Russian International Energy Forum is once again set to become the key venue to talk about development of the fuel and energy sector

Russian International Energy Forum, or RIEF, is taking place on April 22–24 in Expoforum Convention and Exhibition Centre and is supported by the Government of St. Petersburg. The agenda of the Forum is compiled together with leading industrial unions and organisations, including Association of Energy Enterprises in the North-West Federal District, the National Association of Energy Enterprises, Scientific Expert Board for Energy, Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency Enhancement Legislation Implementation Monitoring, Publishing House «Power and Industry of Russia», Scientific and Technical Council of Unified Energy System and ABP2B, and covers key vectors of the energy sector development: from upgrading the infrastructure to introducing digital technologies and solutions aimed at safety.

The convention agenda of RIEF 2026 will include seven thematic tracks. The flagship event will be the Plenary Session ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN 2026–2031: ENSURING BALANCE. State officials, business representatives and industry professionals are going to discuss main development thrusts for the energy sector. The focus is going to be on the search of optimal solutions that can ensure affordable tariffs for the citizens and yet retain the economic sustainability of the energy sector. Other pivotal aspects on the table will be design of effective mechanisms to finance programs aimed at reconstruction and modernisation of the energy infrastructure. The particular emphasis will be also given to technological solutions and approaches needed to ensure innovations vs. reliability equilibrium, but also promising combinations of conventional and renewable energy sources with due regard to the regional factors and demands of the energy system.

During the Power & Electrical Engineering International Exhibition, the industrial companies will showcase their up-to-date technological solutions and new projects. The key directions include heat exchange equipment, monitoring and metering, cable products, power machine engineering, automated process control systems, transformers, distributing equipment, fire and explosion safety, control systems, and generation.

For the first time ever, RIEF participants will be treated with a highly packed contest program, which will cover two areas of focus: the Competition for the Best Project Exhibited at the Power & Electrical Engineering Exhibition, and the Championship for the Best Digital Project in the Energy Industry. The Competition intends to discover, support and promote the initiatives that ensure development of the energy sector in a sustainable, advanced and environmentally responsible way. Participants of the Championship will present their digital solutions that can make the sector more effective, competitive, reliable and sustainable. The contest program is aimed to discover the best practices, technologies and ways to shape the future of the energy sector.

The set of technical tours that have already become an integral part of RIEF, this year will also include a unique trip to the Leningrad Nuclear Power Plant. This facility in Sosnovy Bor is the biggest energy site within the United Energy System of the North-Western Region of Russia. The Power Plant covers more than half of the needs that St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region have for electric energy.

To ensure business communications and partnership building at the venue, the Business Matchmaking Centre: Industrial Days will be operated there again. In 2025, over 700 business meetings were arranged and held there.

Along with Russian International Energy Forum, Expoforum will also host other industrial events, namely Municipal Housing Complex of Russia International Exhibition, Corrosion Protection Exhibition & Congress, Water Resources Conference and Exhibition, and Pipeline Valves. Pumps Exhibition.

In 2025, the Forum was attended by 8,000 visitors from 11 countries, including China, India, Belarus, the Republic of Korea, and Kazakhstan. The exposition featured 140 companies, and 490 delegates participated in the convention program.

RIEF organiser – ExpoForum International.

For more details, please, check the official website of RIEF: https://energyforum.ru.