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Potential for Modernisation: Long Term Development of the Russian Economy

Modernisation in Russia: the Role of Development Institutions

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Strengths & Successes in Russian Development

- Stability of the country
- Robust economic growth
- Gold and foreign currency reserves
- Sound management of foreign debt
- Poverty reduction

Challenges in Russian Economic Development

- Human Development Challenges
- Economic Development Challenges



Human Development Challenges

- UNDP Human Development Index: ranks 71 out of 182 countries (high), but
- Unfavourable demographic trends
- Education and health sectors under funded (human capital)
- Non negligible poverty level



Economic Development Challenges 1

Infrastructure in a critical state

Low level of investment compared to vast needs to upgrade infrastructure and improve competitiveness (investment climate)



Economic Development Challenges 2

Economic diversification

Energy Inefficiency

Russia's integration into the world economy



EIBs Role & Mandate to assist in Russian Development

EIB as the EU's Financing Institution created by the Treaty of Rome

Mandate 2007-2013

- EIB lending operations outside the EU: EUR 27.8 bn
- Russia and Eastern Neighbours: EUR 3.7 bn

Project Eligibility

Projects of Significant Interest to the EU in:

- Telecommunications
- Transport
- Energy
- Environmental Infrastructure



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EIB Funding

- Substantial source of funding for Russia, in co-financing with the EBRD and possibly other IFIs and banks.
- Signalling effects/sector expertise.
- Competitive rates with long maturities in a range of currencies.
- Disbursement can be phased to meet project needs.
- Close cooperation with the Commission and EBRD.
- Range of financing structures which can be adapted to project needs/required risk allocation.



EIB assistance in Human Development Challenges

Improvements in health associated with:

- Sanitary developments from Water and waste water projects (eg Vodokanal I & II and the St Petersburg Neva Project)
- living conditions improvements from district heating projects
- Improved air quality as a result of reduced emissions from environmental projects



EIB assistance in Economic Development Challenges

Meeting the Infrastructure Need

Improved efficiency, connectivity & competitiveness from infrastructure projects as follows:

- Transport infrastructure projects eg Moscow St Petersbourg Road PPP
- Telecommunications projects eg MTS project



EIB assistance in Economic Development Challenges

Addressing inefficient use of energy

- Power plant refurbishments improving thermal efficiency
- Gas capture projects reducing gas flaring
- Urban or Industrial Projects which enhance the efficient use of energy
- Rehabilitation of energy & electricity networks

Integrating Russia into the world economy

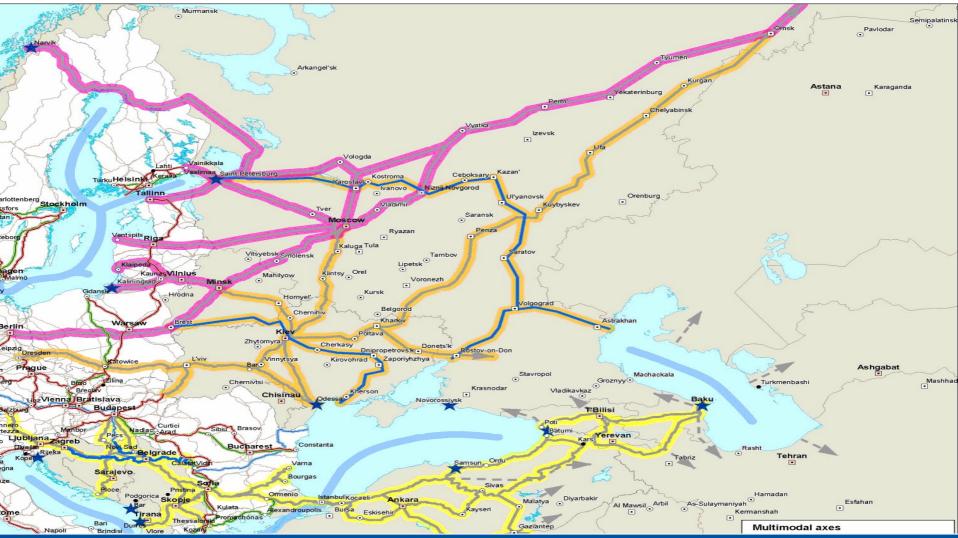
All projects under the EIB's mandate are of significant EU interest.

Transport project on key Transnational Axes

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Key Trans-National Axes



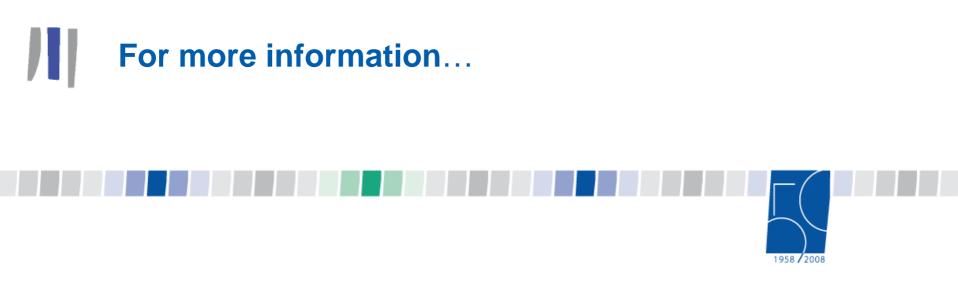
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Summary

- Russia has exhibited strong economic progress
- Russian development is currently constrained by certain economic and human factors
- The key factors limiting Russia's development (particularly infrastructure development, health improvements, energy efficiency and integration in the world economy) are target investments for the IFI community and EIB in particular.
- EIB has a substantial source of funding available for Russia and a product range which can be adapted to a project's needs.



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