

Fact sheet BILAT-RUS

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Project title: "Enhancing the bilateral S&T Partnership with the Russian Federation" (BILAT-RUS)
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Project Partners

| Name | Acronym | Country |
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| 1 International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research at the Project Management Agency c/o German Aerospace Center | DLR | Germany |
| 2 State University Higher School of Economics | HSE | Russia |
| 3 Russian Research Centre "Kurchatov Institute" | KIAE | Russia |
| 4 Moscow State Institute of Steel and Alloys | MISIS | Russia |
| 5 Analytical Centre for S&T and Educational Programmes | ICISTE | Russia |
| 6 National Centre for Scientific Research | CNRS | France |
| 7 Austrian Research Promotion Agency | FFG | Austria |
| 8 Centre for Social Innovation | ZSI | Austria |
| 9 Centre for Innovation and Technology in NRW | ZENIT | Germany |

General information about BILAT-Projects

Background: Enhancing the partnership of the EU with third countries, in particular in the frame of existing S&T cooperation agreements.

Objectives: Supporting the sharpening and realization of the bilateral EU-S&T agreements with third countries in practice.

The main **activities** are:

- Improving the process of providing information on programs and funding designed to promote cooperation between Europe and specific third countries (websites, database).
- Better identifying and demonstrating mutual interest and benefit in S&T cooperation between Europe and specific third countries as well as setting priorities.
- Sharing best practices via joint for a such as workshops and presenting the state of the art and the prospects for cooperation in particular fields.
- Provide support for the implementation of S&T cooperation and for the search of relevant and suitable partners.

Project description

The project funded by the EU aims at contributing to the sustainable implementation of the 4th Common Space on Research, Education and Culture between the EU and Russia and at further strengthening the participation of Russia in Community programmes - most prominently the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7).

The **major objectives** of BILAT-RUS are:

- **to facilitate coherent information dissemination and awareness raising.** This refers to effective and sustainable information gathering and dissemination on S&T in Russia, on EU and Russian S&T programmes, on ongoing cooperation programmes and activities. A database on S&T research institutes in Russia will be set-up for this purpose and examples of particular good cooperation practice (case studies) will be collected and analyzed. Moreover, the establishment of a web-portal with information on EU-Russian cooperation in S&T is envisaged to ensure a high level of information dissemination and awareness raising. The capacities of the Russian NCPs will be further increased to provide targeted advice for Russian applicants.

- **to contribute to the optimization of the framework and the instruments for enhanced future EU-Russian cooperation across all S&T themes.**

Existing instruments, rules, regulations and agreements at bilateral (Member States and Russia) and Community level (EU and Russia) will be identified and compiled in an inventory. Examples of good practice and major barriers to successful cooperation will also be collected and analyzed. Furthermore, options for optimizing the common legal and organizational frame based on efficient instruments will be gathered for future discussion by policy stakeholders from EU Member States, the European Commission and Russia. Finally, suggestions for practical and efficient joint funding mechanisms will be collected in cooperation with Russian funding institutions.

- **to create a knowledge base for emerging horizontal issues of sustainable cooperation.**

The focus will be put on mobility. Information will be gathered and analyzed and options for joint EU-Russian action will be explored (e.g. the setting-up of new joint thematic EU-Russian Working Groups).

- **to meet the short and medium term needs of existing and upcoming joint thematic EU-Russian Working Groups on S&T cooperation.**

This includes the identification and analysis of rules, procedures and support mechanisms for the Working Groups based on good practice and the existing terms of reference. In a dialogue process with EU and Russian stakeholders of the Working Groups the work will be organized in order to respond to the concrete needs of each Working Group. It is offered to provide a knowledge base to support effective decision-making of Working Groups, to define relevant S&T sup-topics of particular mutual benefit, to disseminate information on the activities, results and recommendations of the respective Working Groups.

Responsibilities of the International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (DLR)

The International Bureau (IB) is responsible for the scientific and administrative coordination of the project. The coordinator communicates with the representatives of the European Commission concerning projects activities and reporting duties.

IB is work package leader for WP 1 "Information dissemination and awareness raising " (together with HSE) and WP 4 "Management of the consortium and links". Furthermore IB is in charge for the implementation of several subtasks.

Highlights

- „kick-off“ meeting and 1. General Assembly in Brussels, September 25, 2008
- Launching of the project website www.bilat-rus.eu
- Interviews with representatives of the joint thematic EU-Russian working groups for Aeronautics, Energy, Environment and Mobility on May 07 in Brussels
- "Expert Meeting on Success Factors for Russian Participation in the EU RTD Framework Programme" on May 14 in Moscow

State of affairs and intermediate results

State of Deliverables

- WP1: Implementation of the project website www.bilat-rus.eu.
- WP1: Continuous process of identifying and collecting information about S&T – and innovation activities between EU and Russia. A special focus is lying on the thematic priority of the „joint EU-Russian working groups“. The results will be presented at a later project stage on the new web portal on EU-Russian cooperation in S&T (launching planned for summer 2009).
- WP1: Draft of the EU-Russian web portal presented
- WP1: Development of the structure of a searchable database for Russian research institutes "mapping of competencies"
- WP1: First discussion about the implementation of a „advisory network hotline“ between selected European and Russian National Contact Points as well as special FAQ for Russian applicants in the FP 7.

- WP2: Preparation of an “Expert Meeting on Success Factors for Russian Participation in the EU RTD Framework Programme” in Moscow.
- WP3: First serial of interviews with representatives of the thematic joint EU-Russian Working Groups for Aeronautics, Energy, Environment and Mobility in Brussels.

Planned activities from Mai 2009 to October 2009

- Second serial of Interviews with EU-representatives of the joint EU-Russian working groups for FAB, Nanotechnologies, Health and Nuclear Fission.
- Interviews with the Russian representatives of the joint thematic EU-Russian working groups.
- Establishing of the planned „advisory network hotline“.
- “Expert meeting on Success Factors for Russian Participation in the EU RTD Framework Programme” in Moscow, 14 May 2009.
- Finalization of FAQs for Russian applicants in the FP 7.
- Launching of the EU-Russian web portal (close connection with the web portal www.increast.eu) including presentation of first project results (Internet Guide, FAQ, searchable database for Russian research institutions,...), summer 2009.
- Start with the activity to build an inventory of existing EU-Russian instruments for the implementation of the bilateral S &T agreement.
- Management Board Meeting (WP-Leader) 29 September 2009 in Moscow

Source: International Bureau of the Federal Ministry for Education and Science (BMBF)