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**EU-Russia cooperation programmes**

There are numerous, ongoing cooperation projects which maintain and strengthen the EU-Russia relationship.

The European Union (EU) and Russia have had in place technical and financial agreements since 1991. Initially, the EU provided technical assistance to Russia under the TACIS programme (1991-2006) which launched a number of successful projects and programmes in fields ranging from education to cross-border cooperation.

With less need for direct assistance, cooperation currently takes the form of ongoing initiatives listed below:

- **The Partnership Instrument**: one of the key finance mechanisms for advancing the EU’s core interests and cooperation with strategic partners, such as Russia.
- **Cross-Border Cooperation**: supports sustainable development between EU and neighbourhood countries.
- **Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) grant programme** enhances the contribution of civil society in Russia by supporting CSOs as actors of governance and accountability, as partners in promoting social development and as key stakeholders in promoting inclusive and sustainable growth.
- **EU-Russia Civil Society Forum** - a network of European and Russian NGOs, established as a bottom-up civic initiative, independent from governments, political parties and businesses. The Forum serves as a platform for members in articulating common positions, providing support and solidarity, and exerting civic influence on governmental and intergovernmental relations. These goals are pursued by bringing together CSF members for joint projects, research and advocacy, by conducting public discussions and dialogues with decision-makers, and by facilitating people-to-people exchanges.
- "**Public Diplomacy. EU and Russia.**", funded by the EU’s Partnership Instrument. This action is part of wider EU public diplomacy and outreach activities towards audiences in Russia. The overall objective is to facilitate dialogue between selected Russian and EU audiences, experts and interlocutors in view of paving a way for a better understanding between our societies on a number of bilateral and global issues and for smoother EU-Russia relations. The project "Mosty" on the portal Colta.ru serves as a media mirror of the project, a platform for dialogue between Russia and Europe on the most topical issues. Since 2017, the project has been offering different platforms for societal dialogue between the EU and Russia and has held 50+ events. You can read about it in the flash report

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