



“Which prospect for the Russian Economy in the light of the current financial crisis?”

Round Table

December 8th 2008 from 10.00 to 12.30

Palais d’Egmont, Orange Room,

Place du Petit Sablon 1000 Brussels.

The principal objective of the round table is to assess the current state of the Russian economy and its perspectives of growth in the current context characterised by a strong decrease in energy prices, a low level of investments (national and FDI), and the fragility of the banking system. All these issues are not without consequences for the stability of Russian internal policies and development, as well as the intended modernization of its economy and the relations with foreign investors (especially the European Union). The discussions will be introduced by experts from the EBRD, the European Commission, and the International Energy Agency, who will address the following themes:

- **Consequences of the financial crisis and perspectives in terms of investments:** M. A. Pilloux: Business Group Director, Russia - EBRD.
- **Economic perspectives and the Medvedev’s Agenda:** M. L. Vinhas de Souza, Russian Economic Affairs, European Commission - ECFIN.
- **Energy dimension:** Ms. Ann Eggington, Head of Division - Energy division for Europe, Middle East and Africa – IEA.