

WORK PLAN for activities within the EU-Russia Partnership for Modernisation¹:
Working Document

Nos.	Tasks	Executives/ Instruments	Cooperation Activities/Projects		Comments
			Description of activities/projects and expected results	Time frame	
<p>1. Creation of diversified, competitive and sustainable low-carbon economy</p> <p>1.1. Expanding opportunities for investment in key sectors driving growth and innovation</p> <p>Numerous projects involving companies from Russia and the EU are underway and/or planned in many different industrial and technological sectors, including the sectors listed under tasks 1.1.1 to 1.1.6. The practical experience of investors should help policy makers to identify the concrete measures needed to create an enabling environment leading to additional opportunities for investment and trade. To this end, business organisations such as the EU-Russia Industrialists' Round Table (IRT) will provide input on a regular basis.</p>					
1.1.1.	Energy efficiency, energy saving, renewable energy sources	Energy Dialogue <i>Russian Energy Agency, Joint Research Centre</i> <i>Regulatory Dialogue</i>	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <p><u>Strengthening cooperation and exchange of best practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best experience sharing/inventory of the EU instruments and tools available for monitoring of progress and support for implementation of the legislation and regulations. • Development of a methodology for monitoring of energy efficiency improvements at macro and sector levels. • Promotion of the alignment of energy efficiency requirements, standards and labeling for products. • Joint cycle of workshops on best practices in energy efficiency and energy saving (with Russian Energy Agency). • Cooperation on the regional level, strengthening of cooperation between European and Russian energy agencies. <p><u>Support to pilot projects and investment facilitation in priority areas through improved cooperation with International Financial Institutions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to <u>pilot projects and investment facilitation</u> in priority areas of energy efficiency, energy saving and renewables, such as better use of associated petrol gas, coal bed methane, clean-coal technologies, carbon capture and storage, energy efficient district heating and energy saving measures in buildings, energy efficiency in energy generation, transmission and distribution, as well as biomass and wind energy through improvement of the cooperation with International Financial Institutions (IFIs), and in particular the European Investment Bank (EIB), to develop support tools for investments; this will include but not be limited to action within Northern Dimension structures (Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership - NDEP). 	2011 2010-2011 2011-2012 2010-2012 2011-2012 2011-2012	

¹ This Working Document will be updated regularly.

			<p><u>Training, awareness raising:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of education programmes for energy auditors, energy management experts and engineers. • Information and awareness raising on energy efficiency with consumers and stakeholders, through activities of EU and Russian local energy efficiency centres and joint activities with the Russian Energy Agency. 	2011-2012 2011	
1.1.2.	Other energy related issues	Energy Dialogue	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of "Road Map" on EU-RF cooperation in the energy sector for the period till 2050. • Cooperation on grid development plans and studies on the options and conditions for power systems interconnections in the electricity sector in the framework of the Dialogue's ad-hoc group on electricity. • Strengthening of an investment friendly and secure legal environment in the EU and Russia (including issues of EU and Russian regulation) to be pursued in regular and specific EU-Russia Energy Dialogue meetings. • Exchange of views on the bilateral and multilateral energy framework to be pursued in the appropriate frameworks. • Exploration of possibilities to establish an EU-Russia centre for energy efficiency and innovation as a one-stop shop for business (including exploration of co-financing options by EU and Russian business). • Develop new options for the use of gas, including in the transport sector (within EU-Russia Energy Dialogue). • Encourage concrete industry projects in different industrial and technological sectors, inclusive but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the introduction of new technologies for increasing energy savings and energy efficiency in Russia. ○ projects on the sustainable use of coalmine methane and associated petroleum gas. ○ modern, low-carbon and efficient energy infrastructure ○ wind energy ○ small hydropower ○ biofuel ○ smart metering and communication equipment ○ other sectors, as appropriate. 	2011-2012 2011-2012	
1.1.3.	Telecommunications and Information technologies	Dialogue on Information Society	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation and governance: Information sharing on the regulation of telecommunications and the overall governance of the internet in expert meetings as identified within the EU-Russia Information Society Dialogue. • Radio-frequency spectrum: Intensified information exchange on radio-frequency 	2010 - 2013 2011- 2013	

			<p>spectrum issues in the context of the opportunities and challenges related to the move from analogue to digital networks. To start with an initial expert level meeting in Moscow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-infrastructure: Improving the interconnection of, access to, and use of various e-infrastructure assets and resources used for research. 	2010-2013	
1.1.4.	Environment protection, promoting a sustainable low-carbon economy, promoting international negotiations on fighting climate change	Environmental Dialogue	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulation of industrial activities: Exchange of experiences on (1) integrated permitting based on best available techniques, (2) identification of best available techniques, (3) compliance enforcement, (4) reduction of power intensity of production, and (5) cleaner production. Shared environmental information system (launch of Russian component in the project). 	2011 2011	
1.1.5.	Transport	Transport Dialogue	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation on Digital Tachograph and on new generations of digital devices controlling working and rest time of road drivers. Maritime transport projects/areas of cooperation: exchange of maritime navigation data between More and SafeSeaNet, cooperation on the Motorways of the Sea concept for Barents and Baltic Seas, including cooperation in new multimodal (especially rail –sea) technological developments and connections. Development of enhanced transport integration within the Northern Dimension (NDPTL) and Central Axis Partnership. Attribution of Russia - EU dimension to the Russian Railways' project «The Transsib in 7 days». Traffic management on the Intelligent Transport System basis and road safety improvement. Forming high-speed RF-EU rail network. 	As of 2011 As of 2011 As of 2010 As of 2011 2011-2012 As of 2011	
1.1.6.	Public Health	Health Dialogue	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of a 'Road Map' on cooperation in the field of public health till 2015. Cooperation in the field of prevention of non communicable diseases (combating tobacco consumption, alcoholism). Cooperation in the field of prevention of infectious diseases (epidemiological data exchange and control of infectious diseases, pandemic, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria). Cooperation to develop a common understanding on the application of international food safety standards. Exploratory work on data exchange and cooperation in the field of pharmaceuticals, including Good Manufacturing Practices and clinical trials. 	As of 2011 As of 2011 As of 2011 As of 2011 As of 2011	

2. Facilitating and liberalising trade in the global economy, enhancing and deepening bilateral trade and economic relations

2.1.	Liberalization of trade	Multilateral and bilateral consultations and negotiations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russia's early WTO accession (task to be pursued via the established multilateral accession processes). 	2011	
2.2.	Integration in the global economy	Multilateral and bilateral consultations and negotiations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russia's OECD accession. Harmonisation of Russian legislation in line with OECD requirements (task to be pursued via the established multilateral accession processes). 	2010-2012	
2.3.	Identification and removal of barriers to trade and investment	Trade and investment dialogue (trade subgroup and investment subgroup)	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace and update the existing Early Warning mechanism and Investment Dialogue with a Trade and Investment Dialogue established in two subgroups: a trade subgroup and an investment subgroup. This dialogue is to meet regularly to exchange information, and to identify and address trade and investment barriers. 	First meetings in 1 st quarter of 2011	
2.4.	Customs	Subcommittee on customs and cross-border cooperation	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full implementation of the joint strategy agreed in the customs cooperation sub-committee. Joint evaluation of the impact of the joint strategy, including on the throughput capacity of EU-Russia border crossing points. Development of an appropriate early-warning mechanism to prevent border congestion. 	2010-2011 2011 2011	

2.5.	Promoting alignment of technical regulations and standards	Regulatory Dialogue, Dialogue on Industrial and Enterprise Policy	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss in Regulatory Dialogue how to promote the association of Rosstandart to the European standardisation bodies (CEN, CENELEC, ETSI), and formalise co-operation between European standardisation organizations and Rosstandart. • Discussions on the harmonisation of the draft law of the Russian Federation on the safety of chemical products with the EU legislation on chemicals registration. • Identification of technical regulations where alignment of Russian and European Union regulations can be achieved within one year, and of a broader list of legislation where alignment can be achieved by the end of 2012. • Discussion of common approaches to the identification of the product list for obligatory third party certification. • Establishment of a uniform system of certification, accreditation, conformity assessment and market surveillance in the Russian Federation taking into account the European practices in the course of the realisation of the project «Approximation of Russia and EU systems of technical regulation, conformity assessment and certification». • Discussions of possibilities for Russia to achieve recognition of laboratories for GLP (Good Laboratory Practice) compliance for recognition of test data. • Consider, for areas where alignment of horizontal and sectoral technical regulations has been achieved, the preparation of conformity assessment protocols. • Approximation of phytosanitary and veterinary compulsory requirements, standards, and practices of control/implementation with international or EU regulations and standards, in particular residues of veterinary residual products, pesticides and contaminants in food. Support through TAIFEX. • Approximation of technical regulations/standards and market management practices in the agricultural sector through progress in the Agricultural Dialogue. • Development of unified standards for environmental impact assessments of transboundary projects. 	2010-2011 2011-2013 2010-2011 2011 2010-2011	
<p>3. Enhancing cooperation in innovation and research and development, including space and nuclear research.</p> <p>3.1. Research and development</p>					
3.1.1.	Participation of parties in Russian and European (framework) scientific programmes	Joint Committee on Science and Technology Cooperation (JSTC), established under the EU-Russia S&T Cooperation Agreement	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of the Russia-EU interaction through an increasingly active role of Russia in FP7 and of the EU in the Russian Federal Task programmes, based on mutual interest. Priority should be given to the implementation of the actions foreseen in the EU-Russia roadmap for S&T cooperation agreed under the JSTC. 	2011-2013	
3.1.2.	Global Research Infrastructures	JSTC	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing the involvement of the Russian and European research communities in the establishment of global research infrastructures in Russia and the EU. 	2011-2013	

3.1.3.	Joint fundamental research programmes	JSTC	Agreed activities/projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement of both sides in each other's research programmes and projects to assist the EU and Russian research communities in the process of technological modernisation. 	2011-2013	
3.1.4.	Nuclear research	Coordinating Committees under the Euratom-Russia agreements, Generation IV International Forum (GIF)	Agreed activities/projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU-Russian cooperation through Russian participation in the Euratom Framework Programme. • Potential institutionalised Russian partnership in the programme of operation and exploitation of the Joint European Torus. • Coordinated parallel projects in the field of safety management of nuclear power stations. 	2011-2013 2011-2013 2011-2013	
3.2. Innovation cooperation					
3.2.1.	Improvement of legal environment for innovation development and cooperation	Dialogue on Industrial and Enterprise policy	Agreed activities/projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools to support evidence-based policy making, such as the European Innovation Scoreboard and the Innovation Policy Trend Chart could be extended to cover Russia. This could include an analysis of EU-Russia cooperation initiatives on innovation. 	As of 2011	
3.2.2.	Promoting small and medium-sized enterprises	Dialogue on Industrial and Enterprise policy	Agreed activities/projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange of experience in the field of public support of innovative SMEs including business incubators, techno parks, business technology centres, as well as companies created at institutions of higher education. • Exchange of experience on investment requirements for an innovative infrastructure to support high-end SMEs. • Exchange of experience in the sphere of financial services to SMEs (venture funds, credits, micro credits, grants and beginners' allowances etc.). • Encouraging the development of direct relations between the Russian and pan-European associations for the support of innovative SMEs, first of all venture funds, business angels and business incubators. 	2011 2011-2012 2011-2012 2011-2012	
3.2.3.	Commercial implementation of innovations	Dialogue on Industrial and Enterprise policy IRT	Agreed activities/projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of efforts on the development of the Enterprise Europe Network in Russia, improve the quality of the services provided to SMEs, including adapting their services to the needs of the Russian innovation system. • Facilitate cooperation between clusters and promote business-to-business cooperation (matchmaking events). • IRT will start a series of sector-specific workshops focusing on the different innovative sectors, including pharmaceuticals/health, energy efficiency, environment, transport, etc. 	As of 2011 2010-2012 2011	

3.3. Space			
3.3.	Space	Dialogue on Space Cooperation	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for signature of a Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) Cooperation Agreement including the annexes describing the system's parameters, criteria and methodology for the radio-frequency compatibility of current and future GLONASS and Galileo systems. • Elaboration of commonly approved definitions, criteria and assessment techniques of radio signals compatibility within current and future GLONASS and Galileo systems. • First launch of Soyuz from Europe's Spaceport. • Investigate areas for earth observation cooperation, including the exchange of Earth Observation Data Service methodologies, early warning systems, risk management and monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions. • Identify further areas of cooperation under the FP-7 Space programme. • Joint activities for the preparation and implementation of the Phobos ground mission. • Cooperation in the framework of the BepiColombo mission. • Carrying out of joint biomedical and biological experiments onboard the International Space Station (ISS). • Elaboration of proposals for new scientific experiments and new capabilities of ISS joint use. • Collaboration between the European eCall and Russian ERA - GLONASS projects on emergency response to traffic accidents. Preparation of an Agreement towards the harmonisation of the standards used by each party, and towards interoperable technological platforms for both projects.
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4. Rule of law, strengthening the legal environment, improving investment and the social climate			
4.1.	Strengthening the fight against corruption, ensuring the effective functioning of the judiciary, fighting money laundering	PPC on Justice and Home Affairs	<p>Agreed projects/activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing a project with the Council of Europe on the set-up of an appeal system for criminal and civil court cases. • Study visit of the Association of Lawyers of Russia. • Negotiation and conclusion of agreement between the European Police Organisation and the Russian Federation on operational cooperation, bearing in mind the need to ensure an adequate level of protection for personal data. • Negotiation and conclusion of agreement between Eurojust and the Russian Federation on cooperation, bearing in mind the need to ensure an adequate level of protection for personal data. • Implementation of a project to strengthen international cooperation in the sphere of family law, with a particular emphasis on the relevant Hague Conventions. • Organisation of joint international conferences, seminars, meetings in the field of combating cross-border crime as well as participation in relevant expert meetings
			Starting in 2011
			First study visit in 2011
			2010-2012
			2011-2013

		Environment Dialogue	<p>convened by Europol and carrying out of possible joint operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of joint actions to combat illegal and unsustainable logging of timber (in particular through a voluntary timber certification scheme). <p>Preliminary EU proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting up jointly funded activities, implemented by the Council of Europe, to support the fight against corruption and to support judicial reform. Further exchange of experience and best practices in anti-corruption, governance and related subjects through more intensive use of the TAIEX instrument. <p>Preliminary Russian proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancement of Russian participation in the Network of pilot courts in the Center of court statistics with the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice. 	<p>2011-2013</p> <p>2011-2013</p> <p>2011-2013</p> <p>2010-2011</p>	
4.2.	Improving investment climate and promoting a high level of enforcement of intellectual property rights	IPR Dialogue	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange of experiences on enforcement of intellectual property rights. Increase of awareness among the Russian enforcement agencies. Facilitate the possible follow-up activities of the European Patent Office (EPO)-Rospatent project "Approximation of the EU and the Russian Federation Intellectual Property Rights aspects", including Russian-English machine translation, patent classification, training of the IP examiners, patent information and related aspects for R&D. Facilitate the development and implementation of the joint project with the Office for the Harmonisation of the Internal Market (OHIM) on the comparison of the current trademark and industrial design legislation, practices on trademark and industrial design examination, automation of the trademark and industrial design application registration and document processing, including electronic filing. Development and implementation of the joint program on intellectual property rights protection in the sphere of selection achievements. <p>Dialogue on Agriculture and Rural Development</p>	<p>2011-2013</p> <p>2011-2013</p> <p>2011-2013</p> <p>2011-2013</p> <p>2011-2013</p>	
4.3.	Balanced development by addressing the regional and social consequences of economic restructuring	Dialogue on Regional Policy	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparative study on restructuring and employment programmes carried out in EU and Russian cities that have been dependent on one or two industrial sectors. Study visit of Russian representatives to EU cities that have gone through, or are facing, restructuring and diversification. The study visit could be followed by a seminar in Brussels. Balanced development: Implementation of the 5 CBC programmes ratified by Russia in July 2010. 	<p>2011</p> <p>2011</p> <p>2011-2013</p>	

5. Promoting people-to-people links and enhancing dialogue with civil society

	Task proposed by Russia			
5.1.	<p>Liberalisation of visa regime and people-to-people contacts</p>	<p>Russia-EU cooperation bodies, including the Visa Dialogue</p>	<p>Preliminary Russian proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of visa-free dialogue and development of "common steps" towards a visa-free regime for short-term visits of citizens in view of facilitation of visa regime with early perspective of its complete abolishment. Further liberalization of the visa regime for travels of citizens through the introduction of amendments to the EU-Russia visa facilitation agreement (widening list of grounds for issuing visas, increase of number of categories of persons for whom the visa fee is waived, extension of the practice of issuing multi-entry visas for a period of up to five years following the first visa request). 	2011
5.2.	<p>Strengthening dialogue with civil society</p>	<p>Russia-EU cooperation bodies, including Russia-EU sector dialogues</p>	<p>Preliminary EU proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the establishment of an EU-Russia Civil Society Forum to establish regular, systematic and sustainable contacts among non-state actors on both sides. 	2011-2013
5.3.	<p>Promoting people-to-people links through exchange programmes</p>	<p>Russia-EU cooperation bodies</p> <p>The European Studies Institute in Moscow</p>	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of existing international higher education cooperation programmes (Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, Jean Monnet) and youth exchange programmes (Youth in action). Study visits for officials of line ministries of Russia, EU Member States and Commission services as agreed under each dialogue. Each side to pay its own costs. <p>Preliminary Russian proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting exchange programmes within the framework of the European Studies Institute in Moscow. Enlargement of cooperation between the Moscow International Consortium of Universities for implementation of a Master's education programme on human rights with the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation. 	2011-2013 2011-2013
5.4.	<p>Engagement of Russian and EU business representatives in the activities of Russia-EU cooperation</p>	<p>IRT, Russia-EU cooperation bodies, including Russia-EU sectoral Dialogues, the European Studies Institute in Moscow</p>	<p>Agreed activities/projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisation of issue-related meetings and seminars for expert and business circles in view to prepare joint recommendations aiming to promote practical cooperation within the framework of the Partnership for Modernisation (financial aspects are to be decided in each concrete case). 	2010-2013