

The Charter of the French-Russian Network University

1. General Provisions

- 1.1 The French-Russian Network University was established in accordance with:
 - The Memorandum of Establishment of the French-Russian Network University dated 21 January 2016;
 - The Post-Meeting Minutes of the 21st Session of the French-Russian Council for Economic, Financial, Industrial and Trade Issues dated 25 January 2016.
- 1.2 The French-Russian Network University was established in the form of consortium as part of the French-Russian cooperation in education and science.
- 1.3 Full and abbreviated names of the French-Russian Network University:
 - 1.3.1 The full Russian name of the French-Russian University is Российско-Французский университет. The abbreviated Russian name of the French-Russian University is РФУ.
 - 1.3.2 The full French name of the French-Russian University is Université Franco-Russe. The abbreviated French name of the French-Russian University is l'UFR.
 - 1.3.3 The full English name of the French-Russian University is French-Russian University. The abbreviated English name of the French-Russian University is FRU.
- 1.4 The University was founded by the following educational institutions:
 - Federal State Institution of Higher Education “The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration”;
 - Federal State Institution of Higher Education “The Russian Foreign Trade Academy of the Ministry for the Economic Development of the Russian Federation”;
 - Federal State Autonomous Institution of Higher Professional Education “MEPhI National Research Nuclear University”;
 - Federal State Autonomous Institution of Higher Education “RUDN University”
 - L'Université Nice Sophia Antipolis;
 - EDHEC Business School;
 - NEOMA Business School;
 - SCEMA Business School.

Other educational institutions may join as participants in the work of the French-Russian University through signing supplementary agreements.

- 1.5. The list of FRU's participants shall be confirmed annually in the FRU's register approved by the Board of Rectors/ Presidents/Directors.
- 1.6. This Charter does not involve any financial obligations of the Parties.

2. Goals and Objectives.

- 2.1. The FRU's goal
To develop academic cooperation between Russia and France to ensure that the required human resources develop for the sake of science and technical progress and of facilitating national innovations and competitiveness of the countries.
- 2.2. The FRU's objectives
 - To facilitate academic mobility of students;
 - To develop and implement joint network educational programs, including double degree programs for undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students, as well as further education;

- To develop joint research studies;
- To implement other innovative programs aimed at increasing the quality of education, including language programs;
- To engage companies and organizations to participate in the work of FRU.

3. Governing Bodies and Decision-Making Mechanism.

3.1. The following issues shall be subject to the decision exclusively of the FRU's founders:

- The accession of new participants to FRU;
- The exclusion of a participant from FRU;
- The introduction of amendments to the FRU's Charter;
- The termination of FRU.

Decisions shall be made by a two-thirds majority of votes, provided that at least two-thirds of the founders participate in voting and at least one-third of the representatives of each country be present.

3.2. The governing bodies are:

- The Board of Rectors/Presidents/Directors of the Founders and participants;
- The FRU's Secretariat.

3.3. The Board of Rectors/Presidents/Directors is composed of top executive officers of the FRU's Parties or their representatives.

3.4. The Board of Rectors/Presidents/Directors shall be coordinated by the President of the Board of Rectors/Presidents/Directors elected on a rotating basis for a term of one year.

3.5. The Board of Rectors/Presidents/Directors shall be charged with general oversight of FRU, including the decision-making on matters such as:

- Approving the annual action plan;
- Developing individual mobility programs;
- Developing FRU's own educational and scientific programs;
- Reciprocal validation of courses;
- Approving annual reports;
- Developing regulatory documents that are required for the accomplishment of FRU's goals and objectives;
- Engaging private and public organizations to participate in the work of FRU;
- Other issues that are required for the accomplishment of FRU's goals and objectives.

Decisions shall be made by a two-thirds majority of votes, provided that at least two-thirds of the founders participate in voting and at least one-third of the representatives of each country be present.

3.6. The Board of Rectors/Presidents/Directors shall meet at least once a year.

3.7. The Board of Rectors/Presidents/Directors may decide on the formation of Board of Trustees composed, among other members, of persons who have made a major contribution to the development of education and science.

3.8. The Board of Trustees shall give recommendations to the Board of Rectors/Presidents/Directors.

3.9. The FRU's Secretariat is composed of official representatives of the Founders and of FRU's participants delegated to the FRU's Secretariat by the rectors/presidents/directories of the respective Founders and FRU's participants in accordance with their by-laws and provisions.

3.10. The FRU's Secretariat shall be in charge of day-to-day activities concerning the provision of work for the FRU's Board of Rectors/Presidents/Directors, including:

- Administering the register of FRU's founders and participants;
- Providing day-to-day interaction with key stakeholders on all the issues that concern the FRU's activities;

- Providing coordination for the development of FRU's annual action plan;
- Making arrangements and conducting negotiations with potential participants and preparing proposals on expanding the FRU's activities;
- Developing proposals on financing;
- Developing proposals on the creation of commissions;
- Developing proposals on the creation and implementation of FRU's own educational and scientific programs;
- Providing assistance in the implementation of academic mobility programs and other joint educational and scientific programs
- Providing coordination for drafting and signing bilateral and multilateral agreements between the FRU's Parties;
- Providing information support to the cooperation within FRU;
- Preparing FRU's annual reports;
- Preparing proposals on opening branches/ representative offices of the FRU's Parties and providing assistance in making them operational;
- Ensuring meetings of the Board of Rectors/Presidents/Directors;
- Performing other actions that relate to day-to-day activities and to respective decisions approved by the Board of Rectors/Presidents/ Directors.

4. Rights and Obligations of the Parties.

4.1. The Parties may:

- Develop proposals on the development of the FRU's existing programs and on the creation of FRU's new programs, as well as on other issues that relate to the enhancement of FRU's activities;
- Develop their own programs on the basis of opportunities that FRU offers for international cooperation;
- Terminate their participation in FRU by giving a two month's notice to the Board of Rectors/Presidents/Directors.

4.2. The Parties must:

- Participate in making the FRU's annual action plan;
- Develop and implement academic mobility programs on the basis of reciprocal validation of courses, joint educational and scientific programs to which they are willing to join;
- Participate in drafting and signing bilateral and multilateral agreements between the FRU's Parties that are related to the FRU's goals and objectives to which they are willing to join;
- Provide information for FRU's annual reporting;
- Participate in the development of proposals on budgeting and on possible financing;
- Fulfill other decisions that are directly relevant to the foregoing proposals and approved by the Board of Rectors/Presidents/Directors;
- Fully meet all the obligations that they have assumed for the implementation of programs within FRU under the concluded bilateral and multilateral agreements in the case they decide to exit from FRU.

5. Final Provisions

5.1. This Charter shall come into force on 4 April 2016.

5.2. This Charter has been executed in octuplicate, each of which are equally authentic originals in Russian and in French, having equal legal force.

5.3. The exit of a founder from FRU shall not entail renewal of the FRU's Charter.

5.4. This Charter shall remain in force for the period of ten years from the date of its signing.

Signatures of the Parties

For Federal State Institution of Higher Education “The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration”

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