

Russian Federation

The OECD has co-operated with the Russian Federation since 1992. The Russia Programme is the largest for any non-Member and has covered activities ranging from five Economic Surveys of the Russian Federation between 1995 and 2004, to seminal policy reviews of Russian education, agriculture, environment, investment, innovation policy, social policy, human resource development, science and technology and corporate governance.

Russian high officials have repeatedly acknowledged the Russian government's high regard for the OECD and its eagerness to reinforce co-operation, most recently during the Secretary-General's June 2004 meetings in Moscow with Prime Minister Fradkov and other Ministers. Russian Ministers regularly visit the OECD including participation in meetings.

Russia applied for OECD Membership in 1996. The Organisation responded by stating that Russia's accession was a shared ultimate goal. As a result, mechanisms were developed to strengthen the co-operation, including the establishment of a high-level Liaison Committee between the Russian Federation and the OECD. The sixth meeting of this Committee will take place in Moscow on 20 June 2005.

Russia participates in the work of 19 Committees and other bodies of the OECD. This breadth of participation is more than twice as large as that of the next best represented non-Member. Russian Ministers have participated in all Ministerial Council Meeting dialogue sessions with non-Members, except in 2002.

The year 2005 will see the completion of the flagship Regulatory Reform Review of the Russian Federation. The purpose of the review is to improve the foundations for the coherent and comprehensive design and implementation of regulatory reform policies. The review is horizontal in nature, including economic analysis and work on competition, trade, energy and railways.

Russian Federation - Country Programme

OUTPUT AREA 1.1.1 - MULTILATERAL REVIEW OF ECONOMIC POLICIES

OUTPUT RESULT: TWO PUBLICATIONS OF THE OECD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

DIRECTORATE: ECO

YEARS: 2005; 2006

SUMMARY: Economic developments in non-Member economies, contribution to the two Economic Outlook publications [Russia, Asia, Latin America] (Q2, Q4 every year)

Report on structural changes in global energy markets and potential macroeconomic implications (non-Member economies). The study will look at the impact of developments in the New Independent States on incremental global supply – and possible global macro-economic implications. Due to be completed in 2005.

EVENTS: Meetings of EPC

PUBLICATIONS: Economic Outlook

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OUTPUT AREA 1.1.2 - COUNTRY PEER REVIEWS OF ECONOMIC POLICIES

OUTPUT RESULT: REVIEW OF NON-MEMBERS: RUSSIA, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHINA

DIRECTORATE: ECO

YEAR: 2006

SUMMARY: Economic Survey of Russia.

EVENTS: EDRC meetings, follow-up seminars

PUBLICATIONS: OECD Economic Survey of Russia

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OUTPUT AREA 1.3.2 - SCIENCE AND INNOVATION POLICIES

OUTPUT RESULT: REVIEWS OF NATIONAL INNOVATION POLICY IN SELECTED NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES

DIRECTORATE: STI

YEARS: 2005-2006

SUMMARY: Reviews of science-innovation interface: Review of Russia and information in the STI Outlook 2006 on recent developments in innovation policy in CSTP Observer countries.

Subject to additional grants.

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OUTPUT AREA 2.1.2 - EVALUATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF LEARNING OUTCOMES

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	SIX PEER REVIEWS OF EDUCATION POLICY
DIRECTORATE:	EDU
YEAR:	2005
SUMMARY:	As a follow-up to the review of the Tertiary Education and Research Policy, a series of seminars has been organised around the theme of intellectual property and research management. These seminars have had an important impact on government policy, the setting up of Technology Transfer Offices throughout the Federation and the creation of an Association for university research managers. Subject to additional grants.
EVENTS:	Seminar in Saratov – September 2005
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OUTPUT AREA 2.1.3 - EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM POLICIES AND PRACTICES

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TERTIARY EDUCATION; COUNTRY REPORTS
DIRECTORATE:	EDU
YEARS:	2005 -2006
SUMMARY:	Expansion and reform of tertiary education are major preoccupations in the development of education system policies and practices in many countries. It is a complex policy domain because policy must meet broad objectives – individual and societal, economic and cultural – in supporting the multiple missions of the system. Governments are major players in the sector even where there is a strong private sector, whether not-for-profit or profit. Governments are typically both providers and regulators. There is competition on the supply side and greater sophistication in demand. Fiscal pressures continue and how to fund growth and to manage supply are increasingly important questions. The market is becoming more international. Tertiary education is playing an increasing role in lifelong learning of adults alongside its more traditional role as the final phase of initial education for young people. Subject to additional grants.
PUBLICATIONS:	Individual country reports will be posted on the website. EDU will publish a synthesis report in 2007
WEBSITE:	A website will be created in 2005 with a link to www.oecd.org/edu/nonMembereducation
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OUTPUT AREA 2.2.1 - EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK, REVIEWS AND LABOUR MARKET POLICIES

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	INTERACTIONS BETWEEN EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICIES IN NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES: REPORTS
DIRECTORATE:	ELS
YEAR:	2006
SUMMARY:	Follow-up to the 2001 labour market and social policy review in Russia (“The Social Crisis in the Russian Federation”). The aim of this activity is to see how labour market and social policies have developed since the 2001 review, and to consider possible strategies for the future. This would involve a seminar based on background material to be produced partly by the Russian authorities and partly by the Secretariat. Subject to additional grants.
EVENTS:	Review of Labour Market and Social Policy in Russia (First Semester 2006).
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OUTPUT AREA 2.2.2 - MIGRATION POLICIES

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	MONITORING OF TRENDS AND MIGRATION POLICIES: ANALYTICAL REPORTS
DIRECTORATE:	ELS
YEAR:	2005
SUMMARY:	In accordance with the Mandate of the Working Party on Migration and under its auspices, the activity relates to the monitoring of trends and migration policies, and aims at providing comparative analyses and information to Member countries in order to help them in the elaboration of their migration policies and in international co-operation for migration and development. Subject to additional grants.
EVENTS:	Possible extension of the Network of Sopemi correspondents to Ukraine and Russia.
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OUTPUT AREA 2.3.4 - DECOUPLING ENVIRONMENTAL PRESSURES FROM ECONOMIC GROWTH

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	SEVEN REPORTS, DATABASE AND A GLOBAL FORUM EVENT TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES CO-OPERATION WITH RUSSIA
DIRECTORATE:	ENV
YEARS:	2005-2006
SUMMARY:	Building on co-operation with Russia in the framework of the Environmental Action Plan for Central and Eastern Europe (EAP) Task Force, two Seminars have been planned and will focus on environmental policy reform (2005) and mobilising financial resources for environmental purposes (2006). Subject to additional grants.
EVENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Seminar on Environmental Policy Reform; in co-operation with the World Bank and the Russian Regional Environmental Centre (May 2005) Moscow- Seminar on Mobilising and allocating financial resources for environmental protection (Q4, 2006) place to be decided
PUBLICATIONS:	Proceedings of the Seminar on Environmental Policy Reform (2005)
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OUTPUT AREA 3.1.1 - ADVOCACY OF FREER TRADE

A. OUTPUT RESULT: TEN ANALYTICAL REPORTS AND ONE WORKSHOP ON THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF LIBERALISATION OF TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES
REPORT ON MODAL ESTIMATES OF SERVICES BARRIERS FOR SELECTED ECONOMIES (NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES)

DIRECTORATE: ECH

YEAR: 2005

SUMMARY: The proposed work will update the sectoral restrictiveness indexes for some of the countries that were already examined and that have experienced important changes since 2002 (e.g. Bulgaria and Romania) and present the indexes for some additional countries, namely China, Russia and selected non-Members. In addition, the study will seek to integrate into the restrictiveness indexes additional sector-specific measures as well as regulatory aspects such as transparency of existing regulations and the status of national regulatory agencies. Finally, separate indexes for the four modes of services supply will be developed at the sectoral level.

Output: one report that presents: (i) an update of existing sectoral indicators for countries that experienced significant regulatory changes since 2002 (e.g. Bulgaria and Romania); (ii) sector-specific and modal improvements of services barriers estimates applied to selected non-Member economies (e.g. China, Russia and selected non-Member economies) highlighting the differences between the old and new indexes.

EVENTS: To be presented to the Working Party of the Trade Committee in the second or third quarter 2005 and at the Regional Trade Forum on “The economic benefits of integration into the multilateral trading system: experiences of China, Russia and Central Asian economies” to be held in China in 2006.

PUBLICATIONS: To be included in the proceedings of the Regional Trade Forum on “The economic benefits of integration into the multilateral trading system: experiences of China, Russia and Central Asian economies” to be held in China in 2006.

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B. OUTPUT RESULT: TEN ANALYTICAL REPORTS AND ONE WORKSHOP ON THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF LIBERALISATION OF TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES
EFFECTS OF REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL LIBERALISATION IN SERVICES – (SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY)

DIRECTORATE: ECH

YEAR: 2005

SUMMARY: The proposed study will attempt to estimate and compare the results of regional and multilateral services liberalisation in selected non-Members using the standard GTAP model.

Output: One report on the effects of regional and multilateral liberalisation in services in selected transition economies. Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS: To be presented to the Working Party of the Trade Committee in the fourth quarter 2005.

PUBLICATIONS: Trade Working paper.

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C. OUTPUT RESULT: **TEN ANALYTICAL REPORTS AND ONE WORKSHOP ON THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF LIBERALISATION OF TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES IMPACT OF SERVICES BARRIERS ON EFFECTIVE RATES OF PROTECTION IN AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURING**

DIRECTORATE: **ECH**

YEAR: **2006**

SUMMARY: One paper to include an analysis of effective rates of protection focusing on: (i) extending the project on effective rates of protection started in 2004 to incorporate improved estimates of services barriers and (ii) extending the work to consider how protection of services at the modal level (using the estimates developed in the framework of the Report on modal estimates of services barriers for selected economies) affects the effective protection of manufacturing sectors.

EVENTS: To be presented to the Working Party of the Trade Committee in Q3, 2006

PUBLICATIONS: Trade working paper.

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D. OUTPUT RESULT: **TWO ANALYTICAL REPORTS ON TRANSITION ECONOMIES, INCLUDING RUSSIA**

DIRECTORATE: **ECH**

YEAR: **2005**

SUMMARY: One report on the structural, regulatory and institutional effects of WTO-led trade liberalisation in the Russian Federation. The paper will examine state-ownership, use of direct state controls, state and regulatory capture, corruption, institutional regulatory structures and trade advocacy. The report will propose the policy agenda enabling Russia to maximise its gains resulting from WTO accession. As a follow-on to the horizontal Russia Regulatory Reform Review, one report on regulatory issues in several Russian regions.

EVENTS: Papers to be presented to the Working Party of the Trade Committee in third and fourth quarters 2005.

PUBLICATIONS: To be included in Regional Trade Forum proceedings in 2006.

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E. OUTPUT RESULT: **ANALYTICAL REPORT AND MEETING ON TRANSITION ECONOMIES**

DIRECTORATE: **ECH**

YEAR: **2006**

SUMMARY: Regional Trade Forum on “The economic benefits of integration into the multilateral trading system: experiences of China, Russia and Central Asian economies” to be held in China. The Forum will examine (i) the challenges of integrating recent and acceding WTO Members into the world marketplace, (ii) the role of services liberalisation, and (iii) the structural and regulatory impact of WTO accession.

One issues paper and proceedings of the Regional Trade Forum. Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS: Regional Trade Forum to be held in China; third quarter 2006.

PUBLICATIONS: Regional Trade Forum proceedings

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OUTPUT AREA 3.3.2 - INTERNATIONAL TAX CO-OPERATION

OUTPUT RESULT: **FOUR EVENTS ON TRANSPARENCY AND EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES TO ASSOCIATE THEM WITH THE WORK OF THE CFA**

DIRECTORATE: **CTP**

YEARS: **2005-2006**

SUMMARY: Exchange of information between tax administrations is the most effective way of combating international tax avoidance and evasion. The aim of these events is to share the experiences of OECD and non-Member economies as regards the exchange of tax information between competent authorities; and to identify ways of improving the efficiency of this process. The events will draw upon and associate non-Members closely with OECD work in this area, including *the OECD Model Agreement on Exchange of Information in Tax Matters*, and the OECD report *Improving Access to Bank Information for Tax Purposes*.

EVENTS: In 2005, four workshops on Exchange of Information and Bank Secrecy are planned in Brazil, China, Russia, and at the OECD Ankara Tax Centre. Similar events will be developed for 2006.

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OUTPUT AREA 4.1.1 - INVESTMENT

OUTPUT RESULT: **GOOD PRACTICE REPORTS ISSUED AND POLICY DIALOGUES HELD ON PROVIDING ADVICE ON *INVESTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT* TO NON-MEMBERS**

DIRECTORATE: **DAF**

YEARS: **2005, 2006**

SUMMARY: On the responsibility of the Investment Committee, investment outreach programmes promote international investment for growth and sustainable development in non-Member economies, by advancing policy reform and international co-operation through OECD peer dialogue method. Launched in 2003, the OECD Initiative on Investment for Development, including work on a Policy Framework for Investment, provides an organising principle for these programmes.

Together with the annual Global Forum on International Investment and regional investment initiatives, OECD investment outreach comprises sustained co-operation with the Russian Federation, through peer dialogue building on the recommendation of the 2004 OECD Investment Policy Review of the country. Expected outcomes are: increased investment policy transparency and openness; enhanced contributions of responsible international business; better outcomes of investment agreements; and improved FDI statistics for policy making.

In pursuit of its investment outreach mandate, the Investment Committee develops partnerships with other OECD Committees, business and civil society stakeholders, the World Bank and other international organisations. Nine non-Members have adhered to the OECD Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises and the Committee encourages other non-Members to apply for adherence. Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS:

- Round table on *strengthening investment policy implementation*, Moscow or Paris, (Q4, 2005).
- Peer review of *capital control reform*, Paris (Q2, 2006).

PUBLICATIONS:

- International Investment Perspectives (annual);
- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises Annual Report;
- Investment for Development Annual Report;
- OECD Investment Policy Review series; International Direct Investment Statistics Yearbook.

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OUTPUT AREA 4.1.2 ANTI-CORRUPTION

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	PROMOTING INTEGRITY GOALS ENshrINED IN THE OECD ANTI-BRIBERY INSTRUMENTS IN RUSSIA
DIRECTORATE:	DAF
YEARS:	2005
SUMMARY:	<p>Non-Members account for an important share of OECD countries' exports and investment and promotion of a corruption-free climate in these countries is essential to the Anti-Bribery Convention signatories in their efforts to achieve a level playing field for international business. In 2005, the Anti-Corruption Division will continue to co-operate with non-Members in Asia-Pacific, Europe-Central Asia, Latin America, and Middle East and Africa in assessing their anti-corruption policies and implementing reforms.</p> <p>Bilateral relations between the Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions and the Russian Federation began with Russia's application, in 2000, to the "Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions". The 2005 bilateral Russia programme will contribute to furthering mutual understanding and to ensuring legislative progress by the Russian Federation towards the OECD standards of the Convention as well as improvements in Russia's implementation and enforcement capacity of domestic laws and regulations in line with international anti-bribery standards.</p>
EVENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Workshop on "Business integrity and private-public partnership in the fight against corruption", Saint Petersburg (tbc) (Q3, 2005).- Review of Russian self-assessment, Paris, October 2005 (subject to confirmation)- Workshop on "Drafting anti-corruption legislation and effective prosecution of corruption offences", Moscow or Paris, (Q4, 2005).
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OUTPUT AREA 4.1.3 - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

<u>A. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	FOUR ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS, THREE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION OF OECD PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND REGIONAL WHITE PAPERS/PRIORITIES
DIRECTORATE:	DAF
YEAR:	2005
SUMMARY:	<p>Corporate Governance Roundtables in Latin America, Russia and Asia seek to enhance understanding of and support for good corporate governance policies and practices by policy-makers, companies and other stakeholders, drawing on the OECD Principles of Corporate Governance and the new OECD Guidelines on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises.</p> <p>The Russia Roundtable will convene two task forces to review and propose policy options/recommendations on corporate governance of state-owned assets and enforcement of corporate governance rules in Russia. The June 2005 plenary will identify the main road-blocks and the most critical issues to address. The objective is to work on issues where maximum impact can be achieved to support reform efforts. The Task Forces will meet in December 2005 to consult on draft reports. Subject to additional grants.</p>
EVENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Russian Corporate Governance Roundtable, Moscow, Russia, 2-3 June 2005- Russian Corporate Governance Roundtable Task Force Meeting, Paris, December 2005

PUBLICATIONS:

- Implementing International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in Russia. 25 Recommendations to Facilitate the Transition to IFRS – March 2005
- Improving Transparency of Related Party Transactions in Russia – April 2005

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B. OUTPUT RESULT: FOUR ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS, THREE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION OF OECD PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND REGIONAL WHITE PAPERS/PRIORITIES

DIRECTORATE: DAF

YEAR: 2006

SUMMARY: Priorities developed by each region and country in 2005 will be pursued through Regional Roundtable meetings and country policy dialogue programmes in 2006. Reports on progress in implementing the Regional White Papers and recommendations on selected priority policy issues will be issued. Expected outcome in all four programmes will be increased understanding of and support for good corporate governance policies and practices by policy-makers and companies in the regions and countries where the meetings are held. Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS: Russia Corporate Governance Roundtable, (Moscow, mid-2006?)

PUBLICATIONS: Russia Roundtable on Corporate Governance Progress Report on Implementation of White Paper Recommendations

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OUTPUT AREA 4.2.1 - COMPETITION

OUTPUT RESULT: EIGHT EVENTS TO BE HELD ANNUALLY TO PROMOTE SOUND COMPETITION POLICY IN NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES

DIRECTORATE: DAF

YEARS: 2005-2006

SUMMARY: The outreach programme in the competition law and policy area provides capacity building and policy dialogue with economies in transition and world-wide. The aim is to support the development of effective, efficient competition law enforcement and competition-based regulation and structural reform leading to better economic performance.

The programme has extensive geographical coverage including Russia, China, South-East Asia, Latin America, the Western Balkans and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe. Regional Centres for Competition based on a partnership between OECD and the national competition authority operate in Seoul and in Budapest helping countries in the region develop effective competition rules and institutions. The annual meeting of the Global Forum on Competition brings together competition leaders from more than 60 countries around the world. Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS: The Russia programme, since the early 1990s the most important country programme in the competition area, includes a case discussion seminar in Rostov in the end of September 2005, and a judges' workshop in St. Petersburg on 11-14 October 2005. A major focus of the Russia programme is to support the ongoing reform of the Russian competition legislation through consultations. 2006: other workshops, seminars and consultations.

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OUTPUT AREA 4.2.2 - FINANCE, INSURANCE AND PENSIONS

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	THREE PROCEEDINGS AND REPORTS ON INSURANCE AND PENSIONS SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS AND REPORTS ON SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES
DIRECTORATE:	DAF
YEARS:	2005-2006
SUMMARY:	OECD has developed a substantial programme of policy dialogue and capacity building to promote modern, open and sound insurance and private pensions systems in emerging markets and developing economies. This work has been developed on a global, regional and country basis, with support of substantial voluntary contributions notably from Japan and the International Pension Foundation.
	Analytical work will be undertaken on issues where emerging economies could benefit from the experience of the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee, and OECD good practices for regulation and market access. Issues of particular relevance to emerging economies, such as management of large-scale risks, private pensions or financial education, may also be included.
	Closer dialogue through expert meetings will be promoted with key insurance and private pensions markets; including Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
	Recent market and regulatory reforms in the private pensions and insurance sectors in Russia have reconfirmed the importance for OECD Member countries to develop a closer relationship with Russia. Russia has also expressed its willingness to be more involved in OECD work. Planned activities with Russia include the publication of reports dealing with (i) pension reform and insurance market and (ii) regulatory/supervisory reforms in Russia. Subject to additional grants.
PUBLICATIONS:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reforming the insurance market in the Russian Federation (2005/2006) (title t.b.c.) - Developments in the pension market in the Russian Federation: Challenges ahead (2005/2006) (title t.b.c.)
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OUTPUT AREA 4.2.3 - REGULATORY REFORM

<u>A. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	HORIZONTAL PROGRAMME ON REGULATORY REFORM. PEER REVIEW OF COUNTRY PERFORMANCE: PROMOTING REGULATORY REFORM IN RUSSIA.
DIRECTORATE:	GOV
YEARS:	2005-2006
SUMMARY:	<i>Regulatory Reform in Russia</i> - Regulatory issues have been identified as key to structural and institutional reforms. Priorities include improving the regulatory capacities of the public administration, developing more coherent relations between different levels of government, and reform of key infrastructure sectors such as railways and electricity. These issues emerge clearly from the analysis of regulatory capacity and macro-economic trends carried out in the regulatory review of Russia (2003-2005). This review highlighted the scope of administrative reorganisation in that country, the challenges of building institutional and human capacity needed to sustain a shift away from the legacy of a command economy, and the high costs of administrative burdens, a lack of transparency, and confusion about laws.

The key topics for further study in 2005 which build on this assessment of Russia's problems and opportunities are: (i) multi-level governance, to describe decision-making at different levels and the wider governance consequences of changes in federal government, to analyse the impact of multi-level issues on trade, investment and regional development, and to explore the options for improving regulatory quality, co-operation and coherence; and (ii) design of agencies for infrastructure development, to examine progress made following the reorganisation of regulatory institutions in key sectors.

These topics will engage Russian decision-makers with OECD practices on priority issues for good governance and growth, and will provide OECD Member countries with a better understanding of the changes taking place in Russia as it copes simultaneously with administrative reorganisation on a vast scale and integration into the world economy. Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS: Launching event in Moscow, 21 June 2005

PUBLICATIONS: Regulatory Reform Review of Russia, 2005

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B. OUTPUT RESULT: **POLICY DIALOGUE AND PEER REVIEWS WITH NON-MEMBERS - RUSSIA, SE EUROPE**

DIRECTORATE: **GOV**

YEARS: **2005-2006**

SUMMARY: *Regulatory Impact Analysis in Russia* - This analysis will build on OECD work on regulatory reform in Russia and will focus on developing capacity for regulatory impact analysis and to assess options for establishing an RIA system in Russia based on OECD Member country practices, and to identify the benefits of such a system. Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS: To be determined.

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OUTPUT AREA 4.3.1- GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND RESOURCES

OUTPUT RESULT: **TWO REPORTS ON PREVENTING CORRUPTION AND PROMOTING INTEGRITY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE. POLICY DIALOGUE AND PEER REVIEWS IN RUSSIA, SOUTH EAST EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA.**

DIRECTORATE: **GOV**

YEARS: **2005-2006**

SUMMARY: *Promoting Integrity in the Public Administration* - The OECD Self-Assessment Report of the Legal and Institutional Framework to Fight Corruption in the Russian Federation outlines Russia's recent efforts to promote integrity in the public administration and the commitment of Russian leaders to push reforms further in this important area of good governance. The project primarily supports the implementation of recent measures, such as that of the Code of Conduct and the work of the Commission on Conflict of Interest, which was created by President Putin at the end of 2003. The OECD Guidelines for Managing Conflict of Interest in the Public Service provide a unique international reference to develop a comprehensive conflict of interest policy in the public service, and the OECD Toolkit – that have been developed in co-operation with transition countries in Central and Eastern Europe – will support the application of policy in public organizations in the Russian Federation. Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS: Policy dialogue meeting with policy makers in the Russian Federation.

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OUTPUT AREA 6.2.1 - STATISTICS CO-ORDINATION (OECD STATISTICAL WORK PROGRAMME)

<u>A. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	STATISTICAL PROGRAMME OF WORK
DIRECTORATE:	STD
YEARS:	2005, 2006
SUMMARY:	Co-ordination of statistical activities carried out by the OECD with non-Members. Improvement of the statistical policy dialogue with large non-members.
EVENTS:	Meeting of the Committee on Statistics, 14-16 June, Geneva.
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<u>B. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	OECD STATISTICS NEWSLETTERS
DIRECTORATE:	STD
YEARS:	2005, 2006
SUMMARY:	Inclusion of articles from large non-Members in the Newsletter and better dissemination to statisticians working in these countries.
PUBLICATIONS:	OECD: The Statistics Newsletter
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OUTPUT AREA 6.2.2 - STATISTICAL RESEARCH, COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

<u>A. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	MAIN ECONOMIC INDICATORS (MEI) DATABASE AND PUBLICATION
DIRECTORATE:	STD
YEARS:	2005, 2006
SUMMARY:	Key qualitative and quantitative short-term economic indicators for large non-Member economies are published monthly in the OECD's Main Economic Indicators (MEI) publication and database.
EVENTS:	Organisation of joint workshop with ECLAC on the harmonisation of business and consumer opinion surveys (Q2).
PUBLICATIONS:	Monthly publication of key short-term economic indicators for large non-Member economies in MEI.
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<u>B. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	PRODUCTIVITY DATABASE
DIRECTORATE:	STD
YEARS:	2005, 2006
SUMMARY:	This work deals with the ongoing compilation of productivity statistics in OECD countries. Its outreach component aims at integrating China, Russia and Brazil into the labour productivity series.
PUBLICATIONS:	Productivity data on the web
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C. OUTPUT RESULT: PROCEEDINGS FROM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

DIRECTORATE: STD

YEAR: 2005

SUMMARY: *OECD-ONS workshop on e-government and statistics:* The workshop will be open to experiences made in large non-Members. The proceedings of the workshop will be published in 2006.

EVENTS: Workshop – to be announced

PUBLICATIONS: Proceedings

WEBSITE: Under construction

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D. OUTPUT RESULT: PROCEEDINGS FROM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

DIRECTORATE: STD

YEAR: 2005

SUMMARY: *The national accounts meeting with UN-ECE/Eurostat:* This group, which gathers directors of national accounts of OECD countries and of certain non-Members, is essential for the advancement of issues regarding the measurement of aggregates in the national accounts. It plays a central role in the review of the System of National Accounts (SNA), to be implemented world wide. The group covers financial accounts issues.

EVENTS:

- Working Party on National Accounts and Financial Accounts, annual meeting at OECD, 10-14 October 2005;
- Working Party on National Accounts and Financial Accounts, annual meeting October 2006.

PUBLICATIONS: All papers available on the Website.

WEBSITE: www.oecd.org/document/31/0,2340,en_2825_497125_31722847_1_1_1_1,00.html

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E. OUTPUT RESULT: QUALITY ANALYSIS AND RELEASE OF COMPOSITE LEADING INDICATORS FOR LARGE NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES

DIRECTORATE: STD

YEARS: 2005, 2006

SUMMARY: The OECD is currently developing a CLI for each of the large non-Member economies which will be comparable with those currently compiled and disseminated for Member countries. A draft set of recommendations outlining the proposed methodology and component series has been prepared. A workshop to which representatives from both the national statistical agency (the source of many of the component series) and key institute will be invited is proposed to seek endorsement of the OECD's draft proposals.

EVENTS: Two day workshop in Paris (Q2)

PUBLICATIONS: Publication of resultant CLI in monthly MEI and on the OECD statistics portal

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