

2018 TIMELINE

EVENT

EXPECTED OUTCOME

March

Presidential Election

Putin wins

June

Presidential phone-in

7th

Public criticism of governors
Focus on social matters, especially health and housing



G7 meeting

8th

Criticism of Russia



Football World Cup

14th

Minor fan violence
Longer term tourism benefits

CBR meeting

15th

25 bps cut



OPEC meeting

22nd

New deal with higher quota

July

Government works on:

2019-2022 Budget

New revenue and spending priorities

Shift to infrastructure
Higher income tax
Higher pension age

National Projects
"May decree"

Medicine, education focus
Better government management

August

Usual articles about "Russia's August disasters"

September

Single Voting Day

9th

New governors



Far Eastern Economic Forum

11th

Newsflow about "pivot to Asia"

October

1st

Deadline for government to present national projects

November

US mid-term elections

Speculation about Russian interference



G20 meeting

Tension round UK meeting

December

Address to Federal Assembly

Too soon for adjustments