

WORKSHOP ON BARRIERS HAMPERING MOBILITY OF RESEARCHERS BETWEEN EU AND EECA COUNTRIES

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What is ISTC?

- An intergovernmental organization focused on responsible management of sensitive (dual use) knowledge and technology through international, cooperative science and technology projects, providing:
 - Research grants for civilian projects engaging experts with “sensitive” knowledge
 - Funds for projects solving problems of global/regional dimensions
 - Very convenient framework for partner (funded) projects
- A technology matchmaker between Russian/CIS R&D institutes and western companies.
- A tool to integrate Russian/CIS scientists into the international research community through supporting mobility (short term mobility)



ISTC Core Programs and Services



- Regular Science Project Program
- Partner Project Program
 - Commercialization/Innovation Support Program
 - Patenting and IPR protection Program
 - Competence Building Program

Mobility related:

- Workshop and Scientific Seminars
- Mobility Program: Travel Grants
 - Partner Promotion Program
 - EU expert support



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ISTC - 15 Years of Operation



More than 2650 funded science and technology projects

- Over 70 000 scientists/experts working with ISTC projects and benefiting from other ISTC programs
- 830 M\$ support
- Thousands of scientists benefiting from mobility programs
- Hundreds of conferences, seminars, workshops and working meetings supported by ISTC



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Mobility with EU



- Every year ISTC funds about 35 – 50 travels/mission to EU for ~ 150 000 €
 - Travel grants for participation in the European/International workshop, seminars and conferences
- In EU Partner promotion ISTC funds promotional events, matchmaking meetings, technical visits for 400k\$/year
 - Bidirectional flow of experts between RF and EU



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EU Expert Support program



- Each year ISTC funds for about 100 k\$ European experts visiting Russian Institutes
 - Most frequently in the frame of on-going ISTC project collaboration
 - Maximum stay up to 3 weeks
- Support for EU-Russia think tank on global issues



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Supporting Seminars and Workshops



Year	Total allocated funds (k\$)	Total number of events	Total participants	Rus/CIS participants	Foreign participants
2005	770	32	4635	3175	1160
2006	1085	41	5435	4075	1360
2007	680	30	4300	3225	1075
2008	344	21	3760	~2600	~1100
2009	300	25	5500	~3500	~2000



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Specificity of ISTC mobility program



- Target group:
 - Senior experts
 - Most other programs are targeting junior researchers and students
- Short term visits
- Full support for experts in logistic and technicalities related to mobility (visa, accommodation, interpretation etc..)



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Recommendations



Visa:

- Agree as soon as possible on visa-free mobility between EU and Russia, at least at first stage for scientific exchange.
- If condition 1 is difficult to fulfill: make a fast track for researchers, internet based application.

Access:

3. Make Russian research institutions more open - do not demand access applications long time before the visit. Do it on the "spot" - if really necessary



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Recommendations - continued



Communication:

4. Work on closing language barriers - more European language studies in Russia, more Russian in Europe
5. Shorten a process of Russia's association with the EU FP. If difficult - make simpler participation of Russian teams in FP on shared cost principles.



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