EU-Russia Economic Relations: A Special Emphasis on Innovation Co-operation



Asymmetric foundation for partnership



Trade growth without restructuring



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Source: European Commission

EU and Russia are trade interdependent (10 major trade partners in 2009)

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		Extra EU27	2.297.181,8	100,0%		World (all countrie	316.058,7	100,0%	China is
Enormy	1	United States	364.648,0	15,9%	1	EU27	145.128,7	45,9%	Russia's
imports	2	China	296.517,2	12,9%	2	China	27.789,8	8,8%	main single
from Russia	3	Russia	181.273,0	7,9%	3	Ukraine	13.352,8	4,2%	trade partner
to EU	4	Switzerland	162.396,9	7,1%	4	United States	11.588,1	3,7%	Ukraine
meet 1/5	5	Norway	106.351,1	4,6%	5	Japan	10.221,9	3,2%	important _
EU's	6	Japan	92.768,2	4,0%	6	Turkey	9.595,2	3,0%	JUST T
primary	7	Turkey	80.208,5	3,5%	7	Kazakhstan	8.795,6	2,8%	USA
energy	8	South Korea	53.901,0	2,3%	8	South Korea	7.364,8	2,3%	twice larger
consumption	9	India	52.932,7	2,3%	9	Switzerland	5.853,4	1,9%	trade partner
	10	Brazil	47.345,8	2,1%	10	India	4.483,1	1,4%	than Finland
	То	tal 10	62	2,6%	Tota	al 10	7	7,2%	
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EU's trade structure with 3 main partners

EU27 MERCHANDISE TRADE WITH UNITED STATES BY PRODUCT (2008)



EU exports to Russia by member state

Population share





Finland's road transit to Russia = 3,5 x Finland's direct (own) exports to Russia (Road transit via Finland to Russia was €17 bn in 2010)

Foreign direct investment (FDI) stock in Russia (\$ bn)







Source: UNCTAD 2009-2010

Division of FDI inflow to Russia by industry (%)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	3Q2007	As of end 2009
Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.7
Mining and Quarrying	19.3	24.5	11.2	16.6	17.3	16.4
mining and quarrying of energy producing products	17.3	21.6	9.6	14.1	16.0	
mining and quarrying, except of energy producing products	2.0	2.9	1.6	2.5	1.3	2 a st
Manufacturing	22	25.3	33.5	27.5	24.6	29.3
manufacture of food products	3.4	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	Knowledge-
manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	1.2	1.9	2.7	2.8	1.2	intensive
manufacture of metals and fabricated metal products	10.3	12.6	6.4	6.8	12.6	FDL-S
manufacture of transport equipment	0.7	2.1	1.8	2.6	0.9	so far verv
manufacture of coke and mineral oil	0.6	0.2	15.1	7.2	3.8	modest
Services	58.2	49.9	55.1	55.3	57.8	53.6
construction	0.3	0.6	0.4	1.3	1.2	
wholesale, retail, repair activities	36.1	32.9	38.2	23.7	42.3	
transport and communication	3.8	5	7.2	9.6	6.5	
of which communication only	2.3	3.4	6.1	8.5	2.9	
financial intermediation	2.6	2.5	3.4	8.5	2.4	





Russian investments abroad



Russian capital exports **1886-1914** \$ 33 billion (measured at 1996 money) = Soviet era - abnormally closed period





Source: Central Bank of Russia 2009.

Global financial crisis caused drop – recovery to be expected 2011 onwards

Russian investments abroad - Some reasons behind growth

- Increased and accumulated wealth in Russia
 - over 100 billionaires in Russia in 2011
- Control over value chain (from exporter of natural resources to active international player – better profit margins)
- Global competition forces ("eat or be eaten")
- More managerial experience on internationalisation
- Capital exports have become more transparent (from capital flight to recorded FDI, i.e. better statistics)
- Assets moved away from hands of Kremlin (eggs in different baskets)
- Kremlin uses sometimes firms as tools of Russia's foreign policy
- Investments linked with criminality (internationalisation of crime)
- Some knowledge-intensive investments carried out (new phenomenon)

Russian investments abroad - Companies behind investments

Table 1 Russia's leading TNCs by foreign assets in 2008.

Company	Foreign assets, \$ mn	Principal host countries
Lukoil	23 512	Baltic States, CIS, Finland, USA, Venezuela
Gazprom	12 132 ³	The majority of the EU and CIS countries, Turkey
Norilsk Nickel	8 965	Botswana, South Africa, USA
Renova	8 200	Switzerland, Italy, USA
Basic Element	7 350	Australia, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, USA
Severstal	4 546	Italy, USA
Evraz Holding	4 450	USA
RusAl⁴	3 925	Armenia, Australia, Guinea, Kazakhstan, Nigeria
Altimo	3 825	Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkey,
		Ukraine, Uzbekistan
Novolipetsk Steel	3 250	Belgium, France, Italy, USA
Mobile TeleSystems	2 000	Belarus, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
VimpelCom	1 350	Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan



Oil, gas, metals and telecommunications corporations at least 2/3 of value of Russian investments abroad





Russian investments abroad - Where investments placed ?

Figure 2: Geographical Structure of Russian FDI (End of 2007) (Fixed Assets of Non-Financial TNCs and M&A Volumes of Banks in % of Non-Current Assets)



Sources: monthly information database "Sliyaniya i pogloshcheniya" – http://www.ma-journal.ru; Internet-sites of Russian large companies, author's calculations.







EU-Russia investments

EU27 STOCKS OF FDI WITH RUSSIA Billions of euros Inward Stocks Outward Stocks Balance 100.0 88,8 83.2 90.0 715 80.0 61,3 70,0 56,8 60,0 46,9 50,0 40,0 27.5 26.424,7 30.0 20.0 10.0 0,0 2007 2008 2009



Minimal compared with EU-USA investments i.e. over € 1000 bn to both directions

Larger than EU-China investment (€ 6 bn / € 58 bn) – excl. Hong Kong + statistical bias ?)





Source: European Commission

How to understand the Russian business expansion abroad?

Russia's foreign policy tool

Foreign policy tools

State-controlled corporations Strategic industries, such as energy logistics and telecommunications Political goals are superior to business rationality

Money-driven patriots

Although internationalisation is largely guided by economic rationality, the companies frequently conform to Russia's foreign policies as they often operated in politically sensitive branches

Fugitives & outlaws

Foreign units facilitate capital transfers abroad Tax evasion is closely linked with internationalisation Illegal operations (money laundering, illegal armament trade, narcotics business, prostitution)

Ordinary businessmen

Internationalisation is not politically-motivated i.e. the main goal of the internationalisation is to receive new clients and higher profits SMEs or companies operating outside the energy sector, raw materials and telecommunications



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Transparency of operations







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EU-Russia tourism in 2009

21 million visits to Russia

34 million visits from Russia

CIS China USA Others EU	77% 3% 1% 4%	One should treat these statistics with utmost care !	50% 7% 5% 5% 5% 28%	CIS Turkey Egypt China Others EU
EU total	3.2 mn		9.5 mn	EU total
Finland (transit)	1.1 mn		3.0 mn	Finland (transit)
Germany	0.6 mn		1.6 mn	Estonia
Poland (Kal-grad))0.4 mn		0.9 mn	Germany
Italy	0.2 mn		0.7 mn	Lithuania (Kaliningrad impact)
France	0.2 mn		0.5 mn	Italy
UK	0.2 mn		0.4 mn	Spain
Other EU state	0.5 mn		2.4 mn	Other EU state

Compare: over 4 million foreign visits to Estonia in 2008



Source: Russian Federal Agency for Tourism

EU-Russia tourism unused potential for integration

More people-to-people contacts needed i.e. they may open alternative bridge to state-level and business contacts

Personal experience win prejudice at the end of the day

Visa-free travel to be reached after we have reached 3 other freedoms (goods, services, finance) i.e. WTO membership first.







Source: Russian Federal Agency for Tourism

Future of Russia: 2 extreme future scenarios





Russia's R&D in global comparison

Figure 1

GERD = Gross Expenditure on R&D

34,13%

40%

103%

120%

20%

40%

38%

23%

40%

30%

79%

80%

Expenditure on R&D



Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics, World Bank





Russia needs entrepreneurial innovation activity

Country	R&D expenditure (USD billion)	Share of R&I expenditure i (per cent)) Share of industry n GDP in R&D expenditur (per cent)	Number of e researchers (1000)			
USA	398	2.8	67	1 426			
EU27	264	1.8	55	1 448			
Germany *	72	2.5	68	291			
Finland	7	3.5	68	41			
Japan *	148	3.4	78	710			
China *	102	1.4 N	yth: China 70	1 423			
Russia	23	1.0 a	re not similar	451			
Source: OECD, Main Science and Technology Indicators 2009-2. * data of 2007							





Main headache

International dimension weak side in Russia

Indicators of technological progress and innovation capacity (latest available year)

	Russia	China	India	Brazil
Researchers (per m population)	3,255	926	111	461
Research & development spending (% of GDP)	1.10	1.42	0.70	0.82
International patent applications (% of world total)	0.4	3.7	0.4	0.3
High-tech exports (% of manufactured exports)	6.9	29.7	5.3	12.4
Published scientific articles (no.)	27,605	112,318	38,366	30,021
Universities in top 500 (no.)	4	11	7	5

Sources: Phil Hanson, "Russia to 2020", Chatham House, 2009; UNESCO; Thomson Reuters; Financial Times.





Flagship companies + spillovers needed => innovation subcontracting

	Companies in Fo	Companies in Fortune Global 500		.,000 R&D investors
	2005	2009	2005	2009
Brazil	3	6	3	3
Russia	3	8	2	1
India	5	7	1	12
China	16	37	3	5
Europe *	175	180	294	333
USA	176	140	423	378





Main weaknesses of Russia's innovation process							
Prepara	ation	Comm	ercialisation				
Intellectual potential &	ldea & →	Innovation & patent	Entrepreneurial ->	Marketing skills			
Good educational base Brain drain since collapse	Anal RAS outdated Innovation infrastructure still developing (innograds, SEZs, technoparks) Triple Helix does not work f Innovation networks weak (slow spillovers)	Technology- oriented innovations (energy efficiency, nuclear energy, space technology, pharmaceuticals, ICT-technology)	Bureaucratic business environment major obstacle More private risk funding needed	Deficient inter- national marketing Domestic market oriented			
since collapse of USSR (return of Russian specialists?)		Service-oriented innovations neglected Weak intellectual property rights (piracy)	Weak legal system Relatively large share of foreign-financed Ra (9.4% of total in 2006 Lack of outsourcing (lack of inter-firm cooperation)	9 &D)			
Parts marked in major impre	n red require ovement	Few international patens (Sweden=7xRu	ussia)				

Starting point for innovation economy

Figure 4







Source: Bauman Innovation and OPORA - Russian Innovation Survey 2009-2010





Main obstacles to innovate

Figure 6

Obstacles to innovation



Rankings of obstacles to innovation for EU- companies

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- Lack of funds available within
- new product or service
- Too large cost of innovation
- Lack of qualified human
- No demand for new products
- Restricting standards and
- Lack of market information
 - 10 Lack of market information

Non-innovative

companies*

Difficult to get external

Difficult to find suppliers

new product or service

Uncertainty of demand for a

Too large cost of innovation

Restricting standards and

Lack of qualified human

Lack of technology information

industry regulations

and services

the company

financing

activity

resources

No demand for new products

Lack of funds available within

* See Community Innovation Survey 2004-2006 for explanations

Source: Bauman Innovation and OPORA - Russian Innovation Survey 2009-2010; Community Innovation Survey 2004-2006, Central Statistics Office

Obstacles related to HRM

Figure 7

Barriers to innovation: human resources and education



Source: Bauman Innovation and OPORA - Russian Innovation Survey 2009-2010

Obstacles related to IP rights

Figure 8

Intellectual property protection

Intellectual property protection in general
Intellectual property protection: patents for invention and prototypes
Intellectual property protection: registered trademarks
Intellectual property protection: authors' rights
Intellectual property protection: business secrets and know-how

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	31%		2	4%		14%	149	%	10%	6 <mark>4%</mark> 3%
Weak										Strong
21	%	15%		18%		24%		13	%	7% <mark>3%</mark>
Weak										Strong
8%	0%	16%		22%		18%		18	%	7%
Weak										Strong
13%	1	8%	19%	6		27%		12%	6	10% 2 <mark>%</mark>
Weak										Strong
12%	119	<mark>%</mark> 1	8%		27%		13%	6	13%	<mark>⁄/ 4%</mark>
Weak										Strong

Source: Bauman Innovation and OPORA - Russian Innovation Survey 2009-2010

Co-operation with foreigners:

Technology / knowledge transfer from abroad to Russia

"developing countries should follow a development strategy of openness to foreign ideas and knowledge, and to build capacity to absorb and blend them with existing capacities." Adugna Lemi (2010, 29) Transnational Corporations, UNCTAD.

Russia is not a developing country but the aforementioned recipe is valid !







Co-operation with foreigners: A reasonable way to go forward

Figure 10

Cooperation with foreign companies in area of technology and innovation



Modernisation with the EU

General framework: The EU-Russia Partnership for Modernisation (since Stockholm Summit 2009)

Bilateral platforms:

Modernisation Partnership with Germany (since 2008)

Modernisation Partnership with France (11/2009)

Knowledge Partnership with the United Kingdom (11/2010)

Modernisation Partnership Declaration with Slovenia (11/2010)

Proposal for Modernisation Partnership Declaration with Finland (11/2010)





Russia's innovation co-operation with EU: Different goals ?

Russia's goal for	Increasing mutual	True and sustainable	How to merge varying goals ?
tecnological modernisation	competition	partnership	
Innovation rhetoric (innoflation)	Stagnation of EU-Russia relations	EU for Russia: natural resource market Russia for EU: consumer goods market	Doing together better than talking over each other !

Theatre on co-operation





The EU's goal for wider politicosocietal modernisation in Russia

Co-operation with foreigners: Case - Finland

Finnish Industry Investment and Rosnano (joint nanotechnology investments)

Nokia's presence in Skolkovo

TEKES and FASIE co-operation (SME funding)

Finnode in St. Petersburg (high-tech gateway)

Technopolis Pulkovo in St. Petersburg (technopark)

Direct business cooperation between Russian and Finnish firms (incl. technoparks)

Academy of Finland and Russian Foundation for Humanities (2006-2009)

Direct research cooperation between Finnish and Russian universities

Second EU-Russian Innovation Forum in Lappeenranta in May 2011 (bilateral event)

Extremely active cross-border activities (collaboration with St. Petersburg)

Company level co-operation still sub-optimal (SMEs unused potential)





Some policy recommendations for Russia

Change policy from creating own break-through innovations into adaptation of existing innovations with cooperation with leading Western corporations.

Promote service-related innovations and organisational innovations (= improvement of daily practices), particularly within state-owned enterprises.

Support internationalisation of Russia's innovation firms, particularly SMEs.

Disintegrate the Russian Academy of Sciences and move its competitive research functions into Russia's leading universities i.e. role of RAS to finance research not to do it (building a new system more efficient and faster than reforming the old).

Publish a list of Russian companies investing the most in R&D (create competition over prestige among olicharcs)

Fight against the militarisation of the innovation sector.

Flagship innovation projects are not enough i.e. support spillovers & networking.





Some general policy recommendations relevant for building an innovation economy

Improve general investment climate to foster spillovers from innovation oases, such as innograds (Skolkovo), SEZs and technoparks, to the rest of the Russian market.

Improve immaterial property rights and functioning of court of laws.

Corruption is only a symptom, over-bureaucracy is the ultimate disease. Intensify the fight against over-bureaucracy. Innovation reform fails, if administrative reform fails.

Create private venture funds and encourage private banks to finance R&D activities of SMEs.

Build conditions for intensive cooperation between research institutes, firms and state (Triple Helix) – the role of academia weak at the moment weak.

Teach entrepreneurship and encourage creativity at Russian schools plus intensify student exchange between top universities in Russia and the EU.

Synchronize competition and industrial policies with innovation policy and be patient, as fruits of the modernisation takes decades to mature.





Summarising 12 main findings

Flagships needed but entrepreneurial (private) innovation activity is A MUST

Closer inter-firm co-operation = R&D subcontracting (trust, IPR, court of laws needed)

Continuous (flexible) innovation process instead of governmental programme(s)

Within an organisation: from consensus to conflict of opinions ("YES MEN" not needed)

Service and organisational innovations (spread of best practices) required

Role of military industrial complex may grow in future (spillovers to civilian sector)

Results for the ordinary people urgently needed (Moscow traffic, health reform, etc)

Role of RAS should be changed from actor (social security provider) to a financing body (Finnish experience)

Imitation more efficient than doing independently (foreign co-operation)

Open innovation communication (innovation journalism / neo-glasnost)

Product development / finalisation together with a customer (individual products i.e. no T-Fords any longer)

Support reform forces and destroy resisting forces (long-term change leadership)







Who is right ?: philosopher or ice hockey player

"... there is nothing more difficult to carry out, nor more doubtful of success, nor more dangerous to handle, than to initiate a new order of things.

For the reformer has enemies in all those who profit by the old order, and only lukewarm defenders in all those who would profit by the new order ... "

Nicolo Machiavelli, Prince, 1532

"You'll miss 100 per cent of the shots you never take."

Wayne Gretzky





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Recommended further reading: Prahalad & Krishnan (2008) The New Age of Innovation – Driving Co-created Value Through Global Networks



