

# ANSSR: Economy Priorities and Progress Assessment Measures



# The Russian Federation

The Russian Federation is interested in carrying out structural reforms to boost productivity, competitiveness and modernization of the Russian economy, to enhance the efficiency and transparency of the regulatory decision-making process and to encourage public participation in it. To this end Russian priorities are intended for promoting more open, well-functioning, transparent and competitive markets and promoting labour market opportunities, training and education which are aligned with the APEC New Strategy for Structural Reform's priorities.

Although the priorities set here are not an exhaustive list of the efforts in implementing all reforms carried out in the Russian Federation in different economic areas, our ANSSR plan is aligned with the framework and guidelines set out in the Conception of long-term socio-economic development of the Russian Federation till 2020. To meet these challenges it was decided to focus attention in the Russian Federation's ANSSR plan on 5 policy areas which are as follows:

## *Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) Implementation and Development*

The institute of RIA was implemented in the Russian Federation on the federal level in 2010 to increase the efficiency of Russian legislation and to provide transparency and quality of the decision-making process. The Government of the Russian Federation decided to move forward on four approaches on RIA development till 2015: to improve a mechanism of public consultations; to extend the use of ex-post RIA analysis; to carry RIA out on early stage of decision-making process; and step-by-step implementation of RIA on the local level.

## *Public and Municipal Services Availability and Quality Improvement*

In the making of an innovative economy there is an objective need for further improvement of the system of public administration, including availability and quality of public/municipal services. It is necessary to make the conditions of doing business easier, to decrease time and financial costs and to increase satisfaction of citizens and business in cooperation with public institutes. This is going to be attained by rendering the services on-line (via centralized Russia Website) and by means of one-stop shops.

## *Stimulate Competition between Russian Regions*

Competition policy is one of the key issues of Russian government. In 2009 the federal program on competition development in the Russian Federation 2009-2015 was adopted. One of its main tasks is to encourage Russian regions to create favorable conditions for the stimulation of business activity. We are going to assess annually the level of competitive and business environment in all Russian regions by a methodology developed by the Ministry of Economic Development. Then we are planning to form up a rating of Russian regions and to provide some kind of incentives to the ones who have the best results.

## *Federal Contract System Development and Adoption*

The government of the Russian Federation is eager to increase the quality of public procurement and the efficiency of on-budget expenditures. Nowadays the Russian legislation regulates only the process of placement of public procurement orders, which does not provide

the unity of approaches to the regulation of all public procurement cycle. That is why it was decided to amend Russian legislation on public procurement and to form a system of planning, placement and execution of public orders.

*Enhancement of Human Resources' Facilities*

The government of the Russian Federation aims to improve the quality of our personnel education by increasing the opportunities for Russian students and young specialists to study in world-famous universities. The main idea is to provide governmental support for Russian students and young specialists studying abroad. It will be a system of grants for the continuing education and training in the world-famous universities subject to their return to the Russian Federation after graduating the university.

## ANSSR Priorities

<b>Promoting more open, well-functioning, transparent, and competitive markets</b>	
Priority:	Drive greater quality and transparency of regulatory process via development of regulatory impact assessment (RIA), RIA implementation on early stage of decision-making process, its implementation on regional level, improving a mechanism of public consultations, and extending the use of ex-post RIA analysis.
Progress assessed based on:	Qualitative achievement targets, such as RIA implementation on early stage of decision-making process by federal governmental bodies; placement of all statutory acts on a single website; implementation of ex-post RIA analysis for the statutory acts which are the most vulnerable for business and society; implementation of RIA on regional level.
Priority:	Decrease time and financial costs and increase satisfaction of citizens and business in cooperation with government by rendering public/municipal services (services) on-line and via one-stop shops.
Progress assessed based on:	A range of quantitative indicators such as decreasing the number of citizen's (businessman's) visits to the governmental body to get one service, decreasing average waiting time in queue to get a service, increasing citizens' (businessmen's) satisfaction of services quality and availability rendered in governmental bodies/in one-stop shops, decreasing the percentage of untimely rendered services.
Priority:	Stimulate competition between Russian regions and encourage them to create favorable conditions for the stimulation of business activity by creating impartial assessment and monitoring system of competition environment in Russian regions (rating).
Progress assessed based on:	Achievement of key milestones through improving the methodology developed by the Ministry of Economic Development on assessing competition environment in Russian regions, assess the regions according to this methodology and to compose annual rating of regions.
Priority:	Increase the quality of public procurement and the efficiency of on-budget expenditures by developing and adoption in Russia Federal Contract System
Progress assessed based on:	A range of qualitative and quantitative indicators such as decreasing corruption index in the process of public procurement, increasing quality of public procurement, increasing efficiency of on-budget expenditures, increasing transparency index of public procurement, decreasing percentage of cancelled tenders, increasing transparency index of the methodology of forming initial price of contract.

<b>Promoting labour market opportunities, training and education</b>	
Priority:	Improve human resources' facilities by increasing the opportunities for Russian students and young specialists to get education (master and higher degrees) in world-famous universities and investing in high-quality education.
Progress assessed based on:	Achievement of key milestones through providing governmental support for education of Russian students and young specialists in world-famous universities; increase of the number of students and young specialists who get governmental support and then are employed in Russian companies/governmental bodies.