



Forum Thematic Programme

The XIX Annual Strategic Planning Leaders Forum of the Regions and Cities of Russia is moving from online format in 2020 to in-person format in 2021.

The Forum thematic programme is being filled with events, taking into account professional interests of the main target audience — leaders and specialists responsible for strategic planning at regional and municipal authorities. Accordingly, the Forum programme includes events dedicated to **strategic planning technical aspects and best practices** in forecasting, stakeholder engagement, building development alliances, using AI and Big Data, strategy coordination, socio-economic and spatial planning alignment, collaboration with consultants, flagship projects development, investment attraction, and ensuring strategy implementation.

It is important to understand **federal strategies and priorities** for strategic planning at sub-federal levels. At the Forum, we will discuss strategic initiatives of the Russian Government, changes in the role of federal agencies, innovations in strategic planning recommended by the Government, mechanisms for supporting development, governance efficiency, and interbudgetary relations.

The programme, as always, includes **international events**, during which you can both share experience in strategic planning and regional development of different countries and raise points about specific areas and cooperation projects, for example, about maritime economy of the Baltic and Black Seas.

The Forum will discuss **specific features of strategy development** and its consideration for various territories: the Arctic, urban areas, and macroregions.

Strategy development implies knowing **global trends**, general development patterns, technological and social trends. In this regard, the Forum programme will pay much attention to the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, green technologies, alternative energy, digitalization, and creative industries. The **Forum Green Day** will discuss challenges and opportunities for localizing the SDGs in cities and regions, circular economy transition challenges, tools to promote and build demand for green and digital innovations, green procurement, and green finance. The Forum Green Day will also continue the discussion on promoting sustainable development agenda in the cities where large-scale businesses operate.

And of course, all the topics will be considered in the light of **2020 — the year of the global pandemic** that is unique in the number and intensity of shocks and has become a turning point in the understanding of many trends and phenomena. Special discussions will cover the challenges of healthcare transformation, tourism recovery, and remote work.

The Forum programme is still being finalized, please stay tuned.