

## Why we are in Russia/CIS



Russia is particularly important to the German scientific system and is a priority country in the DFG's international activities. Germany's scientific relations with Russia are part of a lively, centuries-old tradition. The DFG has maintained an intensive scientific dialogue with Russia for decades and, since 2003, has supported the development of bilateral cooperation through its own representative office in Moscow.

The activities of the office include the large science centres outside of Moscow and tap into the research potential in the regions of Russia. In this regard, the DFG plays an active role in integrating Russia in the European Research Area (ERA).

Since 2010 the DFG has supported more than 500 funding proposals, with scientists from all over Russia participating. Collaborations cover all scientific areas from astronomy to zoology and run from Kaliningrad to Vladivostok and from the Kola Peninsula to the North Caucasus.

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## Who We Are



**The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) is the central self-governing research funding organisation in Germany, responsible for promoting basic research.**

It serves all branches of science and the humanities by funding research projects at universities and other research institutions. It promotes excellence by selecting the best research projects on a competitive basis in a transparent process and actively encourages interdisciplinary or international cooperation. It is particularly dedicated to the promotion of young researchers and to gender equality in science and academia.

In organisational terms, the DFG is an association under private law. Its members are German universities, research institutions, scientific associations, and the academies of science.

The DFG's annual budget of over 2.5 billion Euros is underwritten by Germany's federal and state governments as well as the EU and private donors.

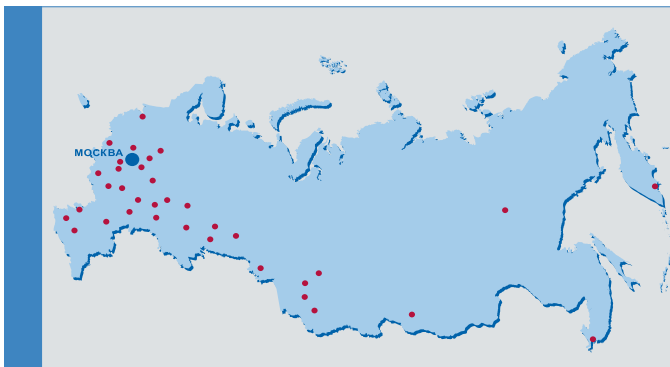
## What We Do in Russia/CIS

**The DFG-Office Russia/CIS serves to intensify collaboration with the Russian Federation and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).**

The liaison office in Moscow

- ▶ is a point of contact for researchers as well as scientific organisations and funding bodies in Germany and Russia
- ▶ cultivates and deepens institutional cooperation with the Russian partner organisations
- ▶ provides information on, advises and supervises cooperations within the scope of the DFG funding instruments
- ▶ initiates, organises and accompanies cooperation-promoting measures, such as bilateral seminars, workshops, conferences
- ▶ gives special support to early career researchers
- ▶ intensifies cooperation with the scientific centres in the regions of Russia and the other CIS countries
- ▶ analyses and evaluates developments in scientific policy in Russia and the CIS countries

Origin of Russian partners in over 250 new projects granted by the DFG (2011-2013)



1. RFH Chairman V. Fridlyanov and DFG President P. Strohschneider
2. DFG Secretary General D. Dzwonnek and SPbGU Rector N. Kropachev
3. DFG Vice President P. Funke and RFBR Chairman V. Panchenko
4. Head of DFG Moscow Office J. Achterberg and RAS Vice President V. Charushin

## Partners

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 researcher mobility exist with the following partners:



Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS)



Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR)



Russian Foundation for Humanities (RFH)