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Objectives:

Long-term sustainability of the Russian Megascience facilities requires not only sufficient funding to secure their operation, but also optimized research programmes and targeted funding schemes for efficient scientific use. Various research and funding programs have been implemented in Europe on an EU-wide, bilateral or membership level, with the aim to open and optimally exploit existing research infrastructures. Coherence and coordination of the various funding and research programmes are in the prime interest to ensure maximum scientific impacts with key principles of peer review processes based on scientific merit, quality assurance and joint evaluations where different funding organizations or agencies are involved.

This CREMLIN workshop is devoted to the topic of funding and joint research programmes with a focus on European-Russian collaboration in the context of the Megascience facilities. It shall address issues on coordinated funding and research programmes between the EU or individual member (MS) states and the Russian Federation around new Megascience facilities.

The workshop will bring together representatives, experts and analysts from existing European, Russian and international institutions, funding agencies, networks and organizations in order to not only discuss from various viewpoints the opportunities and challenges of existing funding programmes and implementation schemes, but also to work out recommendations for even more targeted funding of EU-Russian joint research at research infrastructures (RI).

Key questions are:

- Learning from good practice: What funding mechanisms and schemes have proven most successful in Europe to utilize European RI in a most effective way?
- How to set up, implement and monitor coordinated and joint programmes at an EU-Russian or bilateral level?

- What challenges exist to further harmonize the funding principles and evaluation procedures between EU and Russia?
- How can European researchers be best mobilized to exploit Russian megascience facilities and vice versa?
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