

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A GERMAN-RUSSIAN ROADMAP IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

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„Deutsch-Russische Roadmap in Bildung, Wissenschaft, Forschung und Innovation“ des BMBF

Zwischen dem Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) und dem russischen Ministerium für Bildung und Wissenschaft (MON) wurde im Frühjahr 2017 die Erarbeitung einer „Deutsch-Russischen Roadmap in Bildung, Wissenschaft, Forschung und Innovation“ vereinbart. Die Roadmap soll der strategischen Orientierung der deutsch-russischen Kooperation in diesen Bereichen dienen und auf einen Zeitraum von zehn Jahren ausgelegt sein.

In einem vom DAAD organisierten Arbeitstreffen der deutschen und russischen Wissenschaftsorganisationen und -förderer am 9. November 2017 wurden vier Handlungsfelder der Zusammenarbeit vereinbart: Forschungsinfrastrukturen, Themen, Nachwuchsförderung und Innovation. Diese gemeinsamen Empfehlungen wurden am 10. November 2017 im Rahmen eines deutsch-russischen Treffens auf Leitungsebene vorgestellt, diskutiert und offiziell an die Vertreter der Ministerien beider Länder übergeben.

Germany and Russia are linked by a long history of successful, trusting cooperation in education, science, research, and innovation. The models and areas of joint activities are as multifaceted as the science and research landscape itself. By developing a roadmap for the next decade of collaboration in these fields both Russian and German stakeholders express their determination to become ever stronger partners in tomorrow's knowledge-based society. The German and Russian scientific community agreed that large-scale research infrastructures are a prominent element of the joint roadmap in education, science, research and innovation.

The drivers for joint collaboration are individual scientists and researchers from all disciplines as well as the many Russian and German institutions which have been working together in a spirit of respect, trust and confidence. Thus, the representatives of both countries, which have come together on 9 November 2017, endorse the concept of a bottom-up driven process which is backed and flanked by the support of the governments and the respective ministries of our two countries.

Given this background, and based on the framework of existing bilateral collaboration, mutual trust and confidence, as well as stable personal relations and friendship, German and Russian scientists, researchers, institutions of higher education, as well as research, funding and intermediary organisations recommend that the roadmap shall be worked out and rest on four main pillars:

1. Pillar of research infrastructure development
2. Pillar of thematic priorities and open calls with regard to joint research projects
3. Pillar of young talent promotion in higher and vocational education as well as scientific mobility
4. Pillar of innovation, science, and society

While both partners agree that an open approach with regards to research areas is vital for interdisciplinary cutting-edge research cooperation, they also adopt the idea that specific thematic focal areas can be defined for future bilateral cooperation.

Given the aforementioned nature of a bottom-up driven process, the representatives of the meeting on 9 November express their expectation that the intergovernmental roadmap will incorporate the concrete suggestions and proposals that have already been submitted or will be handed over to the ministries responsible. The roadmap should be developed while focusing on the principles of symmetry

of contribution, bringing together the available potential and competencies of Germany and Russia. Developments in science and technology are highly dynamic. Thus we acknowledge that the roadmap will be regularly updated.