

Stronger Together

**Declaration issued by the Central- and Eastern European Network¹
of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts,
at its fourteenth semi-annual meeting on the 28th of May 2010 in Salzburg².**

1. To address the challenges of the 21st century, both new and historical cooperative partnerships are vital. These are and must be based upon shared values, ethics and spiritual traditions. The Central- and Eastern European Network, CEEN, is proud to be one example of co-operation in this spirit.
2. Now there is also a need to strengthen the basis for mutually advantageous dialogue in the areas of science and culture between Russia and the rest of Europe.
3. Both parties have to better understand each other's needs and concerns. Each must recognize what the other side expects in order to contribute to a peaceful and prosperous common future.

Against the background of the above, CEEN:

- Welcomes the beginning of the dialog between the Russian Academy of Science and the European Academy of Science and Arts called "Russia – Europe: Up to the Future";
- Recognises that the dialogue can usefully supplement existing co-operative bilateral and other schemes;
- Understands that the initiative does not replace any established bi-lateral and other discourse and / or exchanges between the Russian Academy of Sciences and national Science Academies, nor compete with them;
- Supports the initiative's scope to focus on the various aspects of human development and their influence on the environment in the context of 21st century challenges;
- Recommends regular meetings between the Russian Academy of Science and the European Academy of Science and Arts to examine further cooperation.

CEEN feels that it would be beneficial if the Presidents of both Academies made the initiative known to the international scientific community and relevant political leaders.

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¹ Platform for dialogue among the Presidents of National Academies of Sciences from the countries in Central/East- and South/East Europe.

² The meeting was part of the first "Russia – Europe: Up to the Future" conference (26-28 May 2010, Salzburg) with participants from both the Russian Academy of Sciences and the European Academy of Sciences and Arts.