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EU-Russia relations

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■ My presentation:

- The legal basis
- The policy agenda, notably in the CFSP/ESDP area
- Institutional framework and political dialogue
- The future

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the legal basis

■ The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA)

- Signed in 1994
- Entered into force 1997
- Initial duration of 10 years
- Automatically extended
- « Mixed » agreement covering matters falling under EC and member states' competence

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the legal basis

- **Protocols** extending the application of the PCA to new member states
- Technical issue, although:
- 2004 Joint statement on EU enlargement and EU-Russia relations

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the legal basis

- **Partnership and Cooperation Agreement:**
 - Founded on shared principles & objectives: promotion of international peace and security; support for democratic norms and political and economic freedoms
 - Sets common objectives; establishes institutional framework; calls for activities and dialogue in a number of areas
 - Trade provisions: most favoured nation; support for WTO accession; objective of a free trade area

EU-Russia relations the policy agenda

- **Common Spaces Road Maps agreed at EU-Russia Summit in May 2005**
 - Common Economic Space
 - Common Space on Freedom, Security and Justice
 - Common Space on External Security
 - Common Space on Research, Education and Culture

Common Space of External Security

■ 5 priority areas for cooperation:

- Strengthened dialogue and cooperation on the international scene
- Fight against terrorism
- Non-proliferation, export control, disarmament
- Cooperation in crisis management
- Cooperation in civil protection

Common Space of External Security

- **Strengthening dialogue and cooperation on the international scene**
 - Strengthen effective multilateralism
 - Examples of enhanced dialogue: Middle East, Iran
 - Specific focus on « regions adjacent to the EU and Russian borders » - our common neighbourhood

Common Space of External Security

■ Fight against terrorism

- Complement work done under second Common Space (JHA)
- Work together at international level, notably in promoting and developing relevant conventions and instruments in UN, OSCE and Council of Europe
- Policy dialogue including between Special Representative of RF President and EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator

Common Space of External Security

- **Non-proliferation, export controls and disarmament**
 - Promote adherence to and effectiveness of key international instruments
 - Cooperation in G8 Global Partnership
 - Policy dialogue including through EU SG/HR Personal Representative

Common Space of External Security

- **Cooperation in crisis management**
 - Russian « Nyet » to Seville arrangements
 - Exchange of letters during AT PRES encouraging military-to-military contacts, informal contacts with European Defence Agency, Russian participation in EU exercises and ESDP training, military academy exchanges of students
 - Agreement on exchange of classified information

Common Space of External Security

■ Cooperation in civil protection

- Administrative arrangement between EU Monitoring and Information Centre (DG ENV) and Russia Emergency Situations Ministry (EMERCOM)

Institutional framework and political dialogue

- Summits 2 x year
- Permanent Partnership Councils (PPC)
 - Foreign Ministers PPC
 - Sectoral PPCs (Ministers of Energy, JHA, Transport, Environment ...)
- Parliamentary Cooperation Committee
- Sector Dialogues and expert meetings

Institutional framework and political dialogue

- Additional political dialogue formats:
 - Political Directors Troika 1x 6 months
 - Political and Security Committee Troika +/- 1 x month
 - Human rights consultations 1 x 6 months
 - Geographic and thematic troika meetings

EU-Russia relations: the future

- Continue implementation of 4 Common Spaces Road Maps
- Negotiation of new EU-Russia agreement to replace the PCA

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