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Factsheet¹

Opportunities for Development of EU-Russia Science and Technology Cooperation in Aeronautics

Russian 'Mega-grants' Programme

In order to maintain and develop the scientific and technological EU-Russia cooperation in the field of aeronautics, **Russian National Contact Point for aeronautical research – NCP “Aeronautics”** informs you about further opportunities for cooperative activities of the representatives of European and Russian scientific and business communities, which are provided by the Russian Party.

Nowadays there are several tools to support scientific and technological EU-Russia cooperation in Russia, one of which is grant funding provided by the Government of the Russian Federation that is conditionally named **'Mega-grants' Programme**.

The world’s leading scientists, including foreign ones, and research project teams they set up may receive large financial support in the form of grants provided by the Government of the Russian Federation to conduct research in Russian institutions of higher learning, scientific institutions of State Academies of Sciences and governmental research centers of the Russian Federation that provides additional opportunities for the development of joint European-Russian scientific and technological activities, including in the field of aeronautics.

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About the Programme

'Mega-grants' Programme is **a tool to provide support** for scientific research in the priority areas approved within the framework of the Programme (see [below](#)).

The Programme was adopted by the Russian Government Resolution No. 220 on 9 April 2010.

Responsible authority for the implementation of the Programme is the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation (Minobrnauki of Russia).

The main goal of the Programme is to augment governmental support for the development of science and innovations in Russian tertiary education, State Academies of Sciences and governmental research centers of the Russian Federation and to improve the quality of higher education in Russia.

Among the objectives of the Programme, there are ones of attracting world-renowned scientists to Russian institutions of higher learning and creation sustainable links between Russian institutions of higher learning, scientific institutions of State Academies of Sciences and governmental research centers of the Russian Federation and the world's leading universities and science schools. In order to achieve these objectives the **Programme is open to the participation of leading foreign scientists.**

Opportunities for International Cooperation

A leading Russian or foreign scientist, authoritative and influential leader within his respective field of science and research area, may take part in the call **in concert with one of the following types of organizations**, on the basis of which the research project will be implemented:

- Russian institution of higher learning;
- scientific research organization subordinate to the RF Federal Agency for Scientific Research Organizations;
- governmental research center of the Russian Federation.

Selection of the projects is carried out through an **open grant call for proposals**, as being announced by the Ministry of education and science of the Russian Federation.

The research areas of the projects submitted to the calls **are to be relevant to the priority areas** approved within the framework of the Programme (see [below](#)).

Project funding is **up to 90 million RUB per a project**.

The total amount of compensation payable to the leading scientist and the members of the research project team (including taxes and mandatory social deductions) may not exceed 60 percent of the total amount of the 'Mega-grant'.

The number of projects accepted for funding under one call for proposals is about 40 (according to the statistics of previous calls).

The funding is provided to the host organization, on the basis of which a research project will be carried out. Herewith, the organization must ensure continuous financing the research project in compliance with its

approved budget, and may spend the funds of the Megagrant only in coordination with and upon consent of the leading scientist supervising the implementation of his respective research project.

Project duration is up to **3 years with a possible prolongation for 2 years**.

Additional participation requirements: in the Programme calls minimum requirements are specified for the composition of the research project staff, formed by the leading scientist to conduct scientific research, as well as the minimum period for which the leading scientist must undertake to personally supervise the progress of his/her research project by being physically present at his/her host organization.

Priority areas

Within the framework of 'Mega-grants' Programme the financial support is granted to the research projects in the following **eligible scientific disciplines and research areas**:

- Natural sciences:
 - Mathematics
 - Computer science and Information science
 - Physics
 - Space and Space research
 - Chemistry
 - Earth sciences and related ecological sciences
 - Biology
- Technologies:
 - Construction and architecture
 - Electrical engineering, electronics, and information technologies
 - Mechanics and engineering
 - Chemical technologies
 - Material technologies
 - Medical technologies
 - Energy and rational nature management
 - Ecological and industrial biotechnologies
 - Nanotechnologies
- Medical science and health sciences
- Agricultural sciences
- Social sciences
- Humanities

Within the framework of each individual call of the Programme the list of priority areas, which the research projects submitted to the given call should correspond to, can be changed.

More information you can find here

✓ More about 'Mega-grants' Programme:

- The Programme official website: <http://p220.ru/en/>,

- Information about the current and former calls for proposals of the Programme: <http://www.p220.ru/home/contest>,
 - Russian Government Resolution No.220 on 9 April 2010 «On measures designed to attract the world's leading scientists to the Russian institutions of higher learning, scientific research organizations subordinate to the RF Federal Agency for Scientific Research Organizations, and governmental research centers of the Russian Federation»: <http://p220.ru/en/component/phocadownload/category/6-regl-en>,
 - Latest version of the competitive documentation: <http://p220.ru/home/contest/5konkurs#%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%BA%D1%83%D0%BC%D0%B5%D0%BD%D1%82%D1%8B-%D0%BA%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%BA%D1%83%D1%80%D1%81%D0%B0>.
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