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About



Context

The EU and Russia are strategic partners with shared environmental concerns and interests at the cross-border, European regional and global levels.

The EU and Russia cooperate in regional environmental frameworks such as HELCOM for the Baltic Sea and the Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership.





The EU and Russia are partners in global multilateral environmental agreements and forums.

The EU and Russia are working to improve resource efficiency, eliminate unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, advance compatibility of environmental policy, and develop applicable legislation and regulations to protect the environment.

Source: the EC website

Key dates

1991 TACIS (Technical Assistance to the Commonwealth of Independent States) -Nuclear Safety and Ecology

1992 Environment Monitoring System (GEMS)/Water Programme – more than 300 projects have been realized 1994 The Partnership and Co-operation Agreement (PCA) an institutional framework for dialogue between the EU and Russia 2006 A formal EU-Russia environmental dialogue under the common space (every two years) Biodiversity and nature

DG Environment for the EU and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology (MNRE) for the Russian Federation

Climate change

Forestry law enforcement governance and conservation

Water and marine issues

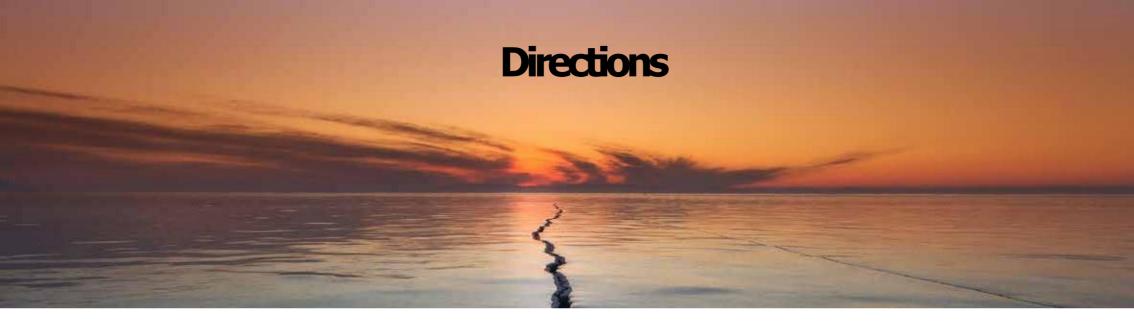
Monitoring and convergence

Exchange of experience on integrated permitting based on best available techniques, including cleaner production and reduction of the power intensity of production

EU-Russia Partnership for Modernisation (P4M)

Development of a shared environmental information system Development of joint actions to combat illegal and unsustainable logging of timber

Creation of unified standards for environmental impact assessments for transboundary projects



- 2000 Russian Regional Ecology Center
- Since 2001- Northern
 Dimension projects (over €3 billion of investment for environmental infrastructure projects in NW Russia through grants for project preparation

- 2003 2011 EBRD projects devoted to creation of storages of nuclear waste
- 2008 2011 Forest Law
 Enforcement and Governance
- 2010 2013 Civil Protection
 PPRD East
- Harmonization of ecological standards

- 2008 2011 Joint
 Kyoto support
- Cooperation within Arctic Council
- Paris climate change agreement
- Heinrich
 Böll Foundation,
 academia activities

Conclusions

Trends in EU-Russia cooperation in the field of environment are more positive than negative Russia is an important the EU partner in its sustainable initiatives (especially in cross-border ecological projects) Separate members of the EU are more active in ecological cooperation with Russia than the union itself (Germany, Finland) There is a continuous dialogue in the form of conferences, meetings, experts relations

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