

wip-Study Mission world in progress.

Moscow

September, 22 / 29 - 2019





About the wip-Study Mission

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:

Direct contact with the main actors of the international arena To go beyond the textbook and learn about the issues first-hand, directly on the field

To understand the world of international relations and open new and exciting professional paths

To re-examine personal convictions and measure your beliefs with different cultures and interests



Internship opportunities

The **eastwest European Institute** provides the **5 best students** partecipating in the **WiP- Study Missions** with the opportunity to the to present an application for an internship in one of following partners Companies and Associations:



















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

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 EU, despite the ongoing sanctions regime, make this relationship inevitable and – you will realize – even indispensable.



Our partners



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.



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, since 2000.



At a Glance

MOSCOW

22-29 September, 2019

Duration: 7 days

Course elements: pre-departure, in-class course + study mission

Partecipants: min. 20 – max. 35

Language: Italian/English

Accomodation:



Program

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

- A <u>webinar course</u> held by experts, specialized in Russian history, organized in <u>4 lessons</u> between 2 and 20 September, with special focus on the relations between Russia and the West.
- In <u>Moscow</u>, 7 days of meetings with Institutions, diplomats, managers, professors and opinion makers.
- <u>Site-visits</u> to historically important areas of the city, exploring secrets and peculiarities of the local communities, religion and culture.



Sunday, September 22

Arrival in Moscow

hotel check-in *Location:*

How to reach the Hotel from Moscow Sheremetyevo By Taxi: By Public transport

Afternoon:

18:00 – 19:00 kick-off meeting with the Chairman of eastwest European

Institute, Giuseppe Scognamiglio.



Monday, September 23

Morning:

10:00 – 11.30 Meeting with Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Location: Smolenski Bulvar, 32/34

Afternoon:

14:00 – 15.30 Meeting with Professors Dmitry Suslov

(HSE) on the Role of Russia in the Eurasian Economic Integration and general philosophy and priorities of Russian Foreign Policy. Professor Karaganov might attend the

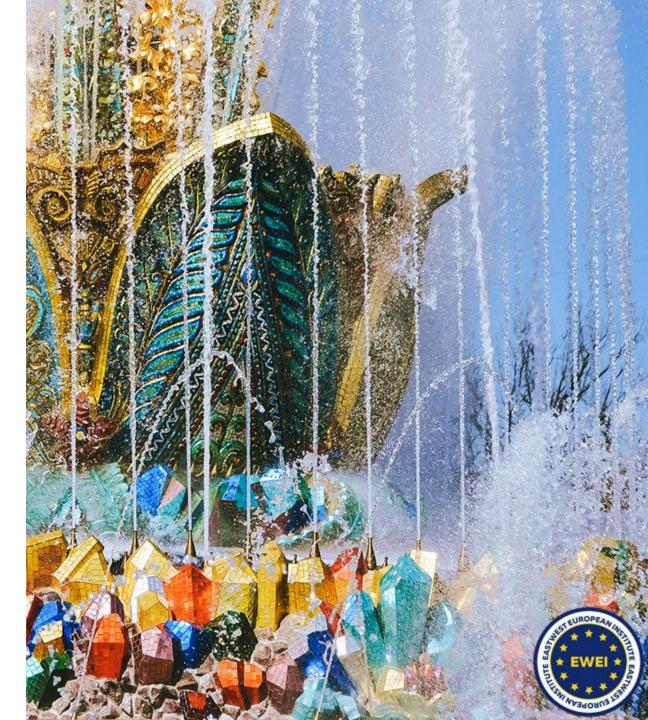
lecture.

<u>Location</u>: Higher School of Economics – Faculty of World Economics, 17, Malaya Ordynka Ulitsa, room 106

16.30-18.30 Meeting with the CEO of International Moscow Bank, Mr.

Mikhail Alekseev

Location: Prechistenskaya embankment, 9



Tuesday, September 24

Morning:

10:00 – 12:00 Meeting with Prof. Mark Entin, professor former Ambassador

of Russia to Luxembourg;

Location: Moscow State Institute for International Relations

(MGIMO), Prospekt Vernadskogo, 76

Afternoon:

14.00-15.30 Meeting with Alexey Levinson, Senior Analyst (Socio-cultural

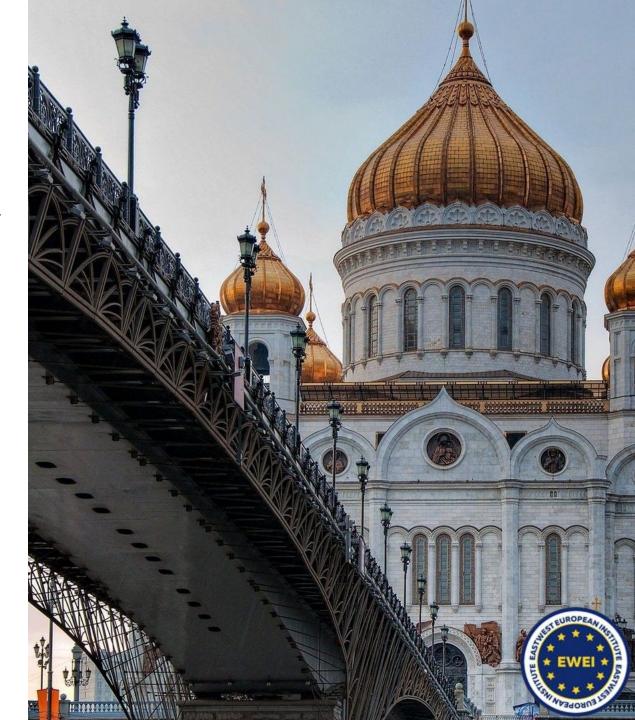
research).

Topic: Social changes in modern Russia.

Location: Ulitsa Nikolskaya, 17

16:00-19.00 Simulation of an international negotiation on the topic:

"EU SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIA"



Wednesday, September 25

Morning:

9:00 - 10:30

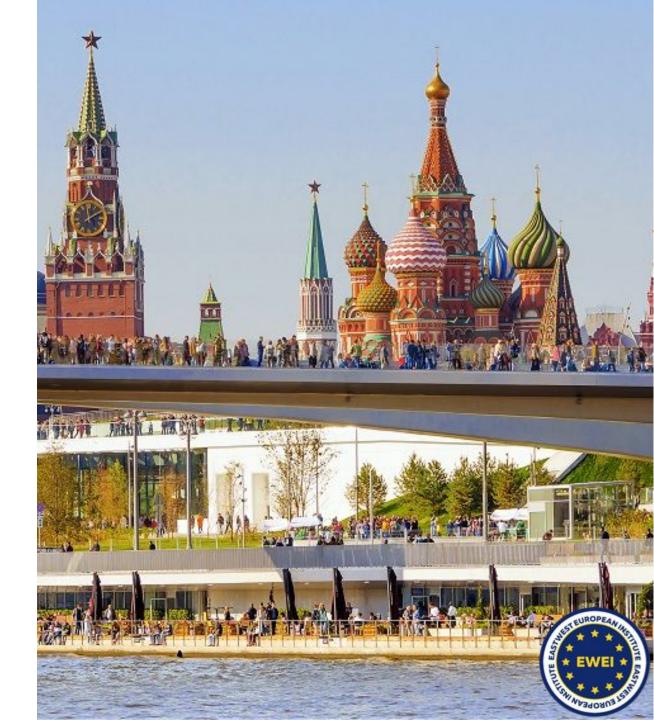
11:30 – 13:30 Visit to ENEL Innovation Center in Skolkovo

Location: Bolshoy Bulvar, 42, Skolkovo

Afternoon:

15.30-17.00 Meeting with the Advisor of the President of the Russian

Federation



Thursday, September 26

Morning:

10:00 – 11.30 Meeting with Ambassador Markus Ederer, Ambassador of the European Union to Russia

Location: Kadashevskaya embankment, 14/1

Afternoon:

14:00 – 15:30 Meeting with Aleksey Pushkov, Parliament Member of the State Duma
Location: Ulitsa Okhotny Ryad, 1

16:00 – 17.00 Doing Business in Russia: meeting with Italian businessmen *Location*: Confindustria Russia, Bolshoi Levshinskiy per., 10

17.30- 18.30 Meeting with Ambassador Pasquale Terracciano,

Ambassador of Italy to the Russian Federation

Location: Denezhny Pereulok, 5

18:45 – 20:00 Cocktail offered by Amb. Terracciano in the Residence of the

Italian Ambassador

Location: Denezhny Pereulok, 5



Friday, September 27

Morning:

9:30 – 11:00 Meeting with Former Foreign Minister Sergey Ivanov

11:45 – 13:15 Meeting with Mr. Vincenzo Trani, President of the

Italian-Russian Chamber of Commerce

Location: Frunzeskaya Nab., 46

Afternoon:

15:00 – 18:00 Guided tour to the Kremlin complex and museums



Saturday, September 28

Free Day.

Suggested visits:

- VDNKh,
- Tretyakov Gallery;
- Cathedral of Christ the Saviour;
- Vorobyovy Gory;
- Park Pobedy;
- Sergiev Posad.



Useful Information

Documents:

Passport necessary, with residual validity of at least six months upon arrival in the country.

Currency Exchange:

1€ = 73 RUB ca.

What is included in the participation fee?

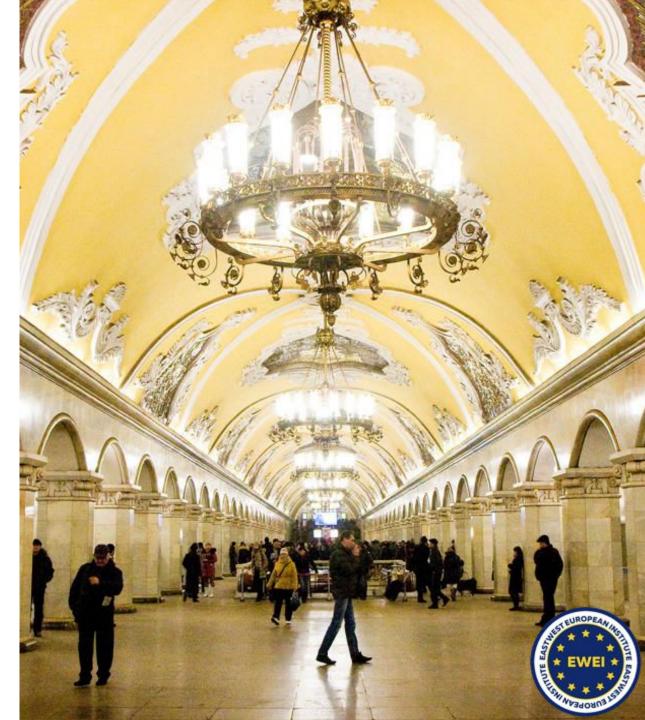
Preparatory course
Hotel stay
Breakfast
All meetings listed in the itinerary
Certification of participation

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?

Flight
Round-trip airfare
Lunches and dinners
City tours and museum fares
Airport-hotel transfers



How to participate

To participate to the WiP Study Visit Moscow, candidates must successfully pass a selection interview. Selection criteria will include the candidate's motivation to participate in the program, interest in international relations and a good level of English.

Interview results will be communicated to the applicants within 48 hours.

Candidates who successfully pass the interview will receive the WiP – Study Mission Service Contract via the email address indicated on their application form.

The WiP – Study Mission Service Contract, which shall be completed and signed by the selected party, must be returned within 72 hours of receipt, together with proof of payment by wire transfer of a €250,00 down payment to guarantee the participation.

This down payment of €250,00 will be subtracted from the balance still to be paid by the participant.

Wire transfers should be sent according to the following instructions:

- Wires sent to: UNICREDIT Bank S.p.A. Account Number: IBAN IT 23 T 0200803292000104987144
- Beneficiary: "EUROPEAN DIPLOMACY" (the operative company of the EWEI Institute)
- Transfer Funds for: "First and Last Name of participant, Down payment WiP Moscow 2019"
- Proof of Wire Transfer sent to admin.courses@ew-ei.eu



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.



Two of our fellow students will be travelling to Moscow thanks to a scholarship (1000€ each) awarded by our partner **Philip Morris**.



EWEI's very own scholarship credits (from 100 to 500€) will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

- ✔ Previous participation to an EWEI or Associazione Diplomatici course;
- ✓ University grade point average of 27/30 or equivalent;
- ✓ Interview on general knowledge of International relations;
- ✓ English language at C1 level;
- ✓ Single income family.

It will not be asked any documents to prove the indicated criteria, but we will count on the responsible statements of the candidates.

The Institute will eventually ask for certificates only randomly.



Contacts

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