



**EGMONT - Royal Institute for International Relations
and the Embassy of the Russian Federation to Belgium**

have the pleasure of inviting you to a half-day Forum to discuss:

What orientations for Russia after presidential election?

This event will take place on **Tuesday, April 22nd, 2008** from 09.00 to 13.00
at the Palais d'Egmont, Place du Petit Sablon, 1000 Brussels

The aim of this forum is to give the opportunity to Russian experts and officials to discuss with Belgian academics and interested circles the situation in Russia in the wake of March 2 presidential election and the main orientations to be expected under the new Presidency. Two panels will consecutively discuss the internal challenges and Russian foreign policy. High-level participants from Russia (academics and officials) as well as Belgian and European experts are expected.

PROGRAMME

09.00 **Registration**

09.30 **Session I: Russian Internal Challenges**

Chair: - Pierre E. Champenois, EGMONT

Speakers: - Alexandre V. Ivantchenko, Russian Central Electoral Commission
- Vadim B. Loukov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to
Belgium

Discussant: - Katlijn Malfliet, KULeuven – Chair Inbev Baillet Latour (tbc)

11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.30 **Session II: Russian Foreign Policy**

Chair: - Sami Andoura, EGMONT

Speakers: - Nadezhda Arbatova, Centre for European Studies (MEMO)
- Natalia A. Narotchnitskaya, Institute of World Economy and
International Relations (MEMO) - Moscow

Discussant: - Nina Bachkatov, European Press Agency - ULG

13.00 **Closing remarks**