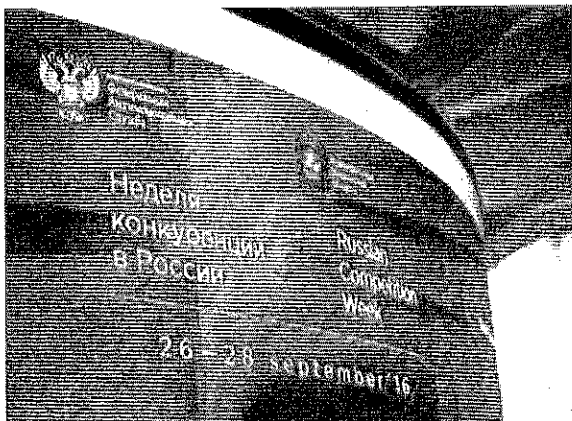


## 1. INTRODUCTION

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The Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS Russia) welcomes all the participants of the International Event «The Russian Competition Week», which will take place in Veliky Novgorod on September 19-21, 2017.

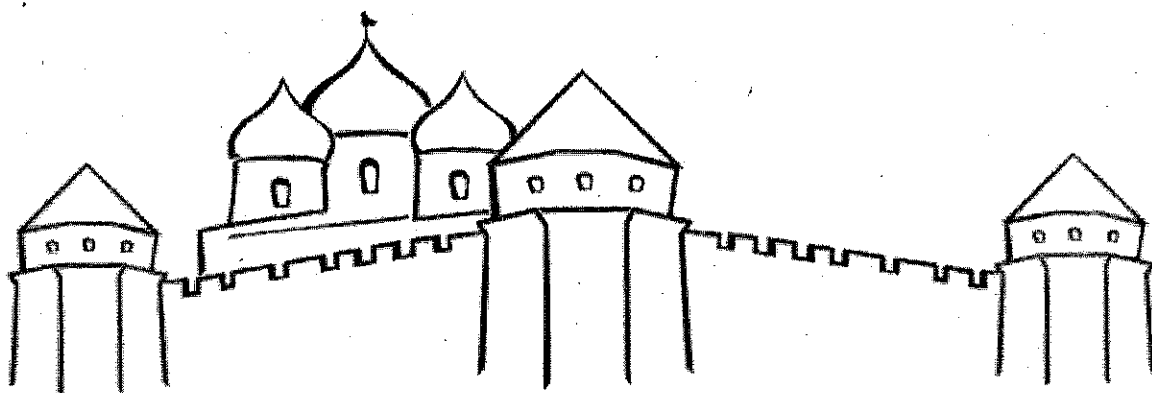
The agenda of the Russian Competition Week will include sessions of International Working Groups on research of competition issues in the ICT sector, in the pharmaceutical sector, as well as on global food value chains.

Within the framework of the Russian Competition Week, the International Round Table on Combating Cartels will be organized, at which participants once again will be able not only discuss how to combat agreements restricting competition, but also conduct investigation of hypothetical cartel case in an interesting game format.

Traditionally, a key moment of the Russian Competition Week's agenda will be the Plenary Session the main topic of which will be "Competition policy in the digital era".

It is worth mention that the Plenary Session will be organized in a historical place located in the heart of the city – in beautiful halls of the Arensky Philharmonic of Novgorod on the territory of the Novgorod Kremlin.

This leaflet contains general information on the Event, transport logistics, as well as background information that may be useful to you.



**Veliky Novgorod** is the ancient city of Russia, large medieval center of trade and craft, city-museum. It is here where first Russian books were written and first birch bark manuscripts – documents written on pieces of the inner layer of birch bark, monuments of writing of Ancient Russia of 11th-15th centuries – are found.

**Novgorod Kremlin** (also Detinets) is the object of the world cultural heritage UNESCO included in Novgorod Museum-reserve. The Philharmonic, regional scientific library and the school of music are located on the territory of Kremlin. Festivals, celebratory events and exhibitions are held in Detinets.

**Cathedral of St. Sophia** is one of the most outstanding monuments of ancient Russian architecture. It is the oldest surviving ancient Russian cathedral on the territory of Russia built by Prince Vladimir, the son of Yaroslav the Wise in 1045-1050.

Since ancient times Novgorod has been divided on 'Sophia' and 'Trade' sides connected to each other by a single pedestrian bridge - the Trade Bridge. While the architectural center of the Sophia side of Novgorod has always been the Detinets, the same role on the Trade side belonged to the architectural ensemble **Yaroslav's court**, located on the right bank of Volkhov river.

One of the most interesting buildings of the late Soviet period of Veliky Novgorod history is the **Novgorod Academic Drama Theatre named after F. Dostoevsky** built in 1987. The building of the theatre is a bright example of Soviet modernist architecture.

## 3. PROGRAMME

<i>September 18 (Monday)</i>	
	Arrival of participants in accordance with individual schedules, accommodation. Guided Tour (optional)
<i>September 19 (Tuesday)</i>	
13.00-14.30	Lunch <i>"Gallery" restaurant, Park Inn Hotel</i>
14.00-16.00	Session of the International Working Group on Research of Competition Issues in the ICT sector <i>Small hall, - 1 floor (Park Inn Hotel)</i>
16.00-18.00	International Roundtable on Combating Cartels, organized by the FAS Russia jointly with the Non-Profit Partnership for Competition Support in the CIS <i>Small hall, - 1 floor (Park Inn Hotel)</i>
19.00-21.00	Reception on behalf of the Governor of the Novgorod region <i>"On the Sun" restaurant, 1 floor (Park Inn Hotel)</i>
<i>September 20 (Wednesday)</i>	
10.00-13.00	Plenary Session <i>Large hall of the Arensky Philharmonic of Novgorod, 2 floor (Novgorod Kremlin, 8)</i>
13.00-15.00	Lunch <i>Ball room of the Philharmonic of Novgorod, 1 floor</i>
15.00-18.00	Novgorod Kremlin Guided Tour
19.00-22.00	Reception on behalf of the FAS Russia <i>Ball room of the Philharmonic of Novgorod, 1 floor</i>
<i>September 21 (Thursday)</i>	
10.00-12.00	Session of the International Working Group on Research of Competition Issues in the Pharmaceutical Sector <i>Small hall, - 1 floor (Park Inn Hotel)</i>
12.00-14.00	Session of the International Working Group on Global Food Value Chains <i>Small hall, - 1 floor (Park Inn Hotel)</i>
14.00-15.00	Lunch <i>"Gallery" restaurant, Park Inn Hotel</i>

15.00-18.00	Tour of the Novgorod Kremlin for foreign participants
19.00-22.00	Dinner <i>"Gallery" restaurant, Park Inn Hotel</i>
<i>September 22 (Friday)</i>	
	Departure of participants in accordance with individual schedules

The Programme of the Russian Competition Week is subject to change. You will be notified in advance about any change. We hope this won't inconvenience you too much.

#### 4. DATES, VENUES OF EVENTS, REGISTRATION

The official part of the Russian Competition Week programme includes activities on September 19-21, 2017

<i>Main venues of the Russian Competition Week from 19 to 21 of September 2017</i>	
September 19, 2017	Park Inn Hotel Veliky Novgorod by Radisson (Studencheskaya st., 2)
September 20, 2017	Arensky Philharmonic of Novgorod, 1 floor (Novgorod Kremlin, 8)
September 21, 2017	Park Inn Hotel Veliky Novgorod by Radisson (Studencheskaya st., 2)

Registration of the participants will start on the day of arrival. We will provide you with badges and necessary materials. **Please note that having a badge with you is obligatory for all the Competition Week's events.**

In case you did not manage to register on the day of arrival, you can register before the beginning of any event during the Russian Competition Week.

#### 5. TRANSPORTATION

The most convenient way for you to get to Veliky Novgorod is from **Saint Petersburg**.

Transfer from the Pulkovo International Airport to the place of accommodation and back will be organized for the participants of the Russian Competition Week.

Upon arrival to the Pulkovo airport, the representatives of the FAS Russia will meet you at the exit from customs controlled area with a sign "The Russian Competition Week" and accompany you to the buses that will bring you to the Park Inn Hotel in Veliky Novgorod. Information on time is still controversial and will be checked and clarified depending on flight details of our guests.

To elaborate details of your transfer to the airport, please contact the representatives of the FAS Russia in accordance with information given in section 8 of the Leaflet.

In case you decide to choose another way to get to Veliky Novgorod, we will try to provide you with all necessary assistance.

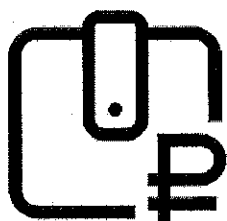
## 6. ACCOMMODATION

**Park Inn Hotel Veliky Novgorod by Radisson** is located in a new part of the city, less than 3 km from the Novgorod Kremlin.



At guests' service is free Wi-Fi throughout the territory of the hotel.

You will need a passport upon check-in at the hotel.



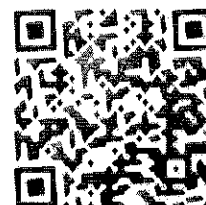
Payment methods: Cash (Russian rubles) and non-cash transactions. There are ATMs in the hotel lobby accepting cards of the VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover Network, Diners Club International, JCB, Union Pay payment systems. The nearest exchange offices: Sberbank (Bolshaya Moskovskaya st., 110), Sberbank (Fedorovsky ruchej 1/13), Slavyanbank (Cheremnova-Konyukhova st., 12)

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## 7. SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMME

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The Programme of the Russian Competition Week will include a number of social events - gala receptions and excursions.

**After the end of the business programme, on September 19, 2017**, a reception on behalf of the Governor of the Novgorod region will be organized in the restaurant "On the Sun", located in Park Inn Hotel.

The restaurant have a picturesque view on the famous Volkhov river which is among the sightseeing places of Veliky Novgorod. It is a historical place associated with the times of the origin of statehood in Russia. Here you will further feel the beauty of Russian nature described in Russian and foreign literature so often.

**On the evening of 20 September 2017**, a reception on behalf of the FAS Russia will be organized in a ballroom of the Novgorod Philharmonic, named after prominent Russian composer, pianist and conductor Anton Arensky, who was native of the Novgorod Province.

In the framework of the excursion program this year the FAS Russia offers to visit Novgorod Kremlin – the main sightseeing place of the city. This is one of the oldest monuments of military-defensive architecture of Russia in XV-XVII centuries.

The Kremlin includes the oldest Church in Russia - St. Sophia Cathedral. On the cross of its central dome, there is a sculpture of a dove, the legend of which, as well as interesting facts related to the history of Cathedral you can learn while visiting the excursion.

We will inform you about date and time of the excursion additionally.

In case you decide to enjoy a guided tour by yourself, you can make use of the services of the "Beresta Travel" tour desk, which is located directly in the Park Inn Hotel.

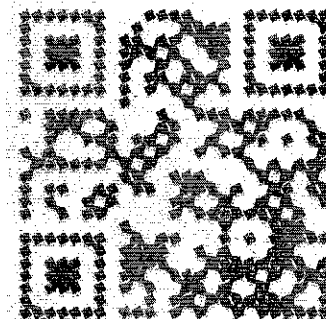
## 8. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the following representatives of the FAS Department for International Economic Cooperation:

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**Website of the Federal Antimonopoly Service**

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## 9. USEFUL INFORMATION

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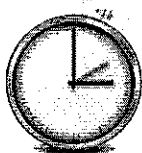


**Climate** of Veliky Novgorod is temperate continental. Winter lasts from the middle of November until the beginning of April. Fall is rather soft and long. Average air temperature in September is +10.3 degrees. The monthly rainfall in September is about 60 mm.



In order to avoid unforeseen situations related to weather conditions' variability, please take to your trip warm clothes and umbrellas.

**Dress code:** The business suit is the recommended dress code for visiting business events of the Russian Competition Week.



**Time zone** of Veliky Novgorod is UTC+3



Smoking is permitted only in specially designated areas.



Official currency of the Russian Federation is Russian ruble. There is a set of currency exchange offices in Veliky Novgorod. The main exchange currencies are US dollar and euro. The exchange rate depends on policy of bank. At currency exchange it is necessary to have a passport. The exchange rate of foreign currencies is: 1 USD  $\approx$  61 RUB; 1 EUR  $\approx$  71 RUB.