

Dmitry Medvedev takes part in Digital Agenda in the Globalisation Era international forum

The forum is designed to promote the EAEU's role in global digitalisation and enhance partnerships in this area among member countries. The forum's main topic is integration of IT systems within the Eurasian Economic Union

Excerpts from Dmitry Medvedev's remarks at the forum's plenary session:

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We should not think that all of us, even the most developed countries, will be able to push forward the digital agenda within a limited timeframe. In fact, the digital divide is too large.

All our countries are implementing programmes to bridge this gap, but the digital divide is still there. This is a key matter of concern. As long as the digital divide remains in place among the five EAEU member countries, as well as within the CIS, Europe and Asia, and across the planet in general, the digital agenda will not become universal.

The digital agenda transcends the boundaries we are used to, creating a common digital space. The question is how fast it will advance, and to what extent we will be willing to cooperate with each other? Will we be able to adapt to the trends that are gaining momentum across the world?

Today, the five EAEU countries will have a detailed discussion on ways to coordinate our efforts in this area. It is obvious that we will not be able to do anything acting separately. We need to unify our markets for goods, human resources, logistics and technology and develop our own infrastructure.

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