

Why We Are in Russia/CIS



The scientific relations between Germany and Russia are part of a lively centuries-old tradition. Russia is a particularly important partner for the German scientific system and thus is a priority country in the DFG international funding programmes.

For decades the DFG has maintained an intensive scientific dialogue with Russia and, since 2003, it has supported the development of bilateral cooperation through its own representative office in Moscow. Alongside the Head Office in Bonn with its Group for International Affairs, the DFG office in Moscow functions as a local point of contact, providing advice and information about cooperation programmes for the whole Commonwealth of Independent States.

The DFG uses a number of different instruments to support cooperation with Russian researchers. As a general rule, researchers can apply for financial resources for international collaboration in all types of project funding. Special funding programmes are listed on the DFG website.

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About the DFG



The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) is the self-governing organisation for science and research in Germany. In organisational terms, the DFG is an association under private law. Its members are German research universities, non-university research institutions, scientific associations and the Academies of Science and Humanities. According to its statutes, the DFG's main task is to fund the best research projects selected in a competitive process at research and higher education institutions.

The DFG serves all branches of science and the humanities by funding research projects and facilitating national and international collaboration among researchers. It devotes particular attention to the advancement and training of early career researchers. The DFG promotes equality between women and men in science and academia. It advises parliaments and public interest institutions on scientific matters and fosters relations between the research community and society and the private sector.

One of the DFG's core strategies, that of promoting collaboration between researchers in Germany and abroad, has gained increasing importance in recent years. Operating offices abroad is a part of this international strategy.

What We Do in Russia/CIS

The DFG Office Russia/CIS serves to intensify collaboration with the Russian Federation and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in several ways:

- ▶ **Developing and supporting bilateral cooperation**
by providing advice for researchers in Russia and the CIS countries and by fostering partnerships within the scope of the DFG funding instruments
- ▶ **Maintaining and strengthening institutional collaboration with Russian partner organisations**
by setting up and expanding co-financed cooperation projects in accordance with the DFG's funding spectrum and review standards
- ▶ **Early career support**
by providing support in establishing contacts and cooperative relationships, for example within the framework of International Research Training Groups
- ▶ **Promoting cooperation**
by initiating and organising bilateral seminars, roundtable discussions and conferences and by accompanying delegation visits to Russia and Germany
- ▶ **Facilitating and intensifying cooperation with scientific centres in Russia and the CIS countries**
by establishing and maintaining contact with research centres outside Moscow and Russia

More Information on Science in Germany

GEPRIS

GEPRIS is an online database made available by the DFG to provide information on current DFG-funded research projects.

▶ <http://gepris.dfg.de>

Research Explorer

The German research directory contains information on over 25,000 research institutions in Germany.

▶ <http://www.research-explorer.de>

Our Partners in Russia

The systematic expansion of institutional collaboration with Russian partner organisations facilitates the joint promotion of cooperation in all areas of basic research.

Framework agreements on the co-funding of research projects and research mobility exist with the following partners:



1. Rector Ursula Gather (TU Dortmund), Secretary General Dorothee Dzwonnek (DFG), Rector Nikolay Kropachev (SPBU) at the opening of CRC/TRR 160 in St. Petersburg
2. President Peter Strohschneider (DFG), Deputy Minister Ludmila Ogorodova (MON), Advisor Andrei Fursenko, Chairman Vladislav Panchenko (RFBR) in Moscow
3. RSF General Director Aleksandr Khulunov and DFG President Peter Strohschneider in Moscow
4. Leibniz Prize laureate Wolfgang Ertmer in conversation with young scientists at Lomonosov University in Moscow

Our Activities in Russia

- ▶ DFG Leibniz Lectures
- ▶ German Russian Weeks of the Young Researcher
- ▶ DFG Summer Reception in Moscow
- ▶ Science Talks on Science Policy
- ▶ Information Seminars with the German House for Research and Innovation (DWIH Moscow)