and international routes.

### MOSCOW – ST. PETERSBURG

Sapsan high-speed trains depart from Leningradsky Terminal in Moscow, and arrive at Moskovsky Rail Terminal in St. Petersburg. The journey time ranging from 3.5 to 4 hours. Please visit the [Russian Railways website](#) for a detailed Sapsan timetable.

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## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

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Participants of the 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress can book rooms in St. Petersburg hotels at special rates. The list of hotels, booking terms, and application forms are placed on [the website](#). Please book your hotel room **in advance** to ensure you have comfortable accommodations.

### Contact info:

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# CONGRESS VENUE

📍 [47, Shpalernaya Ulitsa, St. Petersburg](#)

The 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress takes place in the Tavrichesky Palace that is [the headquarters of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the CIS Member Nations](#).

The Tavrichesky Palace offers an ideal blend of an advanced technology platform for Congress participants to work at and a splendid historic interior.

The palace features all the rooms and halls required for holding major international symposia, conferences, congress and business meetings.



Tavrichesky  
Palace



The Tavrichesky Palace is located in St. Petersburg's historic centre. The journey from the airport to the Congress venue takes about 60 minutes, depending on the traffic.

A detailed map of the Congress venue can be found in the '[Venue map](#)' section.

## ACCESS TO THE VENUE



Upon arrival, each participant will have to go through the access control procedure. The participant may be asked to turn on your phone or laptop and show other equipment that you brought to the venue.

**In order to avoid any inconvenience when accessing the venue, participants are advised to leave any items prohibited at the Congress venue at their accommodation or in their vehicle.** Please carefully review the [list of items prohibited on the event venue](#) and pay attention to any exceptions.



### BADGE COLLECTION

An accreditation badge is a pass to the 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress venue. We do recommend **receiving your badge in advance**.

**You must carry your badge and identity document (passport) with you at all times when at the Congress venue.**

**The badge is personalized and may not be transferred to third parties.**



If your badge is lost or damaged, you should contact any accreditation desk or Help Desk.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PICK UP MY BADGE?

In the 'My events – 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress – Event dashboard' section of the [Roscongress personal account](#) you should:

### 1. Confirm participation in the Congress

### 2. Enter your personal information in full

in accordance with your passport

### 3. Upload a required photo for your badge:

- Colour photo against a light background;
- Photo size – 480 × 640 pixels;
- Photo format – JPG or JPEG;
- Full-face photo with no headgear;
- Your face must take up at least 70% of the photo.

Tab 'My events – 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress – Event dashboard – Personal information – Edit data'.

### 4. Upload a scanned copy of your passport (pages 2 and 3)

Tab 'My events – 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress – Event dashboard – Personal information – Edit data'.

Please make sure that the scanned copy is legible and contains complete information about the data you gave when registering, including the series and number of the document, the issue date, the issuing authority, and a photo. Formats: jpg, jpeg, pdf, png.

## Data processing takes from 3 days.

If changes have been made to your identity document (passport) after you completed the application to participate in the Congress, the data in your [Roscongress personal account](#) must be edited (tab 'My events – 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress – Event dashboard – Personal information – Edit data').

*To make changes to any fields that are blocked for editing, please contact the specialist that you spoke with when registering for the Congress.*



When issuing the badge, the accreditation operator checks the data specified in the [Roscongress personal account](#) to ensure it matches the information in your identity document. If the data does not match, the badge cannot be issued on the day you applied for it.

**Please check your personal data in the Roscongress personal account before obtaining the badge.**

## HOW TO FIND OUT IF MY BADGE IS READY?

There are several ways to find out or be notified when a participant badge is ready:

- An email notification;
- A notification in the [Roscongress personal account](#);
- A call to the Congress information centre +7 (812) 406 7472;

- A call to a Roscongress Foundation specialist whose contacts are listed in the [Roscongress personal account](#) (on the right of the photo). The specialist's contact information can also be confirmed by calling the Congress information centre.

### HOW DO I PICK UP MY BADGE?

Participant accreditation badges may be collected in person by presenting:

- The identity document that is listed in the [Roscongress personal account](#);
- Original of personal data consent form.

### HOW CAN I PICK UP MY BADGE BY PROXY?

To pick up a badge for another participant by proxy, the authorized individual must present:

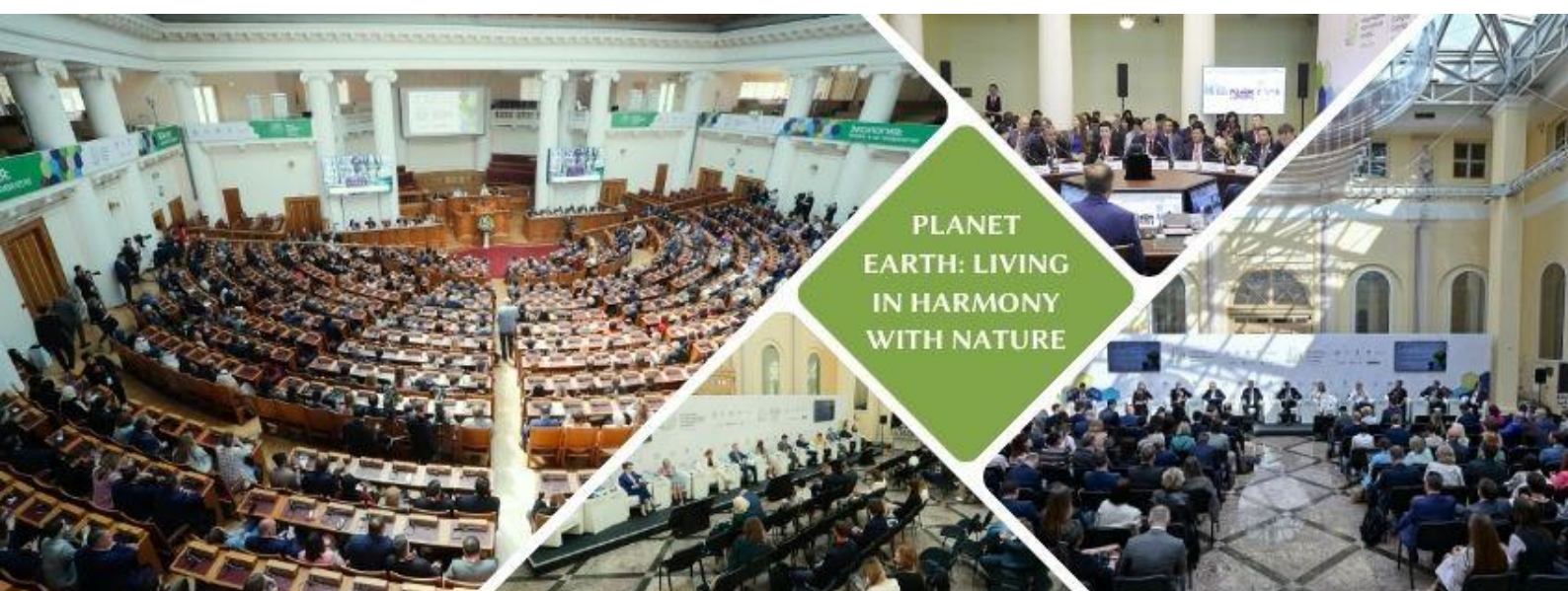
- Passport;
- Original consent of a driver to the processing of personal data;
- List of participants;
- Copies of the passports of all participants to be accredited;
- Originals of personal data consent forms.

A power of attorney form and a personal data consent form can be downloaded from the '[Badge collection](#)' section of the Congress website.

### WHERE AND WHEN DO I PICK UP MY BADGE?

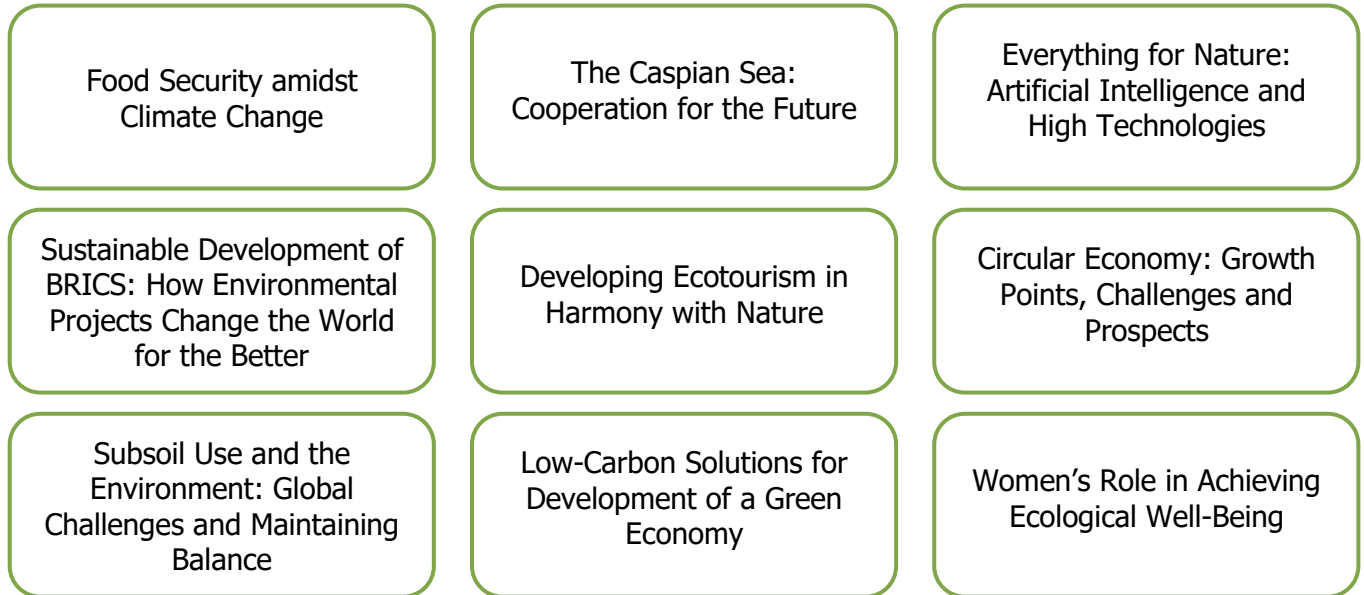
We kindly ask that you collect your accreditation badge **in advance** at the accreditation point in St. Petersburg.

LOCATION	DATE	OPERATING HOURS
<b>Accreditation Centre in the Parliamentary Centre, 1<sup>st</sup> floor</b> (53, Shpalernaya Ulitsa)	19–21 May	09:00–21:00
	22 May	07:30–18:00
	23 May	08:00–15:00



# BUSINESS PROGRAMME

The key theme of the 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress is **'Planet Earth: Living in Harmony with Nature'**. The event will cover a broad range of issues:



One of the most important Congress tracks will tackle the **development of the circular economy** and will include discussions on state policy for the development of a circular economy in Russia, the 'Ecological Wellbeing' national project as a new stage in the development of the solid waste industry, legislative regulation of the industry, new infrastructure, and state support for green projects. **The international discussion platform 'The Ecology of Large Cities'** will draw examples from real cities as it hosts a discussion of the outlook for well-being.

Domestic and foreign companies will share their experience with biotechnologies, robotics, information systems, and artificial intelligence, share technological innovations, and discuss personnel training at the session **'Everything for Nature: Artificial Intelligence and High Technologies'**.

The discussion during the session **'BRICS Sustainable Development: How Environmental Projects Change the World for the Better'** will center around multilateral and bilateral projects carried out within the BRICS environmental track. Interstate cooperation will also be on the agenda as the federal and regional authorities of Russia and the states surrounding the Caspian discuss the Caspian ecosystem, as well as during other events of the 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress.

Topics on the agenda for the Meeting of the State Council Commission on **Environmental Welfare** will include the measures needed to achieve the national goal, the socio-economic development of the regions, and the implementation of the Federal Scientific and Technical Programme as it relates to environmental development among others.

The Congress interstate events will also include a discussion of the outlook for cooperation between Russia and Central Asia in water and energy, and representatives of the executive authorities and Russian and foreign protected areas will join UNESCO experts in a discussion of the management of transboundary World Heritage sites.

The highlight of the business programme of the 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress will be the **plenary session 'Ecology of the New Reality: Challenges and Opportunities'**,

which will be moderated by the Speaker of the Federation Council and the Council of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States Valentina Matviyenko.

An eventful youth programme packed full of important environmental activities has been timed to coincide with the 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress in St. Petersburg. The youth agenda consists of round tables on environmental education and culture, eco-volunteering, a meeting of climate initiative youth leaders from different countries, and an EcoGTO environmental relay race among other events.


[VIEW THE BUSINESS PROGRAMME](#)

## LINGUISTIC SUPPORT

The plenary session and certain business programme events will feature simultaneous interpreting between Russian and English. Receivers for simultaneous interpreting are issued at the entrance to each hall hosting an event. In the Duma Hall, receivers for simultaneous interpreting are located on the tables.

# CULTURAL PROGRAMME

### La Bayadère ballet

 Historical stage of the Mariinsky Theatre  
([1, Teatralnaya Ploshchad](#))

 22 May, 19:00

Access: by invitation.

## SPECIAL TOURS AND MUSEUM VISITS


Congress participants will have the opportunity to visit significant local landmarks such as the Ethnographic Museum, Mikhaylovsky Castle, Stroganov Palace, the Tsarskoe Selo State Museum and Heritage Site, the Rosphoto Museum and Exhibition Centre, the Museum of Political History of Russia, the Scientific Research Museum of the Russian Academy of Arts, and the Gavrila Derzhavin Estate Museum. *Advance registration is required.*

From 21 to 24 May, Congress participants can also bring their participant badges to the ticket offices of more than twenty museums, parks, and exhibition halls in St. Petersburg to gain entrance free of charge. *Access: upon presentation of a participant badge.*

Participants are invited to contact the Cultural Programme stand, located in the Kupolny Hall at Tavrichesky Palace, during the Congress for more information about tours and exhibitions.

### Detailed event programme:


 '[Cultural programme](#)' section of the Congress website

 Cultural programme stand (Tavrichesky Palace, Kupolny Hall)



# SPORTS PROGRAMME

## Green paddleboard race

 21 May, start at 13:00 (the starting village is open from 11:00)

 [Embankment of Smolenka River \(Alexander Volodin Square\)](#)

This major event supported by the Russian Environmental Operator will bring together Congress guests and ecologically active residents of St. Petersburg who love paddleboarding as one of the world's most eco-friendly water sports. The paddleboard race will be a highlight of the Congress's Day Zero.

The race starts at the square and proceeds along Smolenka River towards Malaya Neva River to the Ural Bridge and back. The route is circular. The race will conclude at the starting point at 16:00.


Congress participants can attend the paddleboard race by pre-registering in their [Roscongress personal account](#), while residents of St. Petersburg need to register on the Fontanka.ru website [at the link](#).

# EXHIBITIONS

The exhibitions have been organized on site as part of the 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress.


## Primordial Russia photo exhibition


 Tavrichesky Palace, Shatyor restaurant

 22–23 May, 09:00–18:00

The exhibition will be displayed on the rails in the business networking area.


## Beauty of St. Petersburg's Protected Nature photo exhibition

 Tavrichesky Palace, along the route to the Reading Room

 22–23 May, 09:00–18:00



## Exhibition display of the Imperial Porcelain Factory

 Tavrichesky Palace, near hall 8



 22–23 May, 09:00–18:00



**Exhibition of the Mammoth Effect Foundation for the Preservation and Support of Natural and Cultural Heritage 'Creativity with Care for Nature'  
St. Petersburg – Vladivostok**



-  Tavrishesky Palace, opposite hall 12
-  22–23 May, 09:00–18:00

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the All-Russian Society for Nature Conservation exhibition**



-  Tavrishesky Palace, business networking area
-  22–23 May, 09:00–18:00

The exhibition will be displayed on electronic media.



**Immersion in Nature photo exhibition of St. Petersburg**

-  The territory of the Tavrishesky Palace, along the fence on Shpalernaya Ulitsa
-  22–23 May, 09:00–18:00

**The Golden Turtle photo exhibition**

-  Tavrishesky Palace, Shatyor restaurant
-  22–23 May, 09:00–18:00

**'Rivers of the Great Victory' exhibition**


-  Along the route to the Atrium Hall
-  22–23 May, 09:00–18:00


**Detailed information about exhibitions:**


-  ['Cultural programme'](#) section of the Congress website

# SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE CONGRESS

Special events will be held during the NIEC both **near and away from the Congress venue.**

 Universe of Water museum complex

 Museum of Naval Glory

 20–21 May


## **25<sup>th</sup> Baltic Sea Day International Environmental Forum**

Over the years, the Forum has taken on the status of a major environmental event in the Baltic Sea region that is widely recognized in international government, environmental, scientific, and public circles.

As part of the Forum programme, environmental experts and representatives of the scientific community, public organizations, and authorities will discuss the most pressing issues of the 'Ecological Well-Being' national project in terms of preserving and improving water resources, among other things. Per tradition, the Forum will devote significant attention to monitoring the state of the marine environment, applied scientific research, and environmental education.

Detailed information and registration are available [on the Forum website](#).

 Square in front of Tavrichesky Palace


 22–23 May

## **'Green Van' mobile recycling workshop**

The Green Van is a mobile interactive plastic recycling workshop that was created by Russian specialists and aims to promote the solid municipal waste handling system and the theme of eco-friendly consumption.

Visitors to the van can make their own commemorative keychains and pins with symbols of the Nevsky International Ecological Congress made from recycled plastic caps.

 Square in front of Tavrichesky Palace

 22–23 May

## **Mobile air monitoring laboratory**

The mobile laboratories are measuring instruments that meet the requirements of the Russian Federal Agency for Technical Regulation and Metrology and have a certificate of approval on the type of measuring instruments they use.



📍 Square in front of Tavrishesky Palace

🕒 22–23 May

### **Eco-mobile**

The eco-mobile is a vehicle that collects a wide range of hazardous waste (12 types) from the population of St. Petersburg.

The eco-mobile is equipped with containers for separate waste collection, including special galvanized containers for mercury-containing lamps, scales, protective glasses for environmental specialists, a respirator, gloves, and a demercurization kit.

📍 Tavrishesky Garden

🕒 22 May

### **'We're for Cleanliness' city clean-up day**

This massive event will be a logical continuation of the nationwide 'We're for Cleanliness' week of clean-up days, which took place on 18–27 April 2025 and brought together hundreds of thousands of people in 89 regions of Russia with nine key focuses ranging from preserving historical heritage to improving urban and protected areas.

The clean-up campaign is part of the 'History' focus, since volunteers will be cleaning up the area around the monument to the Young Heroes of the Defence of the City of Lenin with the involvement of special military operation participants and their families, activists from patriotic and environmental organizations, as well as honoured guests of the Congress.

In addition, as part of the clean-up day, the EcoGTO environmental relay race will be held in an effort to promote knowledge about ecology and instil a responsible attitude towards natural resources.

📍 Tavrishesky Palace

📍 Universe of Water museum complex

📍 19, Krestovsky Prospekt

🕒 22–23 May

### **Events of the Ecolyata Russian Children's Society**

The large-scale projects of the Ecolyata Russian Children's Society, which operates in all regions of Russia, aim to ensure that children have a caring attitude towards nature and foster a culture of nature-loving in them.

The most active Ecolyata will have the honour of taking part in the opening of the Congress, which will take place on 22 May at Tavrishesky Palace.

On 23 May, the Ecolyata ecological tournament Close to the Amazing will take place at the Universe of Water museum complex.

Also on 23 May, the Krestovsky Island Ecological and Biological Centre will host an exhibition of biotope aquariums designed by the finalists of the 'Living Space' biotope aquarium competition. A master class on creating a biotope aquarium is planned for Congress participants.

# BUSINESS SERVICES



## ROSCONGRESS PHOTO BANK

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The Roscongress Foundation provides photography for all events at the 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress.

Photographs are published in the Roscongress photo bank in real time. Images can be displayed by event and date to facilitate browsing.

The photographs are available for viewing and free download in high resolution, and may be freely used, provided a reference to the Roscongress Foundation is included.

 [photo.roscongress.org](http://photo.roscongress.org)



## BROADCASTS OF CONGRESS EVENTS

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A live broadcast of the plenary session and other business programme events, as well as the broadcast archive, will be available in English:

- in the '[Business programme](#)' section of the official Congress website;
- on the [Roscongress Foundation website](#).

The archive of broadcasts will be available on the Congress website and the event page on the website of the Roscongress Foundation.



## INTERNET ACCESS

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Internet access is available free of charge at the Congress venue.

Network (SSID): **Ecocongress**

Password: **congress25**



## HOLDING PRESS EVENTS

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Participants may reserve specially designated spaces at the Congress venue to hold press events, book protocol and organizational support services for agreement signing ceremonies and press conferences are also available. **The services are free of charge and subject to availability of spaces at the time of request.**

### PRESS CENTRE



Tavrishesky Palace, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, west (right) wing, hall 11

### PRESS POINT



Tavrishesky Palace, Ekaterininsky Hall

## SME COOPERATION

### NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

**The SME Cooperation B2B service** is a project that the Roscongress Foundation is implementing to support small and medium-sized businesses. The platform brings together Russian and foreign companies to develop business and industrial cooperation, attract investment, and exchange technologies.

Support is provided by the SME Corporation and Roscongress Foundation. Project participants create their own cards, after which they can view the register and see what other companies offer.

**The service is free** and available to all users of the [Roscongress personal account](#).

Create a company business card, view offers from other participants, and start intensifying your business cooperation and collaboration!

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICE?

#### Convenient format

**A networking platform register** is formed through cooperation between suppliers and customers, and is continuously updated with the latest data. The register serves as an online shop window, providing a convenient search function for essential goods, services, suppliers, contractors, investors, and more.

#### Foreign business contacts

The SME networking platform not only offers unique goods and services sold in Russia's remote regions but also provides an opportunity to establish cooperation with foreign companies.

#### Speed of getting into direct contact with decision-makers

Thanks to the well-established delegate-management mechanisms of the Roscongress Foundation team, participants of the SME networking platform can engage in negotiations at the Roscongress Foundation venues in a seamless "here and now" format, reducing the time and effort required to organize a meeting.

#### Partners and investors

Post information about your company and products to attract new partners and investors from Russia and other countries.



### Product search

More than 5,100 verified Russian manufacturers and suppliers.

### Quick access

Access to requests from private companies and retail chains for finished products or components with the ability to respond to them.

**The more information you provide about your offer and needs, the higher your chances of finding customers, suppliers, and new sales channels. It will also boost your opportunities to offer your services, giving you a better chance to expand your business and strengthen your position in the market.**

## HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SERVICE?

1. You can apply in your [Roscongress personal account](#) (the SME Cooperation tab) by filling in the participant's card according to the following pattern:
  - General information about the company;
  - Information on the company's goods, services and projects;
  - Information on the demand for the company's goods, services, and suppliers, the preparedness/willingness to enter new markets, etc.
2. After entering your goods/services information, you can learn more about the goods/services cards that have already been created and other companies' needs for goods/services.
3. **The goods and services information** section provides company registers by category (non-food goods/food/services) based on the goods and services cards that are generated. With their help, you will be able to:
  - Find the items you need with the sorting function and exchange contacts;
  - Communicate directly with decision-makers;
  - Schedule significant **meetings at the Congress venue** and discuss details of cooperation in the comfort of the business lounges.

## BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM

In 2024, the service 'SME Cooperation' was supplemented with a new functionality: access to the Business Partnership Platform section on the MSP.RF Digital Platform, which creates new opportunities for your business.

**If your business is registered in Russia**, log in through the Gosuslugi portal.

**If your business is registered outside of Russia**, go through the verification process via the [Roscongress personal account](#).

You do not need to re-enter your company's details on the Business Partnership Platform. The data will be automatically retrieved from your Roscongress personal account, provided you have given consent for data transfer.

## ROSCONGRESS MOBILE APP



The Roscongress mobile app is an information, communication, and service platform for participants of all events organized by the Foundation.

The mobile app is available for downloading in **the App Store and Google Play (search term: roscongress)**. All the app's functions and features are fully available after entering the [Roscongress personal account](#) login and password.



Key app features:

- Information on all Roscongress Foundation events;
- Private and group chat features, enabling you to communicate with other Congress participants;
- Access to the latest event programme;
- Video broadcasts of business events;
- Meeting scheduler;
- The ability to exchange contacts with other participants;
- View a map of the Congress venue.

### REMINDER

Select the event type 'Reminder' to set up a reminder in the 'Day planner' section on the mobile application when creating an event.

## INFORMATION AND SERVICES POINTS

-  Tavrichesky Palace, Kupolny Hall
-  Parliamentary Centre, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

At information and services points, participants can obtain information on the Congress programme, available services, directions around the Congress venue and other sites, and also:

- copy and print documents;
- record information to electronic media;
- learn about things lost and found at the venue (Tavrichesky Palace, Kupolny Hall);
- charge mobile devices (Tavrichesky Palace, Kupolny Hall);
- carry out a business trip registration (Tavrichesky Palace, Kupolny Hall).

## ROSCONGRESS.ORG INFORMATION AND ANALYTICAL SYSTEM

**The Roscongress Information and Analytical System is a unique Roscongress Foundation knowledge base.**

The Roscongress IAS provides quick and easy access to all resources related to major business events in Russia that are organized by the Roscongress Foundation.

Features of the interactive knowledge base:

- descriptions of **7,000+** sessions across more than **280** topics covering global and national development;
- talks, interviews, and insights from more than **25,000** speakers;
- research studies, articles, analytical digests, and expert reviews.

**Congress participants and all visitors to the ROSCONGRESS.ORG website have a range of services at their disposal:**

- **Summary:** analytical summaries of key discussions, including overviews of conclusions, objectives, and solutions.
- **Analytical digests:** a selection of analytical materials dedicated to important comprehensive studies on the business agenda of the forums.
- **Video broadcasts of business programme events** and the broadcast archive. Broadcasts are available in the 'Programme' section of the event website.
- **Search video broadcasts:** a feature enabling the user to search for information of interest within videos of events.
- **Official business directory of the portal.**
- **The Roscongress Blog:** interviews with famous people from the world of culture, sport and science, fascinating stories about the cities and regions in which congresses are held, and articles about the lifestyles of businesspeople.

Congress participants are able to use unique services and appreciate the advantages of the ROSCONGRESS.ORG Information and Analytical System in their mobile phones, tablets and computers.

 [roscongress.org](http://roscongress.org)

## SPECIAL STATUS FOR ROSCONGRESS FOUNDATION EVENT PARTICIPANTS

Companies with Special Status are included in the ROSCONGRESS.ORG Information and Analytical System's business catalogue (Companies section). Strengthen your company's brand and unlock its potential by joining an authoritative portal's ecosystem.

**Benefits of being published in the Companies section:**

- The creation of a separate company webpage in the ROSCONGRESS.ORG business catalogue;
- Information published about the company, including activities, history, and areas of expertise;
- The ability to publish analytical materials and expert commentaries\*;
- The ability to take advantage of the Roscongress Foundation's marketing capabilities;
- Strengthen participants' online presence;
- Raise brand awareness and visibility of the company's senior executives and experts;
- Have your company associated with the country's biggest events.

*\* Materials must not contain information aimed at either promoting the company or its goods and services for advertising purposes. **Take a leadership approach to progress and advancement!***

Take advantage of the resources offered on ROSCONGRESS.ORG. Benefit from a wealth of expert information and share experience on analytics and artificial intelligence. Get your expertise, experience, ideas and innovations noticed by the Roscongress Foundation website's target audience.

**For more detailed information, see:**



[roscongress.org](https://roscongress.org)



[roscongress.org/about/vip-status](https://roscongress.org/about/vip-status)



## CLOAKROOM

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Tavrishesky Palace, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, east (left) wing

**There is no luggage room on the Congress venue.** We kindly ask you to leave voluminous items at your accommodation or in the car.



## FIRST AID

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Tavrishesky Palace, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, room 211

Ambulances will be stationed near the event venue for the duration of Congress.



## PRAYER ROOMS

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Prayer room for men:



Tavrishesky Palace, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, west (right) wing

Prayer room for women:



Tavrishesky Palace, ground floor, foyer

# TRANSPORT



## CAR RENTAL

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Participants of the 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress can rent a chauffeur-driven car.

**The price of the transport service includes:**

- rental of a vehicle with a driver;
- car and driver accreditation;
- all petrol and car wash expenses;
- vehicle disinfection and handling in accordance with official Rospotrebnadzor (Russian Federal Service for the Oversight of Consumer Protection and Welfare) recommendations, including personal protective equipment (PPE);
- 24-hour professional dispatch and consultations on any questions regarding both the vehicle and the driver.

To submit an application, please go to the 'My events' section of the [Roscongress personal account](#) and select 11<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress. Next, go to the 'Event dashboard' section and download an application form in the 'Car rental' section, then email it to [autobooking@ecocongress.info](mailto:autobooking@ecocongress.info).




Contact RC Service for more information on vehicle rental conditions:

☎ +7 (495) 108 4848

✉ [autobooking@ecocongress.info](mailto:autobooking@ecocongress.info)

## **SHUTTLE BUSES**


On the days of the NIEC, regular free shuttle buses for Congress participants and media representatives will run between transport hubs located within the St. Petersburg limits and the venue of the event.

 <b>Hotels → Tavrishesky Palace → hotels</b>		Frequency:
 22–23 May, 08:00–20:00		30 min.
Route 1.1 (St. Isaac's Square)	Astoria/Angleterre – SO/ St. Petersburg – Petro Palace Hotel	 Tavrishesky Palace
Route 1.2 (St. Isaac's Square)	Dashkova Residence – Renartiss Isaakiy St. Petersburg – Lotte Hotel St. Petersburg – Four Seasons Hotel Lion Palace St. Petersburg	
Route 1.3 (Nevsky Avenue)	Cosmos Selection St. Petersburg Nevsky Royal Hotel – Corinthia St. Petersburg – Cosmos St. Petersburg Nevsky Hotel	
Route 1.4 (Central district)	Okhtinskaya – Radisson Sonya Hotel, St. Petersburg – INDIGO St. Petersburg – Tchaikovskogo – Harbor Club Hotel – Grand Hotel Emerald	
Route 1.5 (Vladimirsky district)	Ambassador – Dostoevsky – Helvetia – Crown Hotel – Apart Hotel UNO	
Route 1.6 (Mikhaylovsky Skver)	Grand Hotel Moika 22 – Cosmos Selection St. Petersburg Italiyanskaya – Grand Hotel Europe	
Route 1.7 (Vilievsky Island)	River Palace Hotel	

The shuttle bus timetable may be subject to change. The shuttle bus timetable may be subject to change. Please check the latest timetable in the '[Shuttle buses](#)' section on the NIEC website.



Uniformed transport coordinators with identification signs will be on duty at shuttle bus departure points.


 Transport services stand (Tavrishesky Palace, Kupolny Hall)

## DINING AT THE VENUE

During the breaks between the sessions on 22 and 23 May, **free catering in the format of coffee break** will be organized for participants. As well as participants will be offered **free lunches for participants**. Shatyor restaurant at Tavrishesky Palace will provide free lunches for participants only if they book a time slot in advance using [the link](#).

### COFFEE BREAK (FREE OF CHARGE)


 Tavrishesky Palace, Ekaterininsky Hall

 22–23 May, 09:00–16:00

Catering format: hot and cold drinks, light snacks.

### SHATYOR RESTAURANT

 Tavrishesky Palace, west (right) wing

 22–23 May, 11:00–18:00

Catering format: lunch set menu.

Lunches at Shatyor restaurant are only available for Congress participants if they book in advance using [the link](#). Lunches are arranged by time slots.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

Rescue service (for mobile phone users): **112**

Fire brigade: **101** (for mobile phone users), **01**

Police: **102** (for mobile phone users), **02**

Ambulance: **103** (from mobile phones), **03**

St. Petersburg Tourist Information Bureau: **+7 (812) 242 3906** (Mon–Sat 10:00–19:00)

### CURRENCY AND BANK CARD TRANSACTIONS

#### CURRENCY EXCHANGE

The official currency in Russia is the Russian ruble with banknotes in denominations of 10, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1,000, 2,000, and 5,000 roubles. Current information on exchange rates can be obtained on the website of the Central Bank of Russia: [cbr.ru](http://cbr.ru).

### Please note the following currency exchange restrictions in the Russian Federation:

- It is not possible to withdraw roubles/foreign currency at an ATM or receive cash at a point of sale using Mastercard or Visa cards issued outside of Russia. These cards can also not be used for the payment of goods and services in Russia.
- Only cash in US dollars or euros can be freely exchanged for cash in roubles in most banks in Russia. Some bank offices can exchange Chinese yuan, United Arab Emirates dirham, Turkish lira and cash in other currencies.
- For currency exchange operations you must present an identity document. If the exchange exceeds the equivalent of USD 10,000, it must be declared in writing.

### BANK CARDS

Given the existing restrictions on the use of foreign bank cards in Russia, we recommend that you carry cash with you for the entire duration. Mir and UnionPay cards in any currency work without restrictions in Russia.

Congress participants are advised, where possible, to apply for a card or bring an existing card from either of these payment systems.

*Please note the UnionPay cards are not accepted at all retail outlets. Additionally, failures may occur when using these cards, and transactions may not go through.*

### WEATHER IN ST. PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg has a humid coastal climate. Average air temperature at the end of May is +16...+18 °C. Due to the city's geographic position and its proximity to the Baltic Sea an extreme change of weather is possible. We recommend Congress guests to bring warm clothing and an umbrella with them.

### DRAWBRIDGE SCHEDULE

A slew of drawbridges is an integral part of the main waterways of St. Petersburg. Therefore, when moving around the city center at night, you should take into account the actions of sea and river navigation and check your route with the schedule of the bridges.

The bridge schedule is subject to change. For the latest information, see:

 [en.mostotrest-spb.ru](http://en.mostotrest-spb.ru)

NAME OF BRIDGE	TIME WHEN BRIDGE IS RAISED
Alexander Nevsky	02:20–05:10
Blagoveshchensky	01:25–02:45; 03:10–05:00
Birzhevoy	02:00–02:55; 03:35–04:55
Bolsheokhtinsky	02:00–05:00
Volodarsky	02:00–03:45; 04:15–05:30
Dvortsovy	01:10–02:50; 03:10–04:55
Liteiny	01:40–04:45
Troitsky	01:20–04:50
Tuchkov	02:00–02:55; 03:35–04:55

## **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

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The Congress venue is furnished with modern safety equipment, including video surveillance and fire extinguishing systems.

In case of evacuation announcement, participants should:

- Keep calm and follow instructions of the Congress staff, the police and other persons responsible for maintaining public order and fire safety as well as the voice alarm instructions.
- Not interfere with rescue personnel, police and transport operations.
- Leave the venue according to the evacuation plans and follow the exit signs.
- Give way to vehicles with sound and light signalling devices.

We ask you to immediately report smoke, fire or any suspicious objects by dialling 112 on your mobile device and notify the Congress staff.

This information is valid as of 22 May 2025.

The latest information about the Congress can be found on the official website: [ecocongress.info](https://ecocongress.info).



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