The EU, Russia and Climate Change

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Topics to be discussed

1. Getting Russia on board of the Kyoto Protocol

2. Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol in Russia

3. Prospects for Russia’s commitment to a post-2012 regime
1. Getting Russia on board of the Kyoto Protocol

- necessary for KP to enter into force
- a tour de force, notably for the EU
- heated debate on pros and cons
- WTO accession of Russia as leverage
2. Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol in Russia

- debate on responsible actors
- legislation adopted
- action taken
- JI projects in Russia / other countries
Status of JI Track 2 - Projects

167 PDDs have been published for comments:

- Emission reductions 2008 - 2012: ~ 300 million tonnes CO₂ equivalent
- Various technologies:
  - Renewable energy (biomass, wind, hydro)
  - Methane avoidance (gas distribution, landfills, coal mine)
  - Destruction of nitrous oxide from chemical processes (nitric acid production)
  - Energy efficiency (manufacturing industries, district heating)
  - Fuel switch (manufacturing industries, transportation, power generation)
  - Power generation (modernization of power plants)

- Host Parties:
  - Bulgaria (13 projects)
  - Estonia (5)
  - Germany (2)
  - Czech Republic (1)
  - Hungary (2)
  - Latvia (1)
  - Lithuania (8)
  - Poland (10)
  - Romania (5)
  - Russian Federation (89)
  - Slovakia (1)
  - Ukraine (30)

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Total emission reductions (2008 - 2012) by host Party

- Russian Federation: 65%
- Ukraine: 19%
- Poland: 5%
- Romania: 4%
- Lithuania: 3%
- Bulgaria: 2%
- Germany: 1%
- Other: 1%

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3. Prospects for Russia’s commitment to a post-2012 regime

- what’s in it for Russia?
- public opinion
- leverage
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