

## The International Youth Forum "Brussels Dialogue-2020" will be held in an online/"hybrid" format in October and November 2020

On 9-10 October 2020, we will be honored to present together with the MGIMO-University and the Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Foundation, Global Alumni Alliance the "Brussels Dialogue-2020" forum.

The main theme of the forum is **"Common History and Common Future. 75 years of responsibility for peace"**.

In 2020, in the year of the 75th anniversary of Victory and the end of the Second World War and the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, the forum will be focused on the topic of preservation of historical memory, as well as the role of international cooperation within the UN and the Council of Europe and the role of youth in the 21st century to ensure and develop world peace established after World War II.

"We will talk about how the preservation of historical memory and the rejection of historical distortions will enable us to create the common future that we want to see. Dialogue with European historians, journalists and political scientists who will participate in the forum is particularly important for us here," said Director of the Centre Vera Bunina.

**The uniqueness of the Forum is its "hybrid" format:** the discussions will be held online on **9-10 October**, while the Live Youth Dialogue Concert will be held on the stage of the Russian Centre with all the necessary safety measures for spectators on **20 November 2020**.

The geographical location of the forum and the presence of eminent experts transforms this Brussels event into a truly global event; experts will represent various international organisations of the UN and the Council of Europe and the participants themselves will also come from a wide range of countries across the world.

The Concert evening on 20 November will also be unique: guests will enjoy a dialogue concert in "hybrid" format, where the Belgian music group **"Panienki"** and Russian musicians from the **Tavrida Art Cluster** will perform.

### **The discussion topics are:**

Discussion platform No. 1

**"History lessons: facts and fakes"**

Interactive Platform No. 2

**" WWII Aftershock: the United Nations and the Council of Europe"**

Discussion platform No. 3 and conclusions

**"The role of youth in peace-building: yesterday, today, tomorrow"**

The speakers of the discussion will be representatives of leading European and Russian analytic centres, universities, major national museums and cultural sites.

The Forum will be attended by representatives of youth and student associations, youth councils, journalists, young entrepreneurs, representatives of scientific, political and information circles, experts in various fields.

**Evgeny PRIMAKOV**, Head of Rossotrudnichestvo, **Alexander TOKOVININ**, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary ambassador the Russian Federation to the Kingdom of Belgium, will make a welcome speech.

The moderators of the Forum have been confirmed by such experts as **Gunter GAUBLomme**, Director of the Brussels Diplomatic Academy, **Thierry MONFORTI**, Director of the Academic Service and Admissions Committee of the College of Europe, **Anastasia POPOVA**, Head of the European Bureau VGTRK, **Konstantin KOLPAKOV**, Chairman of the Council of Young Diplomats of the Russian Foreign Ministry.

The forum's experts will be **İlayda ESKITAŞCIOĞLU**, 2020 class **UN Young Leader** for the Sustainable Development Goals, **Elena PONOMAREVA**, professor of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations MGIMO University, **Karl VAN DEN BROECK**, Editor-in-Chief of Apache.be, **Vladimir PAVINSKY**, Deputy Director of the UN Information Centre, **Jan VANHEE**, European and International Youth Policy – EU Youth affairs attaché of the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU, **Pegah MOULANA**, member of the Advisory Council on Youth of Council of Europe, co-leads on the portfolio on the Management Committee with the Russian Federation, **Ivan TIMOFEEV**, Programme Director of the Russian International Affairs Council, **Jovana MAJSTOROVIC**, Member of the Board of the European Youth Forum, **Vladimir CHETY**, Founder and President of the Global Alumni Alliance and others.

**Olivier VAN DER WILT**, expert of War Heritage Institute of the Royal Museum of the Armed Forces and Military History, Breendonk Fort National Memorial, **Emelie WESKI** representatives of **the UN Core Group for Children and Youth**, **Karen N. PONG**, Independent Chair of **Youth Peace Ambassadors Network**, **Jan VANHEE**, European and International Youth Policy – EU Youth affairs attaché of the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU, **Asker TAPOV**, political advisor to the Council of Europe Liaison Office to the EU in Brussels, **Lina ACHOUR**, UN Youth Delegate from Belgium and others will participate.

Not less important, the Global Alumni Alliance in cooperation with the National Youth Council of Russia will hold a **foresight session** about the resolution of issues and prediction of the future. The participants will be asked to develop historical models: what will be the memory of **the Second World War in 100 years**, what will be the **UN in 2045**.

The Gorchakov Foundation will hold a **Dialogue atelier** with forum participants: a group discussion on the preservation of history: "Memory and lessons of the Second World War". The experts will be **Daria LOBANOVA**, Deputy Executive Director of the Gorchakov Foundation and **Alexei FENENKO**, Associate Professor of the Faculty of World Policy at Lomonosov Moscow State University, member of the Gorchakov Club.

The participants will be invited to **"PEACE CineClub"** to watch a documentary **"Nuremberg. 70 years after"** by **Aleksandr Zvyagintsev** on the current peace agenda with further discussion.

The online event will take place on the ZOOM webinar platform with broadcasts on [www.ruscentre.be](http://www.ruscentre.be) and on the social media Facebook and Instagram **@RusCentreBrussels**.

**Media representatives** can take part in the video conference remotely with prior accreditation. A personal mobile number with WhatsApp installed is required upon registration.

#### **Reference and accreditation:**

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The online discussion will take place in English and be accompanied by simultaneous translation into Russian. In case you require translation into English, please let us know when accrediting.

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