

Instruments to Coordinate Russia-EU Researcher Mobility: State-of-the-Art and Prospects

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- Соглашение о партнерстве и сотрудничестве (СПС, 1997 г.), включающее положения по науке и технике (статья 62)
- Соглашение между Правительством Российской Федерации и Европейским Сообществом о сотрудничестве в области науки и технологий от 2000 г., возобновленное в 2003 г. и 2009 г.
- «Дорожная карта» по общему пространству Россия-ЕС в области науки и образования, включая культурные аспекты (2005 г.)
- На уровне министерств Совет постоянного партнерства
- «Партнерство для модернизации» (укрепление сотрудничества в сферах инноваций, исследований и развития, 2010 г.)
- Совместный комитет Россия-ЕС по научно-технологическому сотрудничеству
- Тематические рабочие группы Россия-ЕС по приоритетным направлениям исследований (в том числе мобильность научных кадров)

Strengthening of EU-Russia S&T policy dialogue



**S&T International Cooperation Network for
Eastern European and Central Asian Countries**

<http://www.inco-eeca.net>



**Enhancing the bilateral S&T Partnership with
the Russian Federation**

<http://www.bilat-rus.eu>



**Linking Russia to the ERA: Coordination of
MS'/AC' S&T Programmes towards and with
Russia**

<http://www.eranet-rus.eu>



**Support the Access of EU Researchers to
S&T Programmes of the Russian Federation**

<http://www.access4.eu/russia>

Information Exchange in S&T between the ERA and EE, CA, SC countries <http://www.increast.eu/>

- Countries' reports on S&T policy, potential and cooperation
- On-line database "Key research institutes in EECA"
<http://www.increast.eu/en/523.php>
- Potential host institutions for EU researchers in the EECA
<http://www.increast.eu/en/448.php>
- News, events, calls for proposals
- Your contribution

S&T Gate RUS.EU: Identify and analyse the S&T Potential of EU-Russia Cooperation

<http://www.st-gaterus.eu/>

- Internet guide on EU-Russia S&T cooperation
- S&T landscape and structure
- Documents , agreements and regulations
- Cooperation programmes and projects
- News
- Database of Russian S&T institutes <http://www.st-gaterus.eu/en/540.php>

- **Joint Call on Innovation, 15/02/2011. Deadline: 15/04/2011 (Germany, Greece, Israel, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey)**
 - **Duration - up to 24 months**
 - **The total indicative financial contribution - €2.980.000**
- **Joint Call on Collaborative S&T Projects, 16/03/2011. Deadline: 31/05/2011 (Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, and Turkey)**
 - **Duration - up to 24 months**
 - **The total indicative financial contribution - €5.930.000**
- **Terms of Reference with National eligibility and funding rules**
- **Guide for Applicants**
- **National contact points**
- **On-line application procedure**
- **Evaluation criteria & procedure**
- **List of selected projects**
 - **<http://www.eranet-rus.eu/en/177.php>**

- Interviews with 39 EU MS/AC and 10 Russian programme owners
 - S&T agreements, programme management, funding instruments, evaluation procedures, budget, thematic priorities, funded projects

CONCLUSIONS:

- The most frequently used funding instruments:
 - Mobility
 - Databases
 - Workshops and networking activities
- More complicated form:
 - Joint programmes
 - Funding of joint S&T projects



Joint EU-Russia Working Group on Researcher Mobility

through enhanced dialogue, will contribute to the gradual establishment of policies, mechanisms and actions aimed at creating closer and more coordinated EU and Russia mobility programmes in the field of research and higher education

The tasks of the WG Mobility

- to exchange information on existing policy and programmes in Russia and the EU;
- to enhance participation within FP7 and the Russian researcher mobility programmes;
- to identify barriers & to prepare recommendations and proposals for 'brain circulation';
- to monitor mobility flows;
- to exchange views on priorities;
- to elaborate strategic directions for new cooperation or for enhancing existing actions;
- to facilitate the implementation of initiatives of mutual interest, e.g. twinning of projects, pilot projects etc.;
- to hold expert's workshops and symposia.



28 June 2011 – the first meeting of WG. Existing tools for enhancing EU-Russia mobility

EU:

- **EURAXESS**
- **Marie Curie Actions**
- **Erasmus Mundus and Tempus**

Russia:

- **Programme to attract leading researchers to Russian universities (Decree No 220)**
- **National Research and Federal Universities: attracting of leading specialists for research and teaching; creation of international laboratories; staff training abroad**
- **Other opportunities for EU-Russia academic / research exchange (Russian foundations)**

Barriers

- **Administrative and Legislative**
 - Lack of effective mechanisms to support cooperation
 - Incompatibility of funding schemes
 - Differences in thematic S&T priorities & infrastructures
 - Complicated proposal submission procedures & participation rules; Lack of expertise in project
 - Visa requirements
 - Custom duties and taxes
- **Information exchange**
 - Lack of personal contacts between scientists in EU and Russia and information exchange tools
- **Cultural**
 - Language
 - Differences in standard of living and working, e.g. infrastructure
- **Financial**
 - Lack of national state budget to support S&T and cooperation

- **Inventory of existing programmes and instruments to support mobility (multilateral & bilateral)**
- **Policy dialogue, including identification of fields of specific mutual interest, financial tools and strategic directions**
- **Instruments of joint financial support:**
 - **Joint laboratories**
 - **Staff exchange**
 - **Different financial sources complementing the projects budget**
- **Joint development of scenarios to overcome the barriers**
- **Enhanced monitoring of the mobility flows between the EU and RF**
 - **Balanced mobility of leading experts and young researchers**
- **Exchange of best practices in the area**
- **Linking with the EURAXESS – information exchange**
- **Better use of existing opportunities and programmes (NCP, EU & RF programmes)**
- **Enhanced participation of the Russian organisations in the Marie Curie Actions, i.e. IRSES projects**

Thank you for your attention!

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