



# Opportunities for Science & Technology Cooperation between the European Union and Russia

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## **EU-Russia S&T cooperation: Steering bodies**

### **Policy & scientific dialogue “top down”**

- Permanent Partnership Council (PPC – ministerial level), four “common spaces” + road maps, one on Research, Education and Culture.
- Joint EU-Russia S&T Cooperation Committee (S&T Agreement, EC Director-General level)
- 12 Joint EU-Russia Thematic Working Groups in priority areas (EC Directorate level)



# 10 Joint EU-Russia Thematic Research Working Groups (under S&T Agreement)

- Health
- Food, Agriculture, Biotechnologies
- Information & Communications Technologies
- Nanotechnologies & New Materials
- Non-nuclear Energy
- Environment
- Aeronautics
- e-Infrastructures

**New since July 2010:**

- Research Infrastructures
- Mobility / Marie-Curie



# Russia in the EU Framework Programmes for RTD

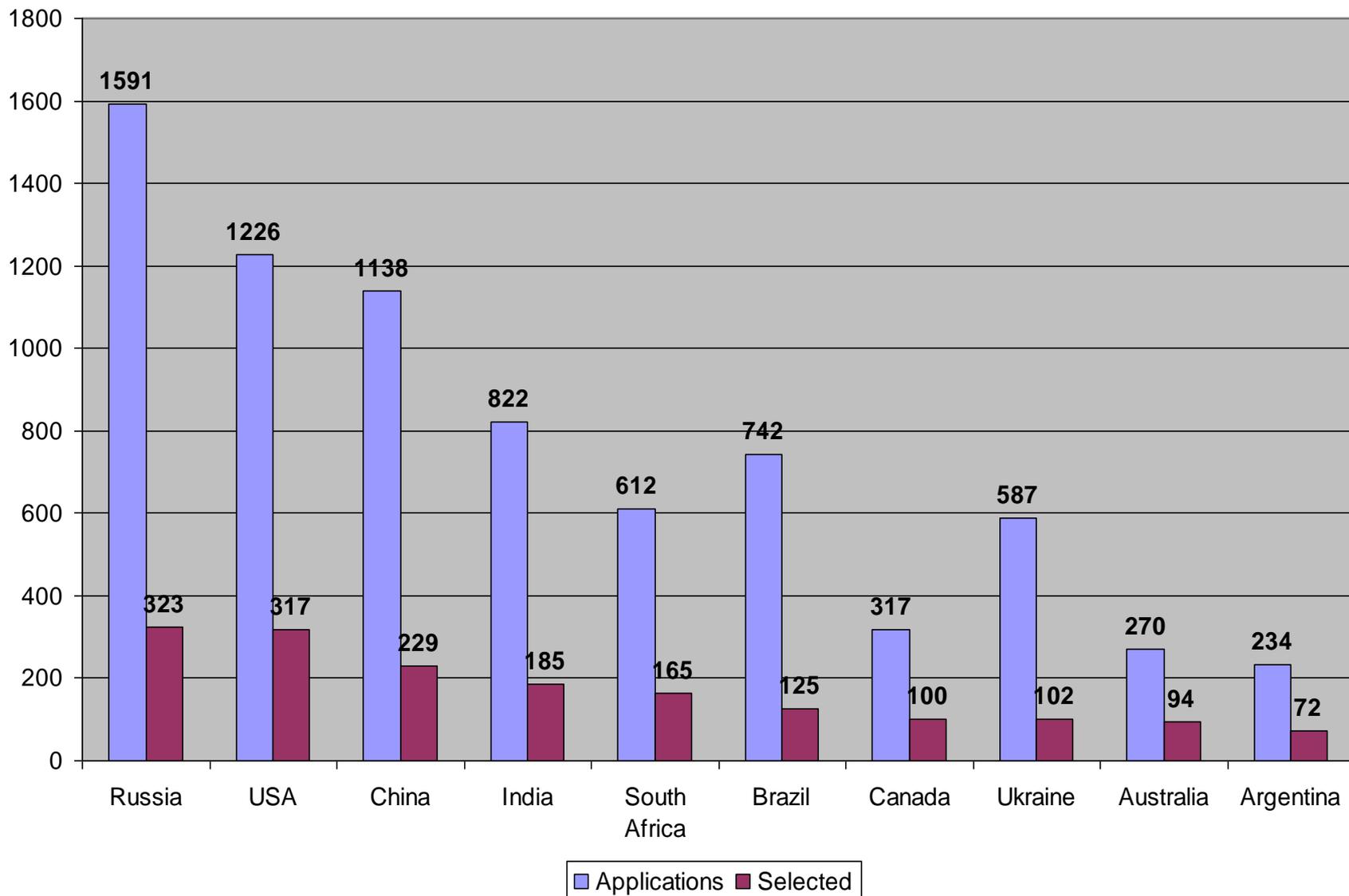
## Framework Programme 6: 2002-2006

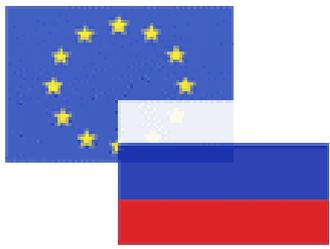
- Russia was the most successful “third-country” \* :  
Scientists participate in 330 projects, incl.  
60 Marie Curie fellowships, worth ~ € 2.8 billion
- Total EC contribution to Russian participants was  
~ € 120 million (including INTAS)

\* Third country = neither EU Member State nor country associated with FP



# Evaluation of Russian Participation in FP7: Applications Submitted and Retained Cooperation, Capacities and Euratom Programmes





# Russia in the EU Framework Programmes for RTD

## Framework Programme 7: 2007 – 2013

By 2010 (programme mid-term):

- Overall, Russia continues to be the most active “third country”
- Russian scientists participate in ~300 projects, receiving > € 50 million
- But: compared with FP6 proportionally lower EC contribution due to Russian co-funding of coordinated calls for proposals



# EU - Russia S&T Cooperation Co-funded Coordinated Calls for Proposals in 7 Thematic Areas

- 2007-2008: Energy and Food-Agriculture-Biotechnology
- 2008-2009: Health and Nuclear Fission Energy and Nano-technologies & New Materials
- 2009-2010: Aeronautics
- 2010-2011: ICT, Nano-technologies & New Materials



# FP7 projects in support to enhancing EU-Russia S&T cooperation

- Bilateral S&T Cooperation partnerships:  
**ACCESSRU & BILAT-RUS**
- Coordination of national policies & funding programmes:  
**ERA-Net.RUS**
- Bi-regional coordination of S&T Cooperation:  
**IncoNet Eastern Europe & Central Asia (EECA)**
- Transnational cooperation among National Contact Points (NCP) for international cooperation: **INCONTACT – One World**



## EU-RU S&T cooperation...

...also extends to **related areas** such as...

### **Higher Education:**

- Russia's participation in the "Bologna process"
- *Erasmus Mundus* programme
- *Tempus* programme

### **Space (research):**

*European Commission - European Space Agency (ESA) - Roscosmos*



## ...EU-RU S&T cooperation

...and also includes Russia's active participation in major European research infrastructures and facilities such as...

→ **CERN** - *European Organisation for Nuclear Research*

→ **XFEL** - *European X-ray Free Electron Laser*

→ **FAIR** - *Facility for Antiproton & Ion Research*

→ **GLORIAD** - *Global Ring Network for Advanced Applications Development*

→ **GÉANT** - *European Data Network for Research & Education*

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# EU-Russian S&T web portal as central gateway to S&T cooperation

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

The screenshot shows the S&T Gate RUS.EU website in a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar shows the URL <http://www.st-gaterus.eu/>. The page features a header with navigation links (Home, Contact, Sitemap, Privacy, Imprint, Search) and the S&T Gate RUS.EU logo. A main banner image shows a map of Europe and Russia. The main content area is titled "S&T Gate RUS.EU: Identify and analyse the S&T Potential of EU-Russia Cooperation" and includes a description of the platform's purpose and a list of services provided. A sidebar on the left contains a navigation menu with links to Home, European Union, Russia: S&T landscape, S&T cooperation, Important documents/publications, Current information, Links, and Free contribution. A search bar is located below the sidebar. The right sidebar contains a calendar for June 2010, a newsletter subscription form, and sections for National Contact Points and Projects of the North. The main content area features three news items: "Latest News: Joint Statement on the Partnership for Modernisation EU-Russia Summit 31 May-1 June 2010", "Featured Event: The V Days of European Science in the Central Russia", and "Important Document: EU-Russia Common Spaces - Progress Report 2009".

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

**S&T GATE RUS.EU IS AN INFORMATION PLATFORM DESIGNED TO:**

- intensify international cooperation in science and technology
- facilitate the networking of research organizations and institutions in Russia and the European Union, and
- promote scientific dialogue between Russia and EU Member States.

**S&T GATE RUS.EU PROVIDES:**

- detailed and up-to-date information about the political development of research and technology in Russia,
- information about collaborative projects, programmes and partner organizations,
- contact information for local experts.

S&T Gate RUS.EU is geared towards researchers, developers and scientists who are interested in carrying out cross-border research projects, gaining experience in cooperating with the European Union, and conducting further research on the results of joint projects. The platform is also aimed at decision-makers in politics and the private sector.

**Latest News: Joint Statement on the Partnership for Modernisation EU-Russia Summit 31 May-1 June 2010**  
Meeting of Kosyov-on-Son for their 28th Summit on May 31-June 1, 2010, the European Union and Russia launched a Partnership for Modernisation to the mutual benefit of their citizens. [\(link to European Council press release 2010\)](#) [more](#)

**Featured Event: The V Days of European Science in the Central Russia**  
The V Days of European Science in the Central Russia is a biennial international conference, which aims to provide a forum to exchange views on the development of Russia - EU S&T cooperation and to discuss challenges, trends and practical tools. [more](#)

**Important Document: EU-Russia Common Spaces - Progress Report 2009**  
The linked progress report for 2009 by the European Commission covers the Common Spaces on "Trade and Economic cooperation", "Freedom, Security and Justice", and "Research, Education and Culture". [more](#)

**CALENDAR**  
June 2010  
Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat  
1 2 3 4 5  
6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
13 14 15 16 17 18 19  
20 21 22 23 24 25 26  
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**NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS**  
\* Network of National Contact Points (NCPs) in Member States and Associated States  
\* FRT contacts in third countries

**PROJECTS OF THE NORTH**  
\* Ongoing projects in Eastern European/Central Asian Countries



# European R&D Framework Programmes (FPs)

**FP is the financial instrument for the EU research strategy**

- Largest publicly funded competitive R&D programme worldwide (annual budget in FP7 = € 7.2 billion)
- Basic rule of trans-national collaboration
- Thematic programmes in all technology areas
- Special programmes for researchers' mobility, research infrastructures, SMEs, capacity building
- A defined budget for a defined number of years and a set of priorities for scientific research
- A set of strategies and tools to implement them



# Role of the European Framework Programmes for RTD

**Objective: to strengthen the S&T basis, to increase the competitiveness of industry and to raise the international standing of Europe**

## **By bringing down barriers**

- **between countries:**
  - multinational consortia
  - researchers from any country in the world can participate
  - coordination among national funding programmes
- **between different types of organizations:** universities, research centres, SMEs, large companies, etc.
- **between disciplines:** increased focus on translational research
- **and encourage mobility:** Marie Curie fellowships available for researchers and for host institutes



# International Cooperation in FP7

## 3 different avenues:

### 1. All activities open for International Cooperation

- International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPCs) can participate in projects and receive EC funding
- Industrialised countries may be funded if their participation is seen as essential for the project or if provided for in the call
- Minimum number of participants: 3 from MS/AC

### 2. Specific International Cooperation Actions

- Address specific issues that partner countries face or have a global character, on the basis of mutual interest and benefit
- Minimum number of participants: 2+2 (2 from MS/AC + 2 from ICPCs – in Russia = 2 regions / Oblasts)

### 3. Bilateral agreements for targeted co-funding

- Individual agreements with specific countries e.g. Russia



# FP7 2007 –2013 Specific Programmes

***Cooperation* – Collaborative research**

***Ideas* – Frontier Research**

***People* – Marie Curie Actions**

***Capacities* – Research Capacity**

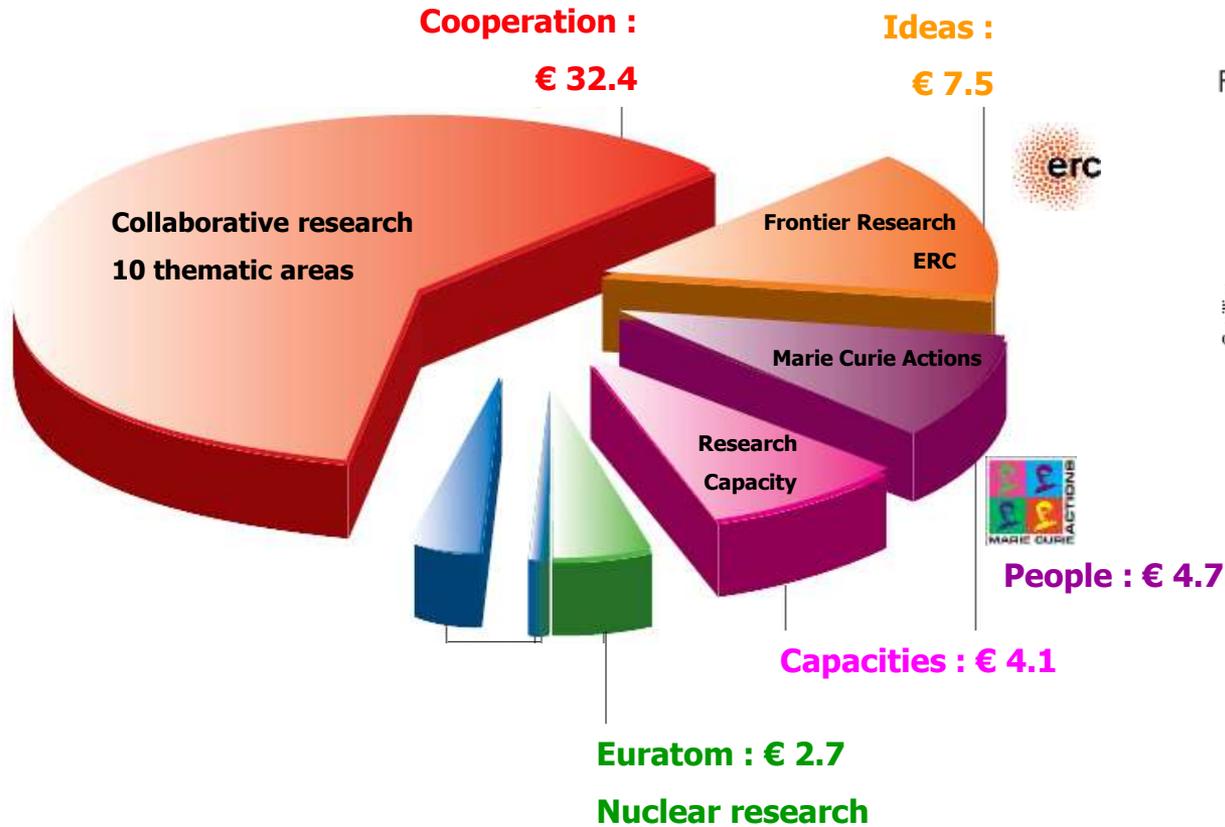


**JRC non-nuclear research**

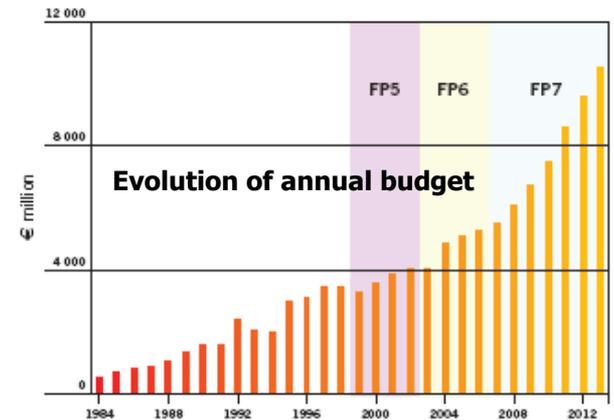
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# FP7 funding (2007-2013)

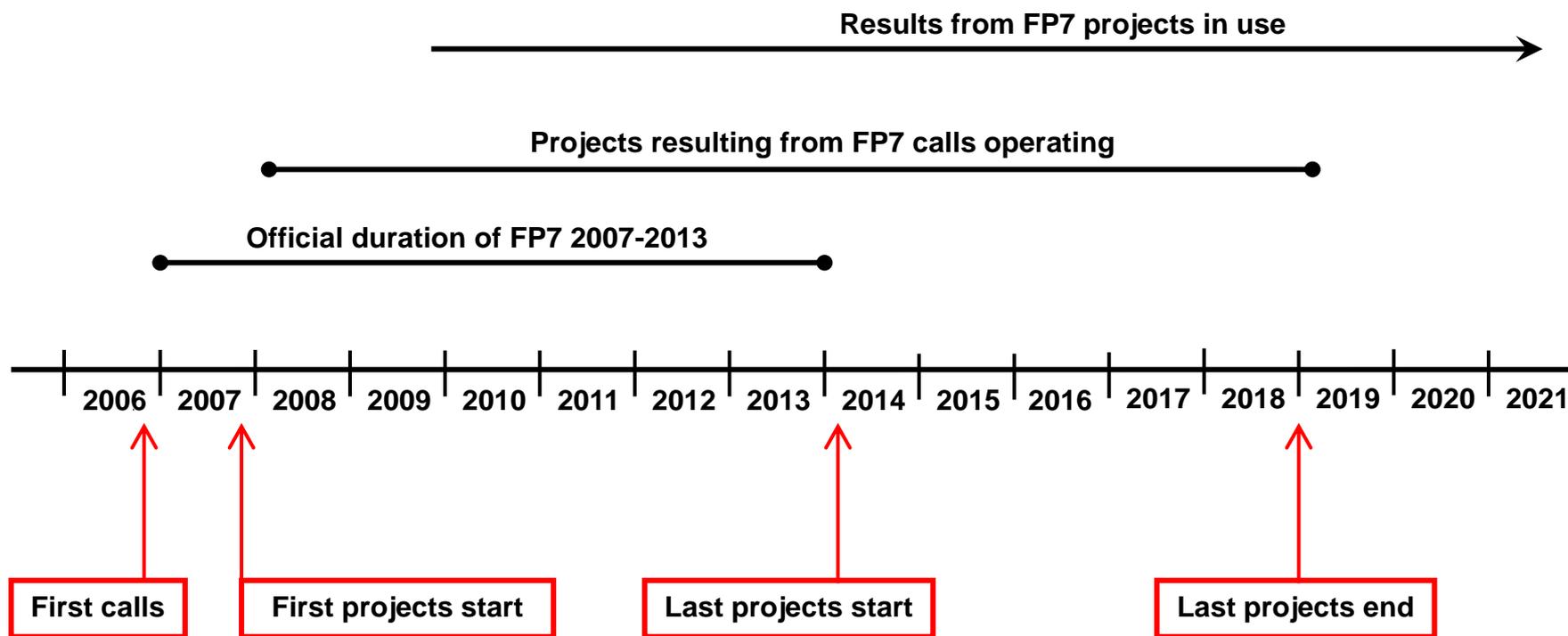


Framework programme budget (1984-2013)





# Timeframe for FP7 projects





# FP7 "Cooperation"



## *Thematic Priorities:*

1. Health
2. Food, agriculture & biotechnology
3. Information & communication technologies
4. Nanotechnologies & materials
5. Energy
6. Environment
7. Transport
8. Socio-economic sciences
9. Security & 10. Space

*Billion Euro*

6,0

1,9

9,1

3,5

2,2

1,9

4,1

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$\Sigma$  32,3

***The EC currently manages only about 6% of total public R&D investment in the EU***

***EU countries invest about 2% of GDP in research***





# FP7 “Ideas” – European Research Council (ERC)



- To support investigator-driven frontier research over all areas of research
- By individual teams
- Excellence as sole criterion
- Autonomous scientific governance
- Simple, user-friendly delivery
- Team Leader (“Principal Investigator”) assembles his/her research group; freedom to choose the research topic. Individual teams to consist of researchers without “artificial” administrative constraints; thus members may be drawn from one or several legal entities, from within or across national boundaries, including 3<sup>rd</sup> countries



# FP7 “People”



## Marie Curie Actions- Fellowships, Grants, Awards

- **Initial training (~40% budget)**
  - ➔ Initial Training Networks (ITN)\*
- **Life-long training and career development (~25-30% budget)**
  - ➔ Intra-European Fellowships (IEF)/ Career Integration Grants (CIG)
  - ➔ Co-funding of regional/national/international programmes (COFUND)
- **Industry dimension (~5-10% budget)**
  - ➔ Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)\*
- **International dimension (~25% budget)**
  - ➔ International Outgoing & Incoming Fellowships (IOF & IIF)
  - ➔ International Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)
- **Policy support actions (~1% budget)**
  - ➔ Mobility and career enhancement actions

\* *Open to third-country nationals*





# FP7 “Capacities”



- Research infrastructures
- Research for the benefit of SMEs
- Regions of Knowledge
- Research Potential
- Science in Society
- Coherent development of policies
- Activities of International Cooperation



# EU-Russia Partnership for Modernisation

- Priority 3: « Enhancing cooperation in innovation, research and development, and space ».
- Work plan: (i) participation of parties in Russian and European scientific programmes, (ii) global research infrastructures, (iii) joint fundamental research programmes, (iv) nuclear research.
- Current S&T cooperation already covers the majority of R&D areas listed in the work plan, based on:
- S&T cooperation agreement since 1999, an important part in the overall EU-Russia relationship.
- **More to be done on research for innovation.**



# EU-Russia Partnership for Modernisation

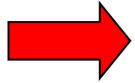
## in Europe :

- Heart of **Europe 2020 Strategy** → Innovation Union, turning ideas into jobs, green growth and social progress
- An ageing population, strong competitive pressures from globalisation → future economic growth and jobs will increasingly have to come from innovation in products, services and business models.
- > 30 action points
  - to improve conditions and access to finance for research and innovation in Europe,
  - to ensure that innovative ideas can be turned into products and services that create growth and jobs.



# The Innovation Union: aims

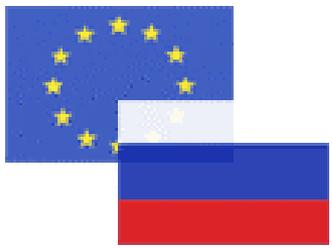
Innovation  
Union



Adoption of Communication 6 October 2010

**Support for research and innovation focussing on (limited number of) key societal challenges, including health and demographic change:**

- Improving framework conditions for businesses to innovate, improving access to finance.
- Creating '**European Innovation Partnerships**' between the EU and national levels to speed up the development and deployment of the technologies needed to meet the challenges identified.
- Increasing focus of research funding effort on support to innovative, high-tech SME, fund high-impact and demonstration-type projects.

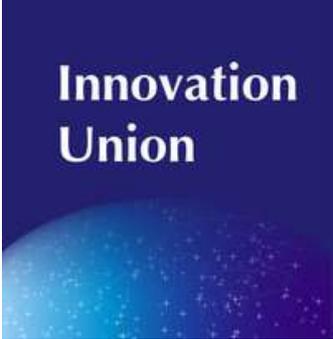


## ***Common Strategic Framework*** **- Green Paper -**

- **Consulting on major improvements** to future EU research and innovation funding
  - With a coherent set of funding instruments along the whole innovation chain (from basic research to market uptake)
  - And far reaching simplification of procedures and rules
- **For the next EU Budget** (to start in 2014)
- **Seeking stakeholder views** ahead of the Commission's formal proposals (deadline 20 May, conference 10 June, findings by end 2011)
  - On the proposed improvements
  - On the priorities of the Common Strategic Framework



# Scope of the Common Strategic Framework



Innovation  
Union

- **Covering current funding for:**
- The **7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme (FP7)** for research, technological development and demonstration
  - € 55 billion (2007-13). 4 main programmes on Ideas, Cooperation, People and Capacities (plus Euratom, JRC).
- The **Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP)**
  - € 3.6 billion (2007-13). 3 programmes on enterprise & innovation, intelligent energy, and ICT policy support.
- The **European Institute for Innovation and Technology (EIT)**
  - Autonomous EU body bringing together higher education, research and business to stimulate innovation in Knowledge and Innovation Communities. EU budget contribution of € 309 million (2007-13)
- **And strengthening complementarities with the Structural Funds**
  - € 86 billion allocated (2007-13) to R&D and innovation, entrepreneurship, ICT and human capital development



# EU-Russia Partnership for Modernisation

## in Russia

- “Innovative Russia – 2020”, a *draft* Strategy for innovation development published on 31/12/2010 by the Russian Ministry of Economic Development

## 5 key tasks:

- Need for ‘innovative man’ – people to become more receptive to innovation
- Need for innovative business
- Need for innovative state – modernisation of state administration
- ➔ Need for effective science – to be able to adapt to new world trends and needs of national economy and society, to effectively commercialise new technologies
- ➔ Need to enhance international cooperation



# European Research Information



- **EU Research & Innovation**  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research>

- **Innovation Union**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm)

- **Seventh Framework Programme**  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7>



- **Information on research programmes and projects**  
<http://cordis.europa.eu/>

- **Experts' registration in FP**  
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