

## **JOINT DECLARATION**

### **EU-Russia Regulatory Dialogue: Construction Sector Subgroup Workshop on 'Worked Examples on Bridge Design with Eurocodes'**

**17-18 April 2013, St Petersburg / RUSSIA**

The workshop 'Worked Examples on Bridge Design with Eurocodes, organised by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission and, Russian Federal Highway Agency took place in the context of the work programme of the EU-Russia Regulatory Dialogue Construction Sector Subgroup, agreed in January 2012 in Moscow.

It deepened the cooperation between the Russian Federation and the European Union on Eurocodes. The application of Eurocodes for the design of bridges was presented in a practice-oriented manner to an audience of about 200 Russian civil engineers, including concrete examples of structures designed according to the Eurocodes in Russia. It gave the opportunity to further interactions and exchanges between EU and Russian experts.

This cooperation is supported by a broader work programme aiming at assessing the efficiency of the application of the Eurocodes as Russian design standards for bridges and possibly in other areas, in the context of the EU-Russia regulatory dialogue.

The Russian Delegation has up-dated the European one on their assessment of the implementation of the Eurocodes for the design of a number of bridges in the Russian Federation using particular sections of Eurocodes.

Both Delegations underline the need to reinforce the cooperation between CEN/CENELEC and ROSSTANDART on Eurocodes. They therefore strongly encourage both organizations to pursue and accelerate the finalization of their cooperation agreement, which will constitute the framework for the joint work on the Eurocodes.

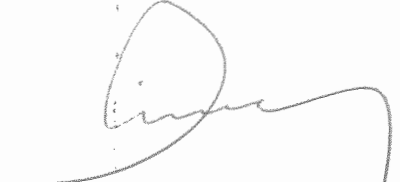
In view of the importance of the construction sector for both the European Union and the Russian Federation, both Delegations decided to reinforce their cooperation in the following areas:

- 1- To continue to exchange knowledge and information to facilitate the national application of Eurocodes for bridges in Russia, notably through specific workshops organized under the technical cooperation by 3 working groups: basis of design and actions on bridges, concrete bridges, and geotechnical design for bridges.


- 2- To identify other areas of Eurocodes to which the Russian Federation and the European Union would like to extend their cooperation, such as fire resistance of construction works and accidental actions on structures.
- 3- To widen cooperation in the construction sector to other mutually beneficial areas, such as assessment and retrofitting of existing structures, energy and resource efficiency and other aspects of sustainability, public procurement and business cooperation.

The meeting between Mr. Manturov, Minister for Industry and Trade of the Russian federation, and Mr. Tajani, Vice-President and Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry of the European Commission, in June 2013 will be an opportunity to reinforce cooperation in these areas. To this end, it is proposed to the Minister and the Vice-President to consider signing a joint document on cooperation in the field of sustainable construction.

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