



State Policy Developments

The Government Shapes Organizational Scheme for the "Digital Economy" Program

On August 28, 2017, the Russian Government issued resolution #1030 "On the Management System for Implementation of the program "Digital Economy of the Russian Federation".

The following distribution of responsibilities of the major state bodies involved in the program was indicated in the document:

- Analytical Centre under the Government of the Russian Federation will act as the project office for the program. The Centre shall also supervise over development of the IT system connecting all participants of the program;
The Ministry of Economic Development will be responsible for elaboration of appropriate regulations and "Personnel and Education" area of the program;
The Ministry of Telecom and Mass Communications will be responsible for the following areas: "Formation of research competences and technological ground", "IT infrastructure" and "IT Security".

The state plans to initiate establishment of a non-commercial SPV called "Digital Economy" until the end of September 2017 in order to elaborate action plans in the course of implementation of the program. Before that, the special sub-commission on the digital economy under the Governmental Commission on the Use of IT Technologies will be responsible for related activities.

The dedicated SPV is supposed to be established by a number of key players in the IT and IT-intensive sectors. At present, the following players are expected to participate: Yandex, Mail.ru Group, Rambler & Co., Rostec, Rosatom, Sberbank, Rostelecom, Skolkovo Fund and the Agency of Strategic Initiatives.

In its turn, the SPV will be responsible for establishment of so-called "centres of competences" that shall offer specific activities in the course of the program and implement them afterwards. For instance, the centre of competences on the IT security is being organized under Sberbank, the largest Russian bank.

The SPV shall also organize working groups involved in elaboration of action plans and coordinate their activities, as well as provide annual assessment of effectiveness of the program.

The full list of responsibilities of all parties involved in implementation of the project is provided in the text of the resolution.

Description of the Resolution #1030 at website of the Russian Government: Original (Rus)| Google Translate

Text of the Resolution #1030 at website of the Russian Government: Original (Rus)| Google Translate

Business Environment

The Russian Government approves official macroeconomic forecast until 2020

On August 31, 2017, The Russian Ministry of Economic Development disclosed the key indicators of the updated macroeconomic forecast until 2020. The forecast was approved by the Russian Government and is likely to be used in the course of the federal budget drafting for 2018.

The Ministry substantially revised the official GDP projections for 2017-2020 while expecting the growth rates below the world's average. Under the baseline scenario, the Russian GDP is projected to grow by 2.1% in 2017 and 2018, 2.2% in 2019 and 2.3% in 2020 (1.5% growth in 2018-2020 was projected previously).

The Urals crude oil price is projected at USD 49 per barrel in 2017 (USD 45.6 under the previous forecast), USD 43.8 per barrel in 2018, USD 41.6 per barrel in 2019 and USD 42.4 per barrel in 2020.

The Ministry primarily explains the positive correction of the GDP forecast by better dynamics of investment activities. The investment in fixed capital is projected to grow by 4.1% in 2017, 4.7% in 2018, 5.6% in 2019 and 5.7% in 2020 (the growth about 2% was projected in April 2017).

The inflation projection for 2017 was slightly revised to 3.7% (3.8% under previous forecast), while for 2018-2020 it was retained at the level of the Central Bank's target (4.0%).

The RUR/USD exchange rate is expected at 59.7 in 2017 (64.2 previously), 64.7 in 2018, 66.9 in 2019 and 68 in 2020.

The industrial production growth is expected at the level of 2% in 2017 and 2.5% in 2018-2020.

Forecast at website of the Russian Ministry of Economic Development: Original (Rus) | Google Translate

Dedicated article at website of Kommersant newspaper: Original (Rus)| Google Translate

Dedicated articles at website of RBC new agency: (1) Original (Rus)|Google Translate, (2) Original (Rus)|Google Translate

The Russian Central Bank takes over one of the largest private banks providing emergency aid

On August 30, 2017, it was announced that for the first time in the modern Russian history a private bank was taken over by the Russian Central Bank in the course of the bailout procedure instead of being taken by another financial institution or Deposit Insurance Agency (ASV).

The bank in question is Otkritie that held 6th place by assets in Russia as of June 1, 2017 being the largest private lender and residing among 10 selected "systemically important"



Russian banks. The bank was expanding rapidly in the recent years primarily by means of M&A activities financing acquisitions with the use of external funds. As a result, Otkritie faced the lack of own capital.

The Central Bank plans to secure financial stability of Otkritie being in the role of investor and using the Fund of Consolidation of the Financial Sector.

Dedicated press-release of the Russian Central Bank: [Original](#) (Eng)

Dedicated article at Bloomberg: [Original](#) (Eng)

Reports and Forecasts on Russia Traced by Factosphere

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28.08.2017	The Russian Ministry of Economic Development	Picture of the economy. July 2017	Original (Rus, pdf)
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