The main idea of the Youth Economic Forum is to set up the platform for discussing the theoretical issues and practical aspects of the development of regions in the global economic space.

Thematically, the Forum will focus on the formation of a new economy, which offers new opportunities for economic research, development of business, society and civil institutions. The economy based on the application of cutting-edge knowledge, non-material assets, innovative business models, and new regional and local development strategies. An important dimension for the 2017 Forum will be growth paths in a wide sense.

The features of a new economy are rapid change, high productivity, wide spread of information technology. It modifies the traditional understanding of markets, entrepreneurship, role of the state, and provides new opportunities for the development of businesses, regions and nations.

Scope. Since 2008, the Forum has attracted more than 3 000 young researchers, entrepreneurs and experts from Russia, Finland, Sweden, Germany, Italy, Poland, Latvia, Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Belorussia, Yemen. The Forum has brought together participants from 14 countries, 30 Russian regions and over 50 cities and towns. In 2016, more than 1000 people took part in the Forum. The key principles of the Forum
are partnership, interdisciplinary and international cooperation. The Forum organization and implementations involves scientific and educational institutions, authorities and the business community. The Forum’s partners are Agency for Strategic Initiatives (ASI), Russian Association of Economic Clubs, OPORA RUSSIA, Government of the Republic of Karelia, Civic Chamber of the Republic of Karelia, etc. In 2017 the expected size of the event will also be over 1000 participants.

**Participants:** schoolchildren, undergraduate and graduate students, young scientists, entrepreneurs, experts as well as all interested individuals and institutions are invited.

The **Youth Economic Forum** will include three platforms:

- Science
- Education
- Entrepreneurship

The first platform will take the form of a conference for early-career scientists “**Growth path: new economy – new possibilities**” with the following sections:

- Innovative approaches to managing the economy and business.
- Investments and the choice of the model of economic modernization.
- Human capital in the post-industrial economy.
- Globalization of economic processes: potential and threats.
- Sustainable use of natural resources – security demand or resource of growth?
- Digital Economy – competitiveness and national security.
- Scientific and research projects of young researchers – schoolchildren.

Proceedings of the conference will be published, participants will receive certificates, and the best papers will be awarded diplomas and prizes.
The Education platform will invite the Forum participants to:

- Open lectures by distinguished economists and entrepreneurs
- Business game “You are entrepreneur!”
- Economic game for schoolchildren “Key to success”
- Congress of young entrepreneurs

The Entrepreneurship platform will gather all those devoted to and interested in small business matters, and give them the chance for lively communication in various formats and exchange of experiences with young and successful entrepreneurs, as well as big names in Russian business. Participants of the “Youth entrepreneurship” platform will be invited to attend round-tables and master-classes on:

- How to start a business
- Investment sources for a start-up
- How to find an investor for a project
- Commercializing innovative products
- Personal performance
  • B2B dialogues with foreign entrepreneurs;
  • Sessions on establishing business contacts;
  • Training programme for young entrepreneurs;
  • Marketing for business.

In the framework of the Youth Entrepreneurship platform an exhibition of achievements by youth entrepreneurs of the Republic of Karelia and Russia will be held.


Direct link for registration:
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDPuUfeNuVgsh6r1tc8uhkrdrFP7jCjaAO04KpkXttyU7RfnA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDPuUfeNuVgsh6r1tc8uhkrdrFP7jCjaAO04KpkXttyU7RfnA/viewform)

Applications for side events within the Forum are welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you at the conference!

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