**Forum of Innovative Financial Technologies Finopolis 2016 Takes Place in Kazan**

Finopolis 2016 Forum, the major event in the sphere of financial technologies on the Russian market, will take place in Kazan on October 13–14. It will be the second time when the capital city of Tatarstan will host key representatives of companies of financial market, IT and regulators to discuss development of innovative technologies in the financial sector. Forum organizers are the Bank of Russia and the Government of the Republic of Tatarstan.

The program of the Forum is published at [www.finopolis.ru](http://www.finopolis.ru). It provides detailed information on all public events, plenary discussions, breakout sessions and roundtables, including their subjects, participants, time and venue.

The Forum will open on October 13 in Korston hotel-mall at 1A Nikolaya Ershova Str., Kazan.

The first plenary discussion of Finopolis 2016 will cover development prospects of the financial market up to 2026. Among the speakers are: Elvira Nabiullina - Governor of the Bank of Russia and Rustam Minnikhanov - President of the Republic of Tatarstan; the discussion will be moderated by Herman Gref - Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sberbank PJSC.

The second plenary discussion will cover pending problems of cybersecurity provision, the moderator is Alexander Galitsky - the Managing Partner of Almaz Capital Partners Venture Fund. Participants of the plenary discussion: Yevgeny Kaspersky - Head of Kaspersky Lab JSC, Artem Sichev - Deputy Head of Main Directorate of Security Management and Information Protection of the Bank of Russia, and Stanislav Kuznetsov - Vice President of Sberbank PJSC.

Both plenary discussions will have live stream at [www.finopolis.ru](http://www.finopolis.ru).

Moreover, at 17 breakout sessions and roundtables during the two days of the Forum it is planned to discuss the issues of regulation of innovative financial technologies and business models, as well as development of specific technologies, such as blockchain, Big Data tools, artificial intelligence, Open API, and many others.

Representatives of management of the Bank of Russia will participate in Forum events:

- Elvira Nabiullina - Governor of the Bank of Russia;

- Sergey Shevtsov - First Deputy Chairman of the Bank of Russia;

- Vasili Pozdyshev - Deputy Chairman of the Bank of Russia;

 - Olga Skorobogatova - Deputy Chairman of the Bank of Russia;

- Alla Bakina - Director of Department of National Payment System;

- Olga Goncharova - Director of Department of Data Reporting Collection and Analysis of Non-Credit Financial Institutions;

- Igor Zhuk - Director of Insurance Market Department;

- Vadim Kalukhov - Director of Department of Financial Technologies, Projects and Organization of Processes;

- Valery Lyakh - Head of Main Directorate of Combating Unfair Practices on the Open Market;

- Mikhail Mamuta - Head of Service for Protection of Rights of Financial Service Consumers and Minority Shareholders;

- Artem Sichev - Deputy Head of Main Directorate of Security Management and Information Protection.

Also managers of the biggest commercial banks and non-credit financial institutions, consulting and IT companies, governmental agencies, organizations engaged in cybersecurity provision and software development will become participants of Finopolis 2016.

A separate section of events at the Forum will cover development of FinTech startups executing projects in the sphere of financial technologies and promoting development of electronic interaction on the financial market. 18 projects, which passed the elimination round of the FinTech Startups Contest will become members of the Pre-acceleration Program organized by Technopark in the sphere of high technologies IT-Park on October 10-12. In this program teams will present their solutions for the financial sector, will receive a feedback from technological experts and mentors, will pass master classes, and attend lectures. Winners of the FinTech Startups Contest will receive grants and support of mentors.

On the eve of Forum opening, representatives of Russian financial market will hold open lectures in the territory of Kazan Technopark in the sphere of high technologies IT-Park; admission is free after [preliminary registration](https://biznes-inkubator-it-park.timepad.ru/event/380708/).

The speakers are:

— Artem Sichev, Deputy Head of Main Directorate of Security Management and Information Protection. Artem will speak about cybersecurity of financial institutions.

— Alexander Galitsky, Managing Partner of Almaz Capital Partners Venture Fund. Alexander will talk about global and Russian FinTech trends.

— Mikhail Ehrenburg, Senior Vice President and Head of Directorate for Development of Digital Business of Sberbank PJSC. Mikhail will cover the topic "Sberbank and FinTech Ecosystem. New Opportunities for Startups."

In addition to lectures, the guests of Finopolis 2016 will be offered sightseeing tours and a hockey match on October 12.

Press Center will be opened during Forum days. For all matters related to accreditation and mass media work at Finopolis 2016 please contact Yevgeny Smirnov by telephone +7 (903) 289-20-47.

All information about Finopolis 2016 is available at the website of the Forum, on its Facebook and Twitter pages, on Finopolis' Telegram channel, and a mobile application will be launched soon for Forum participants and guests.