## About Russia’s bid to host World Expo 2025 in Ekaterinburg

**On 22 May 2017,** the Government of the Russian Federation officially submitted a letter to nominate Ekaterinburg as a candidate city to host World Expo 2025 to the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE) in Paris. Ekaterinburg’s competitors are Paris (France), Osaka (Japan), and Baku (Azerbaijan).

The theme of the Russian bid is **“Changing the World: Innovations and Better Life for Future Generations”**. Proposed dates for Expo 2025 are **2 May–2 November 2025**.

To support the Russian bid, the **Organising Committee** (headed by Arkady Dvorkovich, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation), and the **Expo 2025 Bid Committee** (headed by Svetlana Sagaydak) were established.

Russia was the first of the participating countries to submit its bid book to the BIE **on 21 September 2017.**

Ekaterinburg's bid campaign features the following milestones:

1. The BIE’s 162nd General Assembly on 15 November 2017 (presentation);
2. BIE Inspection visit in February and March 2018 (three-day visit);
3. The BIE’s 163rd General Assembly in June 2018 (presentation and formal reception);
4. The BIE’s 164th General Assembly in November 2018 (presentation and final vote);

Russia has been actively involved in world expositions since the very first expo in 1851, but has never before hosted it as opposed to France (six-time host) and Japan (four-time host).