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Youth Forum "Youth of Russia and Türkiye: New Horizons"

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Moscow, Russian Federation

Application

Deadline: **2 October 2022**

RUSSIA AND TÜRKİYE: YOUTH COOPERATION

Cooperation between Russia and Türkiye has a long history of more than five centuries, and diplomatic relations between the countries began to develop more than 100 years ago. Many events of different nature have occurred during this extensive period of time but most importantly all of them taught our countries vital lessons, one of which is *"in a spirit of harmony, in a spirit of respect for mutual interests ... to work towards multifaceted development and strengthening of bilateral relations in all areas"*¹.

As a result of this commitment the dialogue between Russia and Türkiye has so far been dynamic, highly productive and aimed at strengthening friendly relations. Creation and implementation of joint large-scale strategic projects, such as the opening of the natural gas pipeline "Turk Stream" and the Akkuyu nuclear power plant construction, is a significant indicator of success and productivity of cooperation between the two countries. The areas of Russian-Turkish cooperation are vast and have high potential, the realisation of which will turn them into a guarantee of stable relations between the two countries.

One of such prospective dimensions of Russian-Turkish relations is humanitarian cooperation, which is designed to ensure a successful and effective dialogue between people of the two countries, aimed at strengthening cultural exchange, mutual understanding and trust between citizens of the states. Within the framework of humanitarian cooperation a significant role should be given to youth of the two countries owing to not only global forecasts and trends, according to which the global youth population will grow and their role in decision-making process will increase², but also to demographic indicators of Russia and Türkiye, which are the leaders in terms of youth population among European countries: the age groups from 15 to 24 years in Russia and Türkiye separately account for over 12.5 million people according to the data for 2020³.

Such a significant demographic asset provides Russia and Türkiye with a high potential for promoting youth dialogue, which will efficiently develop Russian-Turkish cooperation and create new areas of interaction between the two countries. This is one of the priorities of the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Türkiye on Cultural and Scientific Cooperation of 19.07.1994⁴. It is the younger generation that is determined to become an important element in the development and maintenance of diverse cooperation between the two countries.

Thus, the Youth Forum "Youth of Russia and Türkiye: New Horizons" will serve as a platform for the development of youth cooperation between Russia and Türkiye, creation of a community of proactive young people seeking to launch joint initiatives, enhance interaction and discover new areas of cooperation. Intensifying youth dialogue and exploring its new directions within the Forum, as well as formats and mechanisms of work, will bring the complex of Russian-Turkish relations to a new level and discover its new horizons.

¹ From an interview with Russian Ambassador A.V. Yerkhov on "SNN Turk" https://turkey.mid.ru/ru/press-centre/news/posol_rossii_a_v_erkhov_dal_intervyu_telekanalu_snn_tyurk/

² United Nations World Youth Report 2020 <https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2020/07/2020-World-Youth-Report-FULL-FINAL.pdf>

³ Turkish Institute of Statistics (TÜİK) <https://data.tuik.gov.tr/Bulten/Index?p=Istatistiklerle-Genclik-2020-37242>

Population of the Russian Federation by sex and age https://rosstat.gov.ru/storage/mediabank/Bul_chislen_nasel-pv_01-01-2021.pdf

It's worth mentioning that the methodology of measuring the number of youth in Russia and Türkiye differs: within the analysis of the Turkish Institute of Statistics (TÜİK) youth age group in Türkiye covers people from 15 to 24, in the Russian Federation youth age group includes young people from 18 to 35 (in this case the number of young people in Russia comprises a bit more than 33 million people).

⁴ Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Türkiye on Cultural and Scientific Cooperation <https://docs.cntd.ru/document/902169000>

AIM OF THE FORUM

Intensifying cooperation, strengthening friendly and professional ties between youth leaders of Russia and Türkiye with the aim to contribute to the development of Russian-Turkish relations.

OBJECTIVES:

- form a pool of active youth leaders from Russia and Türkiye who are committed to developing Russian-Turkish youth cooperation;
- discuss current state of Russian-Turkish youth cooperation and the role of youth in strengthening bilateral relations between Russia and Türkiye;
- create conditions for sharing experiences, further cooperation and development of joint projects between youth leaders of Russia and Türkiye;
- outline existing opportunities and resources for promoting Russian-Turkish youth cooperation;
- formulate proposals and recommendations for the development of youth cooperation and forms of interaction between the Russian-Turkish youth leaders.

THEMATIC TRACKS OF THE FORUM

The Forum will have the following thematic tracks:

- Education and Science;
- International Relations;
- New Media;
- Agricultural Entrepreneurship;
- Volunteering;
- Sport;
- Youth Tourism.

ORGANIZERS

The Forum is jointly organized by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, the National Youth Council of Russia, the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education "MIREA - Russian Technological University" with support of the Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund.

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

The Forum will bring together 50 participants from Russia and Türkiye (25 people from each party).

A candidate for the Forum must meet the following criteria:

- be 18-35 years old;
- be a citizen of and live in Russian or Türkiye;
- be a representative of a youth NGO / youth informal movement / NGO that deals with international youth cooperation / student organization / young scientist / student or postgraduate student in the field of "International Relations" / young journalist / blogger / young entrepreneur or agricultural startup founder / volunteer;
- be determined to work towards enhancing Russian-Turkish cooperation;
- be motivated and able to organize events, projects and programmes after the Forum in collaboration with other Forum participants;
- be ready to take part in all the programme activities of the Forum;
- be able to speak Russian or English.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Dates: the Forum will begin 25 October 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and end 29 October 2022 at 9:00 p.m. Arrival day for all participants is 24 October 2022.

Place: Moscow, Russian Federation.

Working languages: Russian and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Financial conditions of participation: the organizers will provide accommodation and meals during the Forum and a cultural programme for all participants.

The organizers will cover travel costs from place of residence to Moscow and back as well as visa fees for participants from Türkiye. Participants from Russia will cover their travel costs to Moscow and back themselves or at the expense of the sending organization.

The organizers will provide visa application support for participants from Türkiye who might require it.

ATTENTION: in case of missing some elements of the Forum programme and frequently being late for the Forum activities, participants will bear the costs of accommodation and meals themselves.

The event will be organized in compliance with the sanitary and epidemiological requirements of Rospotrebnadzor.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

All interested candidates from the **Russian Federation** are invited to apply by choosing one most convenient option **by 23:59 Moscow time 2 October 2022:**

- on the website "Youth of Russia" ("Molodezh Rossii") <https://myrosmol.ru/> (to apply you will need to register on the website);
- via an online application form available at <https://forms.yandex.ru/cloud/632307db2572b95929e706f0/>.

All interested candidates from the **Republic of Türkiye** are invited to apply by choosing one most convenient option **by 23:59 Moscow time 2 October 2022:**

- on the website "Youth of Russia" ("Molodezh Rossii") <https://myrosmol.ru/> (to apply you will need to register on the website);
- via an online application form in English available at <https://forms.gle/bNtME55W1nJwKx6W7>.

All participants will be selected by the organizers based on the completed application form and the participants unique experience, motivation and balanced diversity within the group. Selected applicants will receive additional information and instructions no later than 6 October 2022.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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OTHER EVENTS

If you are interested in other activities in the field of international youth cooperation, please contact: <https://intermol.su/en/>, <http://youthrussia.ru/en/>, <https://en.gorchakovfund.ru/>.