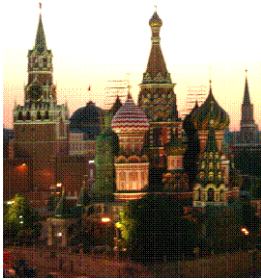




EU-Russia scientific mobility

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EU-Russia scientific mobility: Recent developments & Some reflections



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Outline:

1. Scientific mobility: general aspects
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“Scientific mobility”

Virtual scientific mobility
vs.
Physical scientific mobility



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“Scientific mobility”

Virtual mobility:
Unprecedented mobility of ideas globally?!

Physical mobility:
What do the figures say?



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Scientific mobility in the EU

The **European Research Area (ERA)** – six dimensions
(EC “*Green Paper on the European Research Area:
New Perspectives*”, April 2007):

- **Realizing a single labour market for researchers**
- Developing world-class research infrastructures
- Strengthening research institutions
- Sharing knowledge
- Optimising research programmes and priorities
- Opening to the world through international cooperation in S&T.



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Scientific mobility in the EU

Barriers to movement of scientists =
= Barriers to movement of people generally
*(language, school for children, job for spouse,
portability of social security & pension packages,
reintegration in country of origin,...)*

**=> EU (internal) measures (including ERC,
Euraxess, etc.)**



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Researchers' mobility: external dimension

Scientific mobility:

- Short-term vs. Long-term

Scientific mobility EU \Leftrightarrow Russia



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Researchers' mobility: external dimension

EU provisions:

- **Member States national schemes** for the recruitment of highly qualified migrants
- **European “researchers’ visa” package** (2004) => to facilitate entry of third country researchers
- **EU “Blue Card” Directive** (2009) => to attract highly qualified third-country nationals

Russian agenda:

- e.g. President Medvedev’s article *Forward Russia!* (10/09/2009)
 - “[...] Foreign companies and research organisations will be offered the most favourable conditions for establishing research and design centres in Russia. We will hire the best scientists and engineers from around the world [...]”



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Package for admission of & visa for third-country researchers

March 2004 proposal by the Commission.
Adoption in September - October 2005 of:

- A **directive on long-term admission** and a recommendation (not relevant any more) on the admission of third-country nationals to carry out scientific research in the EU
- A second **recommendation covering short-term visas**



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(1) Council Directive 2004/114/EC

- Setting up of a fast track admission procedure for researchers based on a “hosting agreement” (research project, possession by the researcher of the necessary scientific skills & financial resources).
- Right to work without an “economic needs test” to be carried out.
- Neither work permit nor « quota » admitted
- Accelerated admission procedure



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(2) Council Directive 2004/114/EC

- Involvement of private bodies
- Equal treatment with nationals in a number of areas, for example social security or working conditions
- Smooth mobility within most Member States
- Facilitation of family reunification



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The 2nd Recommendation (short-term visas < 3 months)

Based on the consideration of researchers as “bona fide travellers” for whom it is suitable to facilitate the issue of uniform visas to attend conferences etc.

Member States are encouraged to:

- Facilitate the rapid issuing of short-term visas (and multiple entry visas)
- Adopt a harmonised approach on the supporting documents for research visa applications
- Reinforce their consular co-operation on these issues



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EU-Russia scientific mobility: general framework

EU-Russia legal framework

- Bilateral agreements of individual EU MS with Russia
- EU-Russia S&T Cooperation Agreement (1999)
 - Article 4 (a) (“Cooperation may be pursued in Research, Technological Development & Demonstration activities, including basic research, in the following areas: [...] training & mobility of scientists [...]”)
- EU-Russia Visa Facilitation Agreement (2007)
 - => to ease short-term visa procedures for certain categories of persons incl. students, researchers, conference participants

EU-Russia dialogue on scientific mobility

- Meetings, discussions at the expert & institutional levels
- Activities of the Russian FP7 NCP for Researchers Mobility



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EU-Russia Visa Facilitation Agreement (1)

General Comments:

- Agreement eases procedures for issuing short-stay visas;
- It does not apply to UK, IRL and DK - Joint Declarations - also on ICL and NOR. Protocol on MSs that joined in 2004;
- For all matters not covered by the agreement-national/Community law continue to apply;
- Conditions of entry continue to apply.



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EU-Russia Visa Facilitation Agreement (2)

Facilitation:

- Standard time period for issuing visas: within 10 calendar days - possible extension or reduction.
- Simplification of documentary evidence for certain categories of persons such as close relatives, members of official delegations, students and professional drivers.



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EU-Russia Visa Facilitation Agreement (3)

- **Visa fee: 35€** for both single & multiple-entry visas. Possibility of higher fee (70€) for urgent requests submitted by visa applicant - exception for humanitarian cases.
- **Waiving of the visa fee** for certain categories such as close relatives, officials, students and humanitarian cases.



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EU-Russia Visa Facilitation Agreement (4)

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Simplified criteria for multiple-entry visas:

- Up to five years for VIPs and spouses and children visiting EU/Russian citizens residing in the other Party;
- Up to one year for some categories such as members of official delegations, business people, journalists, professional drivers and train crews;
- After two multiple-entry visas up to one year, visas for a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 years can be issued.



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Instruments to facilitate scientific EU-Russia mobility

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EU possibilities for researchers mobility to & from Russia

- EU MS bilateral programmes
- FP7 “People” programme – Marie Curie Actions
- FP7 “Cooperation” programme - mobility within projects
- FP7 Specific “Ideas” programme (ERC)
- Erasmus Mundus

Select Russian programmes & initiatives

- Federal Targeted Programme “Scientific & Education Research Personnel (Human Resources) for an Innovative Russia” for 2009-2013 (e.g. measures to reintegrate Russian “scientific diaspora” abroad)
- National Research Universities – international outlook
- others?



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EU-Russia mobility of researchers: Concluding questions

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Are there barriers to scientific mobility EU-Russia?

If so, are they *different* from barriers to *general* mobility?

If so, *what* are these barriers to EU-Russia scientific mobility?

And how could they be addressed?

Are there aspects which, on the contrary, *foster & encourage* scientific mobility EU-Russia?

And how could they be used & strengthened?



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Useful links and web resources

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**FP7 Specific Programmes
(People, Ideas, Cooperation,
Capacities)**

<http://cordis.europa.eu>

Marie Curie web site

<http://ec.europa.eu/mariecurieactions>

<http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers>

EURAXESS portal

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess>



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**FP7 Specific “People” programme:
 international dimension**

		Open to 3d country nationals	Open to 3d country organisations
Initial training of researchers	◦ Initial Training Networks (ITN)	X	X (1)
Life-long training and career development	◦ Intra-European Fellowships (IEF)	X (2)	
	◦ Reintegration Grants	X (2)	
	◦ Co-funding of regional, national, international programmes (COFUND)	X (3)	X (3)
Industry dimension	◦ Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)	X	X (1)
“World fellowships”	◦ Outgoing International Fellowships (IOF)		X
	◦ Incoming International Fellowships (IIF)		X (4)
	◦ International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)	X	X (1)

- (1) FP funding under conditions, only for ICPC or if essential for the project
- (2) For third country nationals active in the EU/Associated countries
- (3) include International Incoming and outgoing fellowships in 3d country hosts
- (4) only for the return phase in ICPC



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Statistics for FP6: Marie Curie fellowships with RF

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		all		From or to Russia		
		submitted	funded	submitted		funded
Incoming Internat. Fellowships		2158	380			59
Return Fellowships						16
Outgoing Internat. Fellowships		1401	302	9		0
Host driven action		All countries	3rd countries	Russian		
Fellows Recruited in host driven actions	RTN	2769	439	Partners	Fellow at RF host	Fellows in ERA
	EST	2431	404	9	1 PL +1	117
	EXT					48
	TOK	1582	185	2	2 LV	33
	Total	2769	439			209
Russia						209



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Marie Curie FP7 fellowships with RF after 1st or 2nd call

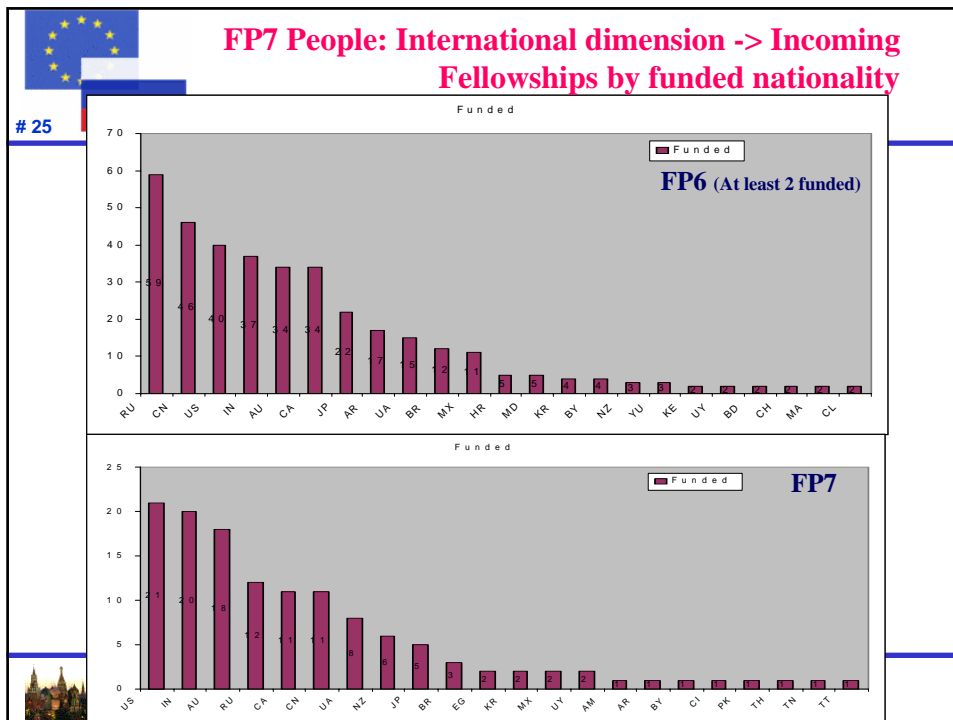
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				From RF		
				submitted	funded	
Incoming Internat. Fellowships (IIF)					37	
Outgoing Internat. Fellowships (IOF)				10	1	
International Reintegration Grant (IRG)						
Partners in host driven actions		sub	fund	total	37	
		IRSES Exchange Scheme	37	28	Fellows recruited by successful projects	
		COFUND	-	-	Recruitment of fellowships not yet available	
		ITN Initial Training Network		4		
		IAPP Industry		1		
total	partners	33		fellows		



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FP7 People: International dimension -> Incoming Fellowships by funded return host

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FP6		FP7	
Return Host	Number	Return Host	Number
RU	16	CN	6
CN	13	RU	6
AR	9	AR	4
IN	9	AZ	1
BR	2	BR	1
AZ	1	IN	1
CM	1	KE	1
EG	1	PK	1
GE	1	UA	1
GH	1	UZ	1
KE	1	Total	23
KG	1		
PK	1		
UA	1		
UY	1		
UZ	1		
Total	60		

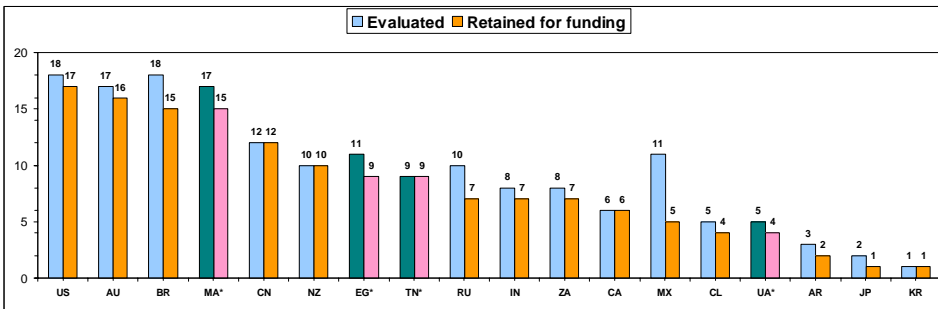
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FP7 People: IRSES
Distribution of proposals evaluated & recommended for funding
by participating host organisations

International S&T agreement countries (incl. ENP countries)



	Evaluated	Eligible for funding	%
ICPC	117	96	82%
Non-ICPC	54	51	94%
Total	171	147	86%



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