EU-Russia Co-operation

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EU-Russia International Co-operation

Context

- Russia has long tradition of research and development across a wide range of industries, including ICT

- There is a need to join forces to identify and address major challenges

Instruments

- EU-Russia Science & Technology Agreement (signed in 2000, entered into force in 2001)

- Renewed agreement (signed on 6 November 2003, entered into force on 20 February 2004)

- St. Petersburg Summit in May 2003 created in the long term four 'common spaces', one of them is Research & Development

Area of Research & Development

<u>Objectives:</u>

- structuring a knowledge-based society in the EU and Russia

- promoting a high rate of competitiveness and economic growth by modernization of the national economies and implementation of advanced technology

- strengthening and optimizing the links between research and innovation

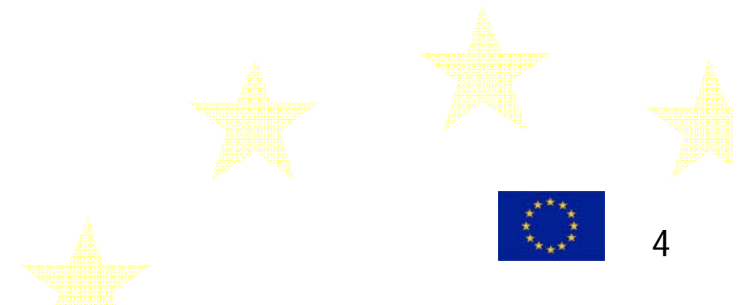- maintaining small and medium size entrepreneurship in the field of research and innovation

IST Projects supporting
EU-Russia co-operation

- **ADMIRE-P**:
    - ICT Research Co-operation between the EU and Privolzhsky Federal District

- **ISTOK.Ru**:
    - Information Society Technologies to Open Knowledge.Russia

- **SITE**:
    - Siberia, Information Technologies and Europe

- **RECIST**:
    - Russia-EU Communities in IST

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