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wip - Study Mission

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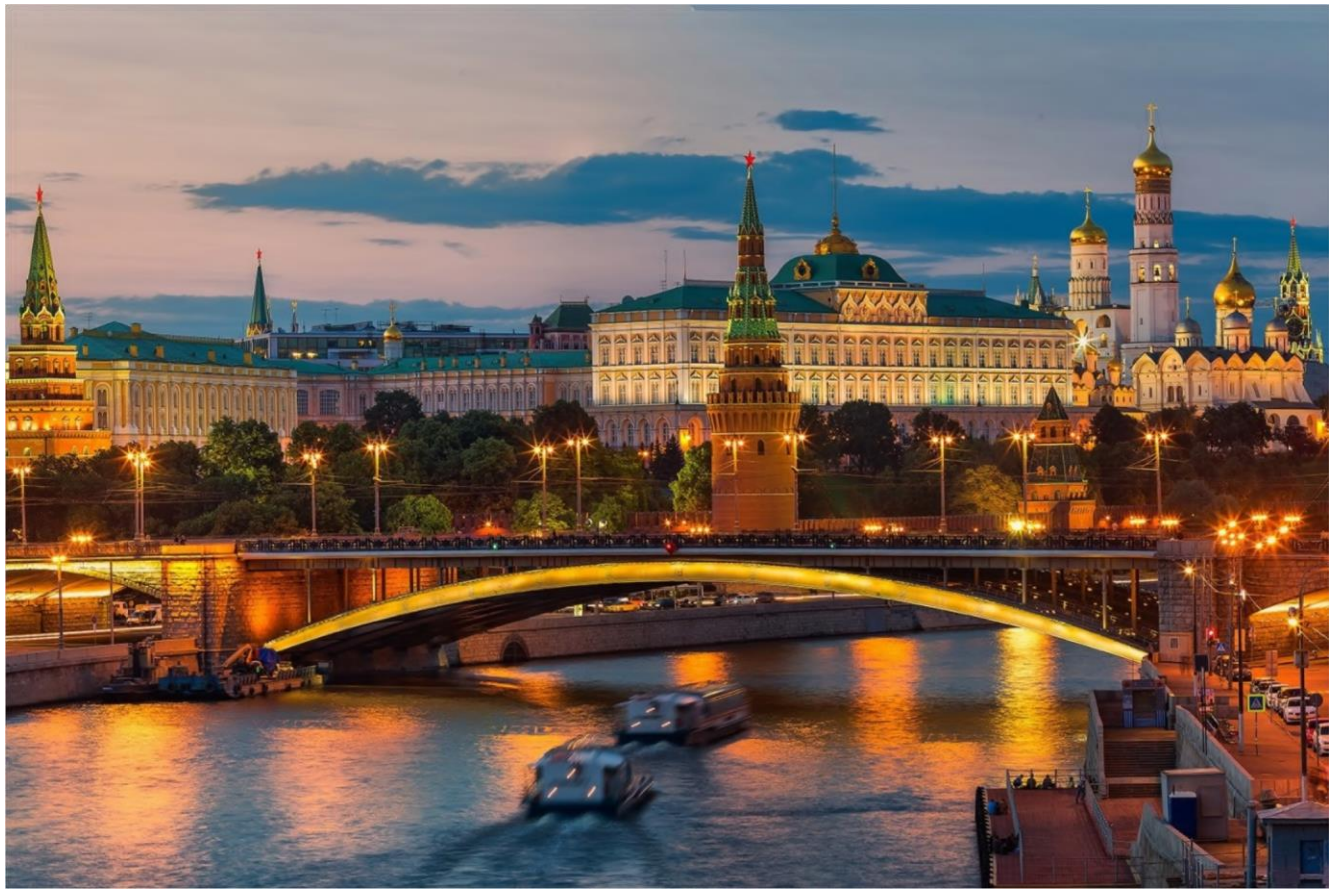
Moscow - Russia

19 - 26 September, 2021



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About the wip - Study Mission

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Our WiP - Study missions are part of an **innovative training format** devised to offer to university students the opportunity to come face-to-face with today's most pressing challenges in international relations.

They are based on a **hands-on approach to learning**, in which students become the protagonists in the dialogue with key interlocutors in institutions, diplomacy, global business and civil society.

Participation in a WiP - Study Mission project means:

Why Moscow?

After the fall of the Soviet Union, and a period of deep economic and cultural crisis, the Russian Federation has regained its **leading role in the international arena**. Today Moscow is, along with Washington and Beijing, one of the three centers of world power.

Historically, Moscow has always been a pole of power centralization, as it was the capital of the USSR, the protagonist of the Cold War. Moscow kept its status of capital of the biggest country of the world since 1991.

Several elements define the influence of Russia in world politics: **the permanent seat in the UN Security Council, the possession of the world biggest nuclear arsenal, its military industry and arms market and the leading position in oil and gas production** make Moscow the best place for a Study Mission addressed to students who want to discover more about **Europe's ambivalent neighbor.**

Moscow is also the biggest city of Europe and, with over 15mln inhabitants, it is characterized by a **galvanizing dynamism**. Restored Soviet monuments dominate the cityscape, alongside futuristic skyscrapers, which represent the revitalization of Russian power in Putin era.

Moscow is **fierce of its cultural identity**, which is nor European nor precisely Russian, but a mix coming from different regions of the former Soviet Union, which makes Moscow unique.

Target of the wip - Study Mission

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The WiP - Study Mission project will help students to understand the **mechanisms of power of the Russian economic and political leadership** and will orient participants to elaborate analysis on controversial topics: transatlantic relations with the US, Russian influence in foreign electoral processes and its role in war-torn countries.

The stay in Moscow will also be a unique opportunity to interact with **Russia's ruling class**.
By the end of the program, students will have gained a deeper understanding of Europe's most influential neighbor.

The goal of the project is to allow participants to **open their minds and leave the pre-existing narrative behind**. We will try to understand what obstacles hinder the cooperation with the EU and what are the future prospects, in light of the recent isolationist and populist tendencies, that seem to have taken hold all over the world, from the United States to Europe and look at Russia as the main political partner.

Participants will also have the opportunity to discover in practice how **dialogue and collaboration constitute always an asset**: the extraordinary economic and commercial partnership between Russia and the EU, despite the ongoing sanctions regime, make this relationship inevitable and – you will realize – even indispensable.

Our partners

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The Italian-Russian Chamber of Commerce (CCIR) aims to contribute to the development of economic, commercial, technical, legal, scientific and cultural collaboration between Italy, the Russian Federation and other CIS States, as well as among the operators of these countries and encourages the creation of a climate of trust and active collaboration between Italian and Russian entrepreneurs.

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Associazione Diplomatici, an NGO with special consultative status in the United Nations Economic and Social Council, which has trained more than 30,000 students coming from more than 100 countries, since2000.

At a Glance

MOSCOW

19 – 26 September, 2021

Duration: *7 days*

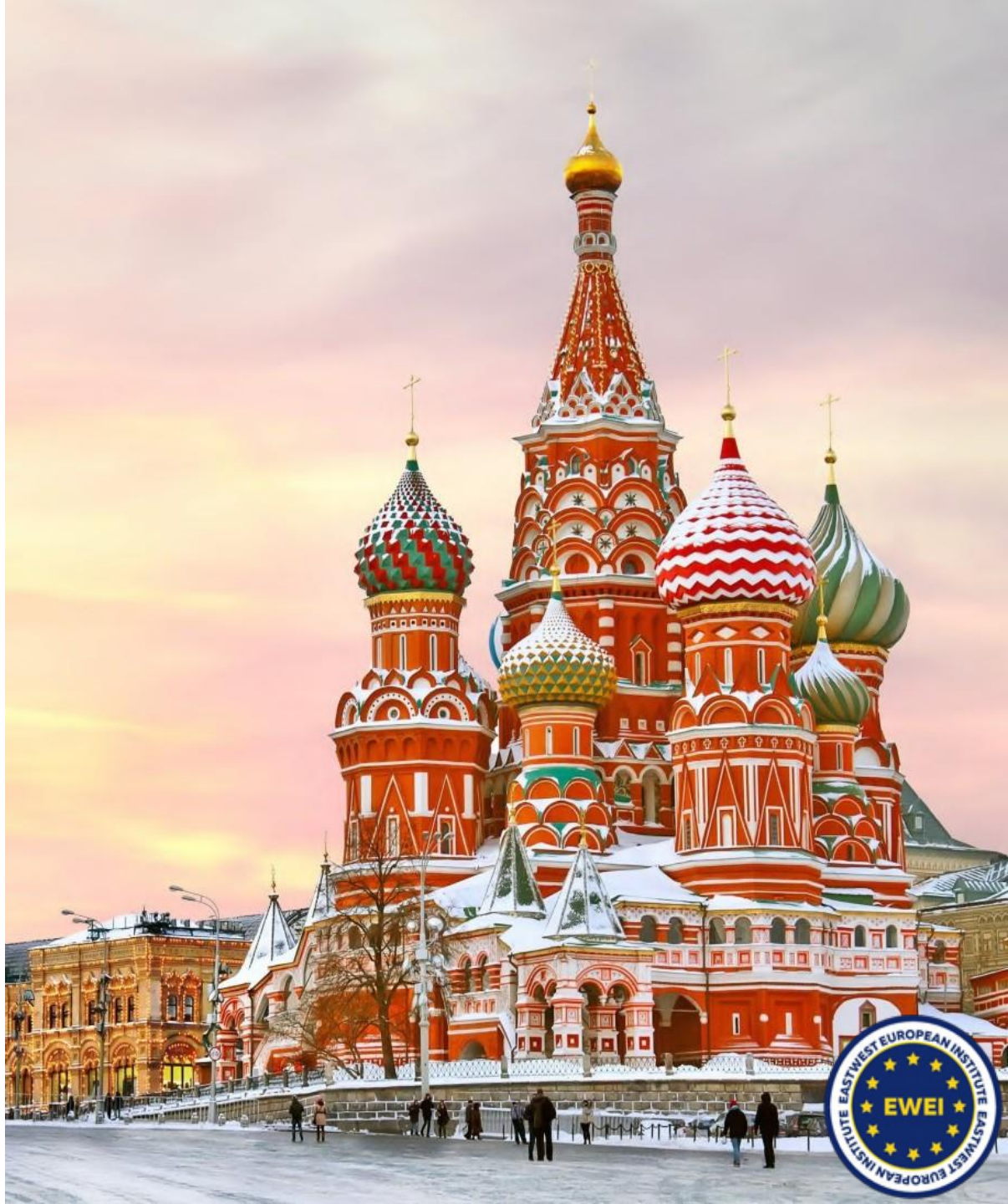
Course elements: pre-departure course + study mission + simulation game

Partecipants: max. 35

Language: English

Fee: €1550

Accomodation: tbd



Program

The structure of the WiP - Study Mission is divided into three parts:

- A webinar course held by experts, specialized in Russian history, organized in 4 lessons, with special focus on the relations between Russia and the West.

- In Moscow, 7 days of meetings with institutions, diplomats, managers, professors and opinion makers.

- Site-visits to historically important areas of the city, exploring secrets and peculiarities of the local communities, religion and culture.

Itinerary Plan

Sunday, September 19

Arrival in Moscow

Afternoon: hotel check-in
Location: tbd

17:00 – 18:00 kick-off meeting with EWEI tutor and the Chairman of eastwest European Institute, Giuseppe Scognamiglio.
Location: Hotel

18:00 – 19:00 Meeting with Mr. Dmitry Petrov, translator and interpreter
Topic: Introduction to Russian Language
Location: Hotel

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Itinerary Plan

Monday, September 20

Morning:

10:00 – 12:00 Meeting with Professor Sergey Karaganov and Professor Dmitry Suslov.
Topic: Role of Russia in the Eurasian Economic Integration and general philosophy and priorities of Russian Foreign Policy.
Location: Higher School of Economics – Faculty of World Economics, 17, Malaya Ordynka Ulitsa

Afternoon:

15:00 – 17:00 Meeting with Mr. Igor Neverov and the Russian Young Diplomats
Location: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Smolenskaya-Sennaya sq., H. 30, building 2

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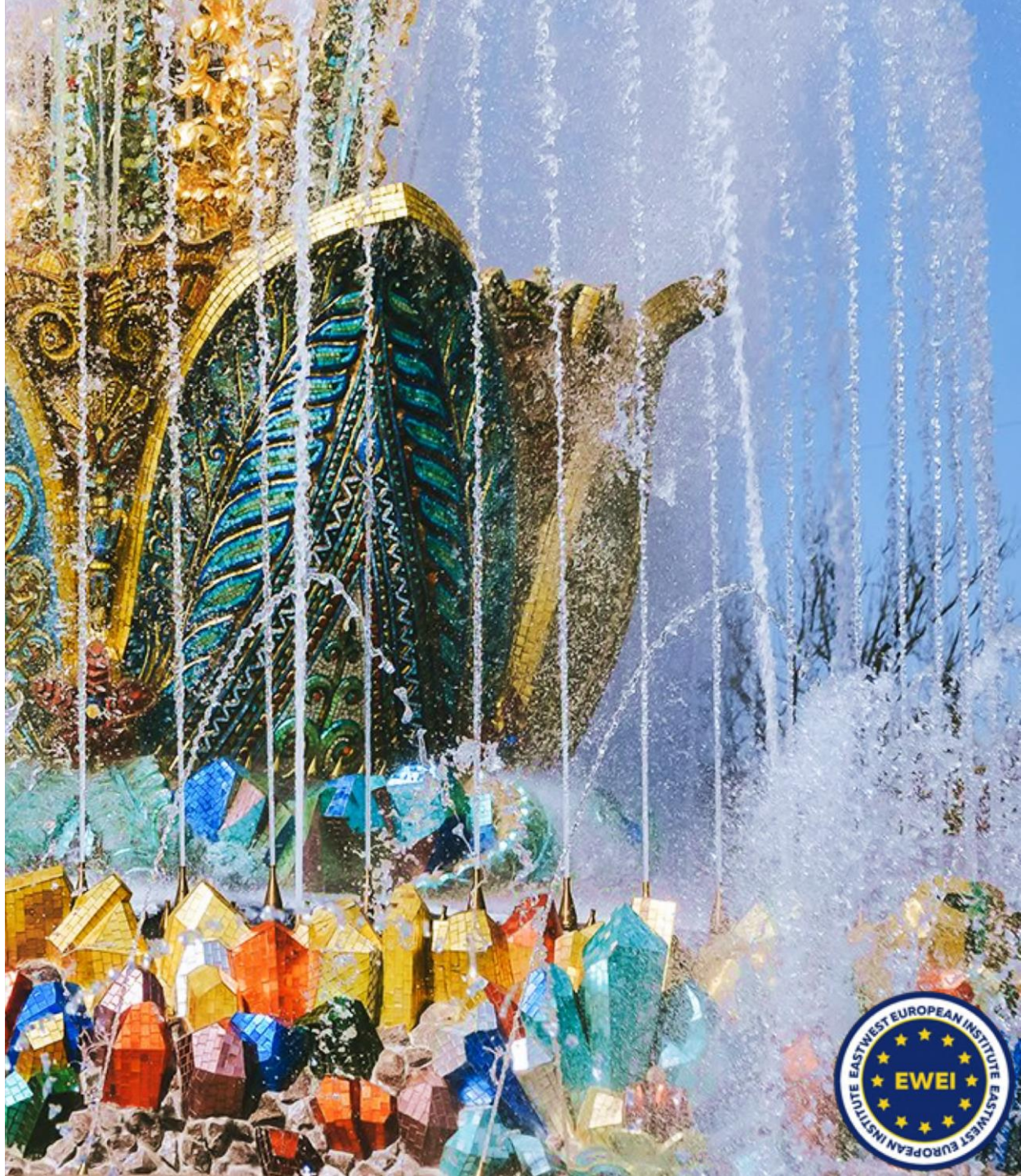

Itinerary Plan

Tuesday, September 21

Morning:

10:00 – 11:30 Meeting with H.E. Igor Sergeevich Ivanov
Topic: Overview on Russian foreign policy and long-term goals with a special focus on the Arctic
Location: RIAC, Yakimanka St.1, Moscow, 119180

12:00 – 13:30 Meeting with Ambassador Markus Ederer, Ambassador of the European Union to Russia
Topic: Russia – EU relations
Location: Kadashevskaya embankment, 14/1

Afternoon:

15:30 – 17:00 Meeting with Andrea Diamanti, CEO of Unicredit Bank
Topic: Russian banking system
Location: 9 Prechistenskaya Naberezhnaya, Moscow 119034

18:30 – 20:30 Meeting with and cocktail offered by Ambassador Pasquale Terracciano, , Ambassador of Italy to the Russian Federation
Topic: Russia & Italy bilateral relations
Location: Denezhny Pereulok, 5

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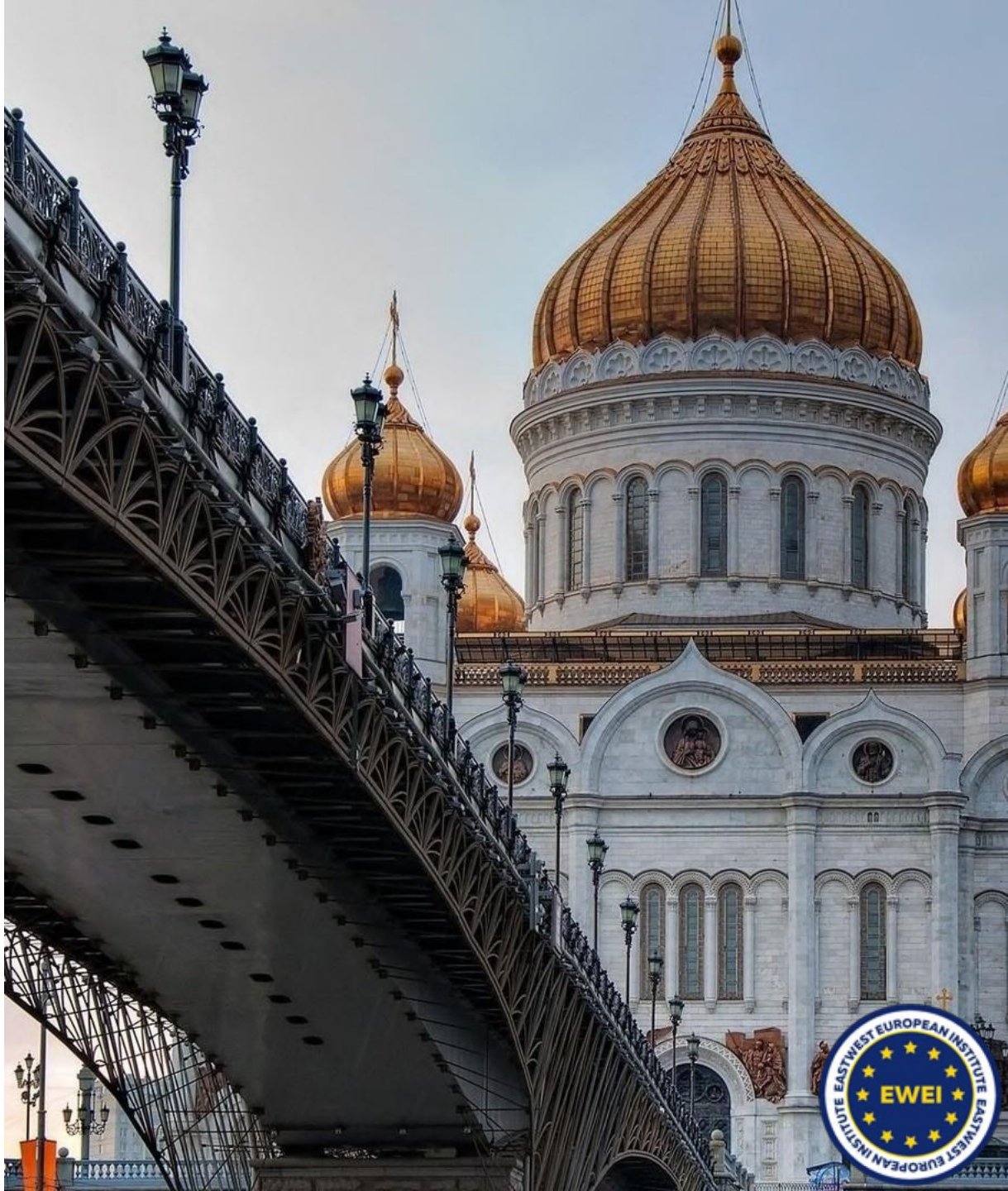

Itinerary Plan

Wednesday, September 22

Morning:

10:30 – 12:00 Meeting with Prof. Mark Entin, professor, former Ambassador of Russia to Luxembourg;
Topic: Russian foreign policy, with a focus on the role of Russia in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the Council of Europe
Location: MGIMO, Prospekt Vernadskogo, 76

Afternoon:

14:30 – 16:00 Meeting with Mr. Mikhail Alekseev, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Russia
Topic: How open is the russian financial sector to foreign investments
Location: Bank of Russia, 12 Neglinnaya Street, Moscow, 107016

16:30 – 18:00 Meeting with Mr. Lev Gudkov and Mr. Alexeey Levinson
Topic: Social changes in modern Russia
Location: Levada Center, Nikolskaya Ulitsa 17

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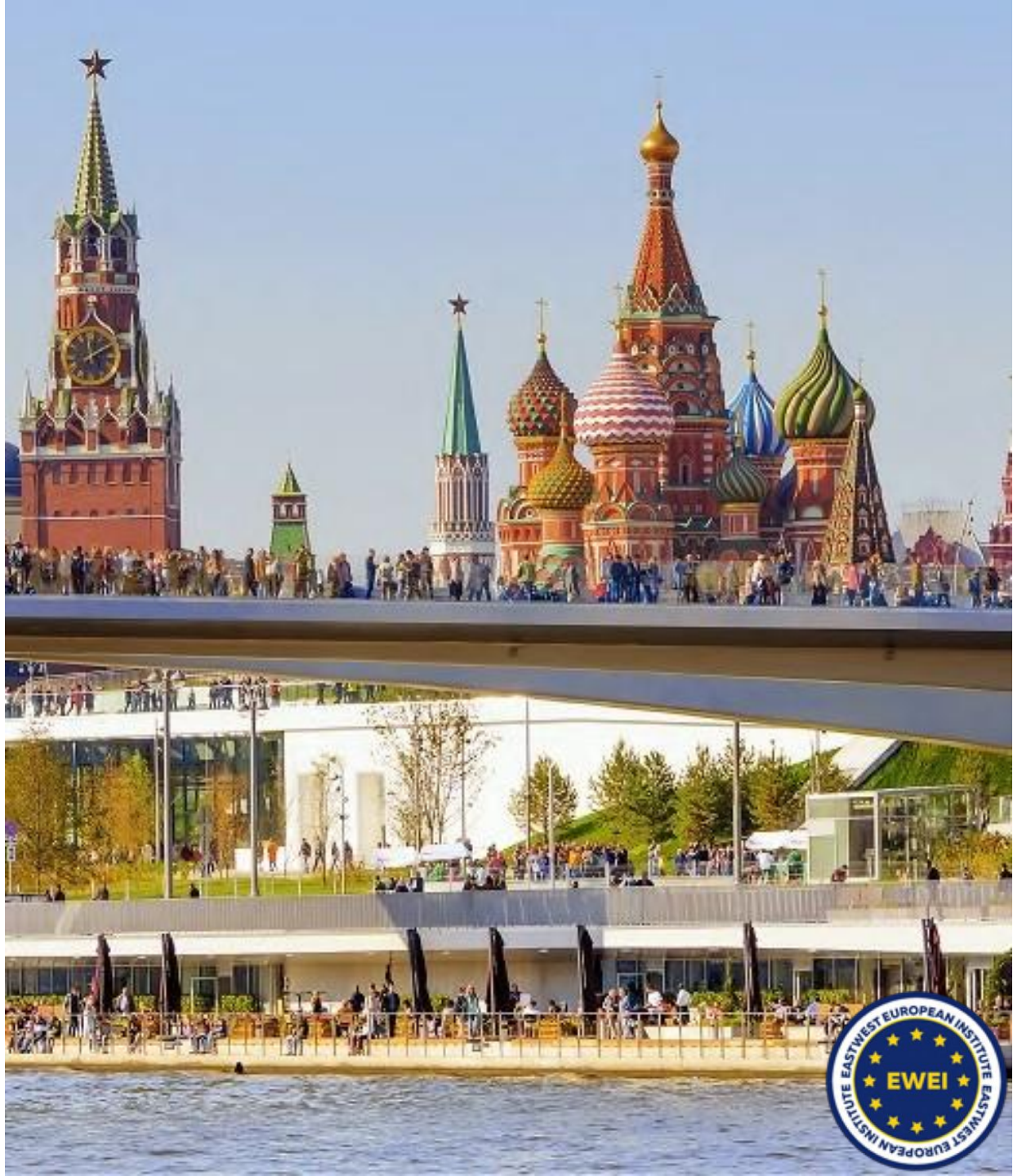

Itinerary Plan

Thursday, September 23

Morning:

09:00 Transfer from the Hotel to Skolkovo Innovation Center

10:00 – 12:00 Visit to ENEL Hub in the Skolkovo Innovation Center
Location: Bolshoy Bulvar, 42, Skolkovo

Afternoon:

15:00 – 16:30 Meetin with Mr. Aleksey Pushkov, Parliament Member of the State Duma
Topic: 2020 Constitutional Reform
Location: tbd

16:45 – 19:00 Simulation Game: EU sanctions against Russian Federation
Location: Italian Embassy, Denezhny Pereulok, 5

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Itinerary Plan

Friday, September 24

Morning:

09:30 – 11:00 UNDP Partnership Support Office in the Russian Federation
Topic: The work of UNDP in Russia and the country's engagement in supporting projects in the EAEU/CIS, Eastern Europe and Africa
Location: 9, Leontyevsky pereulok, 125009 Moscow

12:00 – 13:30 Visit to Rossiya Segodnya, Russian International News Agency
Location: Moscow, 119034, Zubovskiy Bulvar 4

Afternoon:

15:30 – 17:30 Guided tour to the Kremlin complex and museums

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Itinerary Plan

Saturday, September 25

Free Day.

Suggested visits:

- VDNKh;
- Tetryakovskaya Gallery;
- Gorky Park;
- Arbart;
- Zaradye Park;
- Tverskaya Ulitsa;
- Saviour Christ Cathedreal;
- Vorobyovy Gory;
- Park Pobedy.

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Useful Information

Documents:

Passport necessary, with residual validity of at least six months upon arrival in the country. Entry visa and health insurance are also mandatory.

Currency Exchange:

1€ = 87 RUB ca.

What is included in the participation fee?

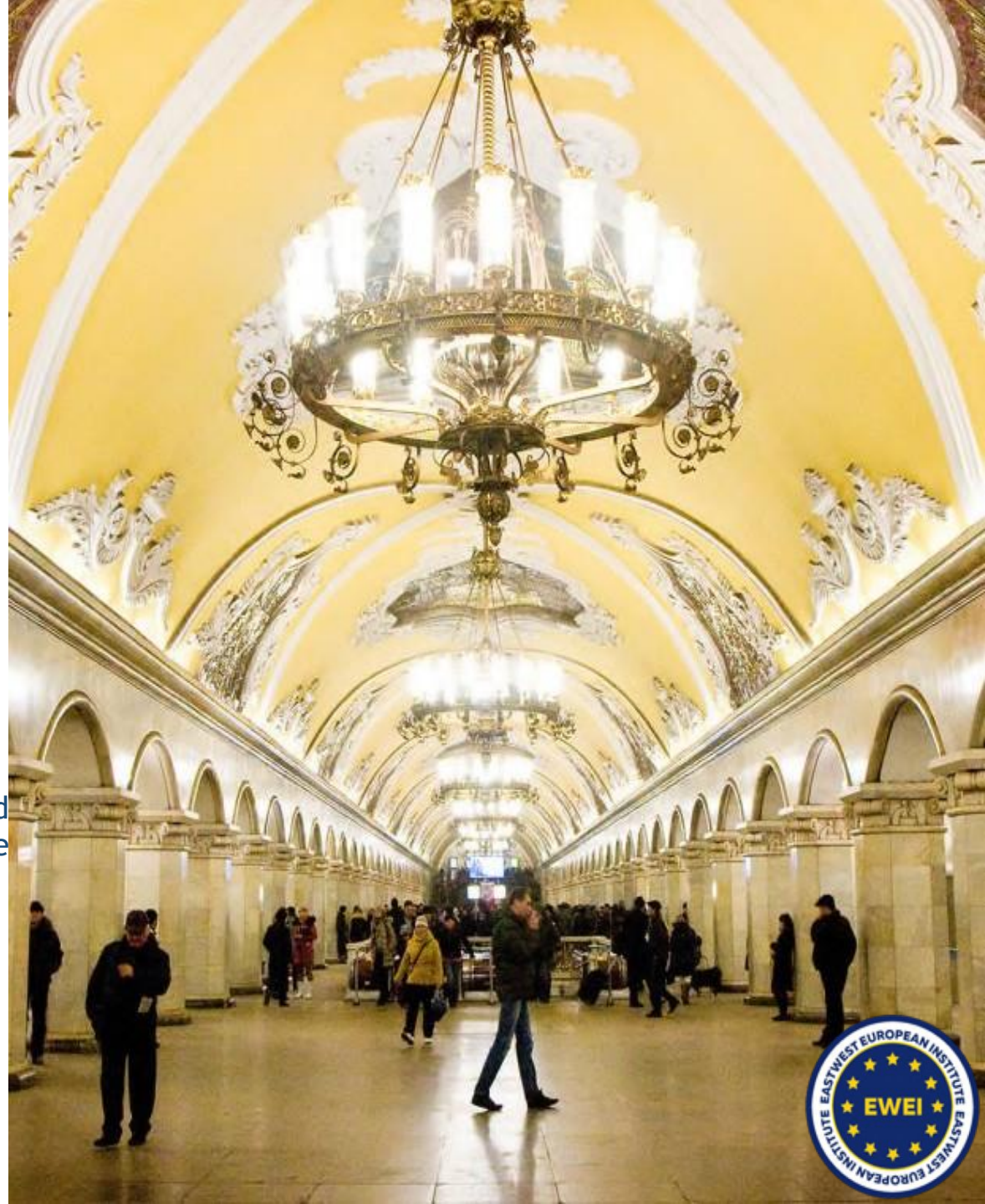
Preparatory course Hotel
stay
Breakfast
All meetings listed in the itinerary
Certification of participation
In-city transports

Transport:

Due to the historical value and efficiency of Moscow's metro, it will be the preferred mean of transport from one meeting to another. In special cases, transfers by bus will be organized by EWEI.

What is not included in the participation fee?

Round-trip airfare
Cost and support to obtain Visa
Lunches and dinners
City tours and museum fares
Airport-hotel transfers



Scholarship Credits

The goal of **eastwest European Institute** is to involve students, selected on merit, providing them with specialized training, finalized to a career in diplomacy, international affairs, advocacy and international business.

EWEI's very own scholarships cover partially the participation fee.

Credits will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

- ✓ Previous participation to an EWEI or Associazione Diplomatici course;
- ✓ Interview on general knowledge of International relations;
- ✓ English language at C1 level;
- ✓ Single - income family.

Any documents to prove the indicated criteria may be randomly asked, but we will mainly count on the responsible statements of the candidates.

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Internship opportunities

The eastwest European Institute **sponsors the application for an internship** in one of the following partner Companies and Associations for the **5 best participants** to each WiP - Study Mission

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Publication opportunity

A group of 2 to 5 participants can apply to write a common article on the project for publication on the **eastwest magazine**. An editorial coordinator should be appointed within the team.

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Contacts

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