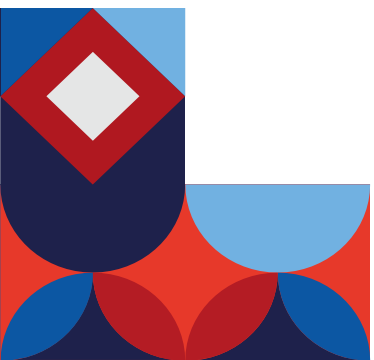
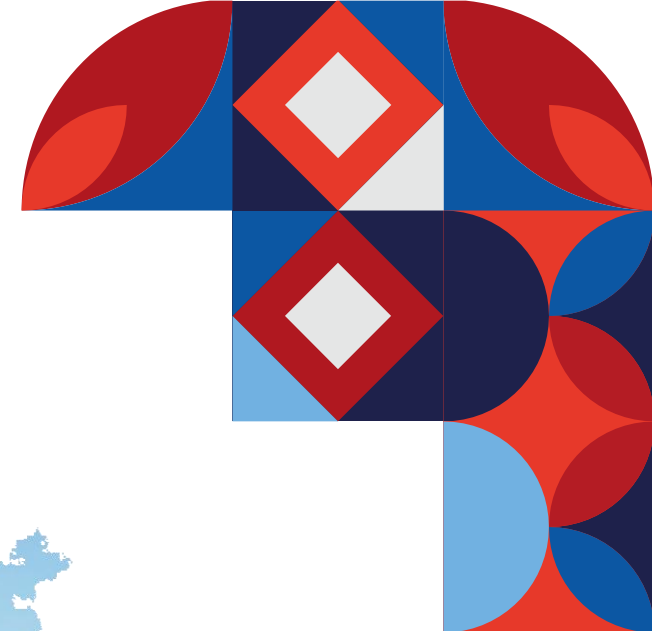
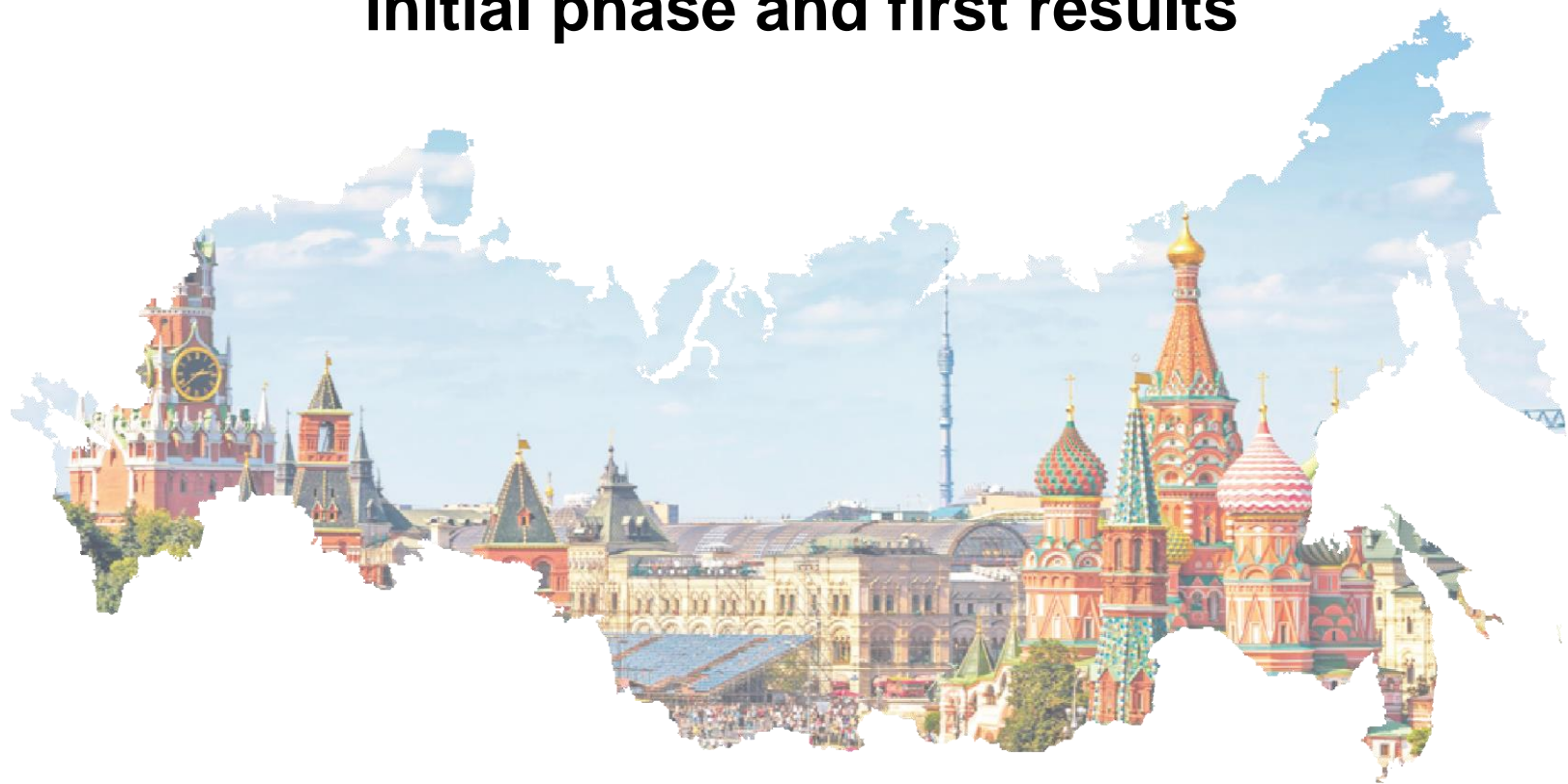




AGENCY FOR
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IMPATRIATION PROGRAM: initial phase and first results



DEFINING THE CATEGORY OF IMPATRIATES

IMPATRIATES –

foreign citizens who are talented students, scientists, in-demand specialists, entrepreneurs, investors, representatives of creative professions, who share traditional Russian spiritual and moral values and wish to relocate to the Russian Federation for permanent residence.



Qualified professionals



Investors



Scientists



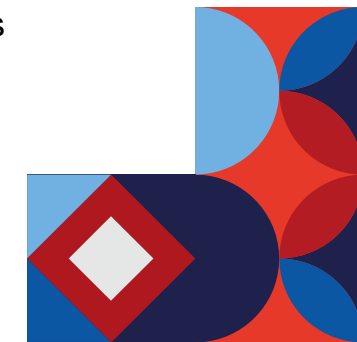
Creative professionals



Entrepreneurs



Talented students and graduates



ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Headquarters for support of relocation and adaptation of impatriates

In accordance with the instruction of [the President of the Russian Federation dated November 21, 2024, No. Pr-2423, for the implementation of Decree No. 702](#) and the further systematization of work in this area, the Agency for Strategic Initiatives, under the leadership of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, has formed an interdepartmental Headquarters for support of relocation and adaptation of impatriates



Working groups under the Headquarters

Working group for the development of the **"Time to Live in Russia" service** and the regional standard for social, cultural and economic integration of impatriates

Working group on **amending the legislation** of the Russian Federation and developing an optimal user journey map for Impatriates

Main tasks of the Headquarters:

- Development of an optimal user journey map for impatriates throughout their path of relocation to Russia
- Development of a regional standard for the social, cultural, and economic integration of impatriates
- Assistance in creation and development of the "Time to Live in Russia" information and communication resource
- Preparing proposals for amendments to the legislation of the Russian Federation to formalize the category of impatriates



7 MARCH 2025: THE HEADQUARTERS APPROVED THE CONCEPT FOR FORMALIZING THE CATEGORY OF IMPATRIATES IN THE LEGISLATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

In accordance with the decisions made at the meeting of the Headquarters, a **draft regulatory act is being developed**. This act will formalize the concept of "impatriate" and define its legal status. Work is also underway to prepare an organizational model for working with impatriates.

The Agency, together with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, has developed a **draft Plan** ("Roadmap") for improving migration procedures for certain categories of foreign citizens and stateless persons, as well as their adaptation. It was **approved at the Headquarters meeting on September 17, 2025**

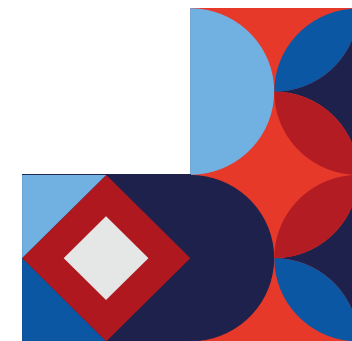


CONCEPT FOR FORMALIZING THE CATEGORY OF IMPATRIATES IN THE LEGISLATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

In accordance with the Concept of fixing the category of impatriates in the legislation of the Russian Federation, in order to classify foreign citizens as impatriates, it is necessary to confirm compliance with **2 levels of criteria:**

Criterion 1	Criterion 2
Alignment of their moral, cultural, and family values with traditional Russian spiritual and moral values (proposed to be confirmed by signing a corresponding declarative form)	Belonging to specific categories of foreign citizens with high potential for socio-economic and cultural integration into Russian society (qualified professionals, scientists, investors, entrepreneurs, talented students/graduates and creative professions, or individuals with outstanding talent)

The decision to grant a foreign citizen the status of an impatriate is made by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia on the basis of a request from **an authorized organization (operator)** dealing with issues of attracting impatriates, including based on the results of an interview



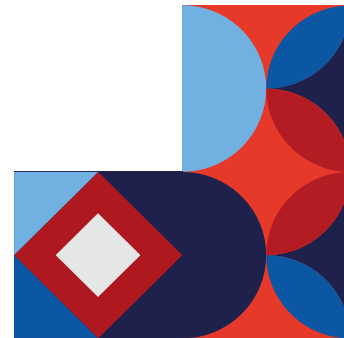
CONCEPT OF THE STATE MIGRATION POLICY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION FOR 2026-2030

- Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 738 dated October 15, 2025, approved the Concept of the State Migration Policy of the Russian Federation for 2026-2030

27. The objectives of the migration policy are:

a) Improving the legal, organizational, and other mechanisms regulating and ensuring:

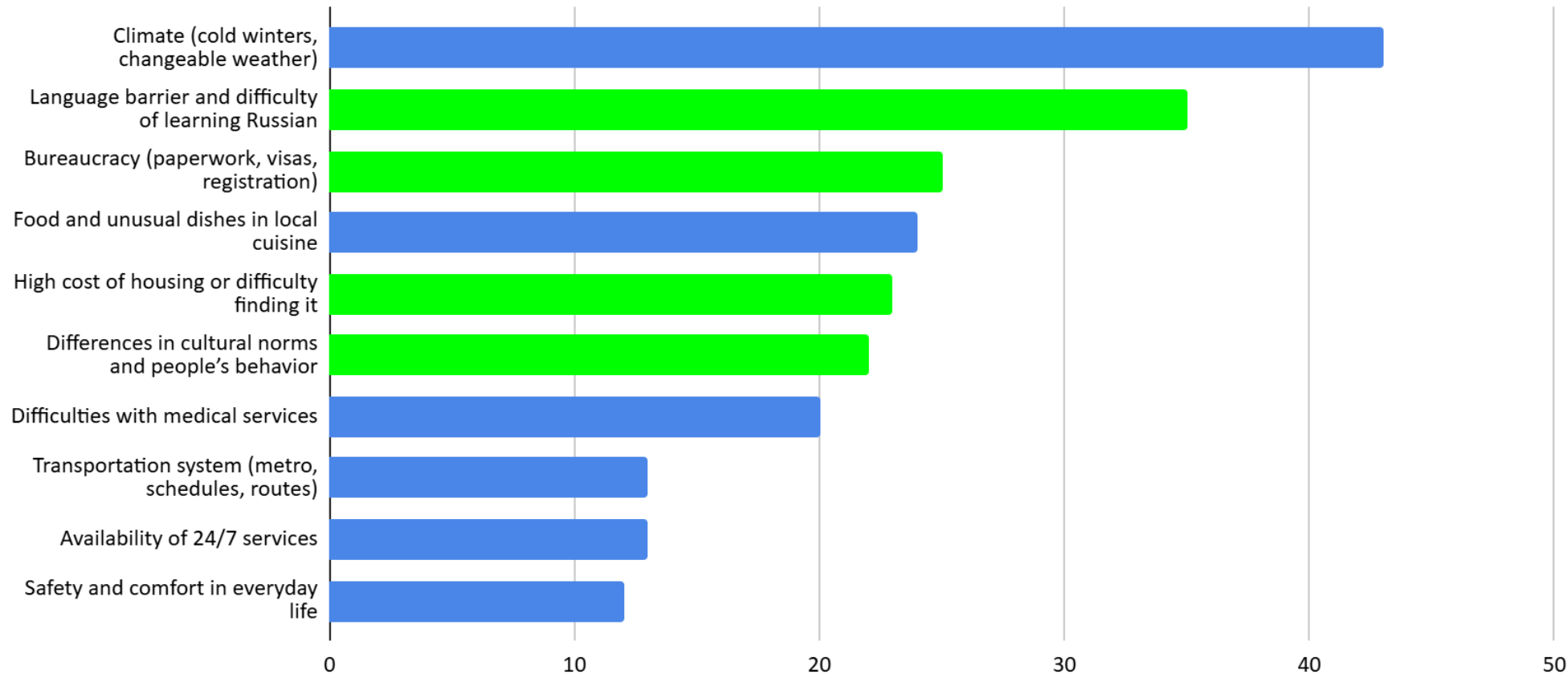
- Residence in the Russian Federation and acquisition of citizenship of the Russian Federation for foreign citizens who, through their investments, knowledge, skills, and abilities, contribute to the development of the Russian economy, science, professional education, and art, and who share traditional Russian spiritual and moral values;
- Entry into the Russian Federation and stay on its territory for foreign citizens wishing to develop economic, business, professional, scientific, cultural, and other ties, engage in entrepreneurial activities, and study the Russian language, history, and culture of Russia;



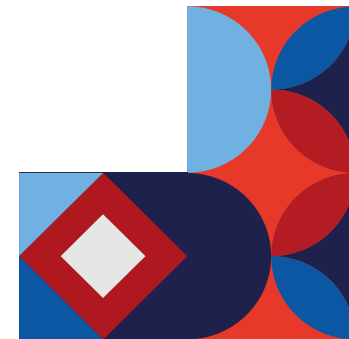


RESEARCH RESULTS — RUSSIA THROUGH THE EYES OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: TOURISM, STUDY, AND NEW IMPRESSIONS

Which aspects of life in Russia were unexpected or challenging for you?



More than 45% of respondents said they would like **to stay in Russia** even after completing their studies



INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SERVICE "TIME TO LIVE IN RUSSIA"

"Time to Live in Russia":

- ✓ Information about opportunities for living and working in Russia, services, and support measures
- ✓ Ability to proceed to the necessary systems for submitting visa applications (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia) and for migration processing (Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia)
- ✓ Filling out candidate forms for the impatriation program
- ✓ Answers to frequently asked questions
- ✓ Regulatory information
- ✓ Success stories of previously relocated impatriates

The service will be created in cooperation with the Unified Portal of State and Municipal Services (UPGU)

THE SERVICE WILL
BECOME
THE 1ST STEP
ON THE IMPATRIATE'S
USER JOURNEY, EVEN
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TO RUSSIA



THE REGIONAL STANDARD OF SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF IMPATRIATES, INCLUDING TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

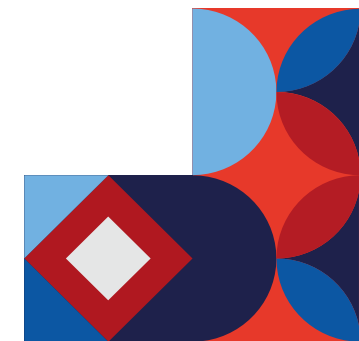
Regional Standard has been developed taking into account the anticipated needs of impatriants and includes **8 fundamental provisions**:

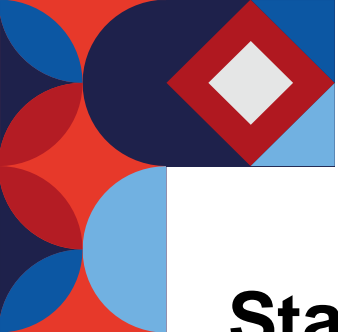
1. Assessing the region's needs and identifying stakeholders interested in impatriates
2. Identifying priority categories of impatriates for the region
3. Designating a regional official responsible for impatriation and establishing an annual reporting format on their work
4. Establishing a dedicated agency/organization to assist impatriates under a "one-stop-shop" system
5. Developing an information system to inform impatriates about relocation opportunities to Russia and support services
6. Creating a list of regional support measures for impatriates, including funding allocation
7. Ensuring the adaptation of impatriates receiving support under the "one-stop-shop" system
8. Developing a list of support measures for employers hiring impatriates in region of the Russian Federation



MODELS FOR WORKING WITH IMPATRIATES IN PILOT REGIONS

Creating a subordinate organization/separate unit of the executive body of a constituent entity of the Russian Federation to work with impatriates	Empowering an executive body of a constituent entity of the Russian Federation to work with impatriates	Creation of a dedicated unit/institute under the head of a regional authority in the Russian Federation for the support of impatriates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ability to support impatriates at all stages ("concierge service") ✓ Highly qualified staff ✓ Ability to provide paid services (if necessary) ✓ More "flexible" information policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ability to interact with other government bodies ✓ No need to hire new staff ✓ Low implementation costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ability to support impatriates at all stages ("concierge service") ✓ Qualified staff ✓ Ability to inform the head of a regional authority in the Russian Federation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Need to create a new organization or repurpose an existing one – Requires financial investment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Small number of staff – Limited budget for work with impatriates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Requires additional budget expenditures
<p>Regions:</p> <p>Vladimir Region, Nizhny Novgorod Region, Kaluga Region, Moscow</p>	<p>Regions:</p> <p>Lipetsk Region, Moscow Region, Novgorod Region, Samara Region</p>	<p>Region:</p> <p>Pskov Region</p>





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