

## EXPERT MEETING PROGRAM

### *Russian and European Policy Towards the Middle East*

September 23, 2013

“Alexander House” Business Center, Off. 1.57

1, Bolshaya Yakimanka str., Moscow

10.00 a.m – 10.30 a.m.	<i>Welcome coffee</i>
10.30 a.m – 10.45 a.m.	<p><i>Expert meeting opening / Welcoming remarks</i></p> <p><b>Andrey Kortunov</b>, Director General, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)</p> <p><b>Daniel Levy</b>, Head, Middle East and North America Program, European Council on Foreign Relations</p> <p><b>Ivan Timofeev</b>, Program Director, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)</p>
10.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.	<p><i>Points of discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Russian views and policy towards the Middle East;</i></li> <li>• <i>Russian views of European policy towards the region;</i></li> <li>• <i>European perceptions of Russia's role in the Middle East;</i></li> <li>• <i>Scenarios for Syrian future;</i></li> <li>• <i>Areas of potential Russia-European cooperation in the Middle East.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <p><b>Daniel Levy</b>, Head, Middle East and North America Program, European Council on Foreign Relations;</p> <p><b>Alexander Shumilin</b>, Director, Center for the Analysis of Middle East Conflicts, Institute for U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences;</p> <p><b>Veniamin Popov</b>, Director, Center for the Partnership of Civilizations, Moscow State Institute of International Relations;</p> <p><b>Julien Barnes-Dacey</b>, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations;</p> <p><b>Irina Zvyagelskaya</b>, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences;</p> <p><b>Kadri Liik</b>, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations.</p>
12.45 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<i>Conclusions</i>