



Certification Association  
"Russian Register"

## **Communication of Engagement (COE)**

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## 1. Statement of Continued Support by the Director General

Dear Sirs,

I am pleased to confirm that the Certification Association "Russian Register" supports the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the field of Human Rights, Labor, Environment and Anti-corruption. Since joining the UN Global Compact on March 11, 2011, Russian Register has steadfastly adhered to the principles of social responsibility that foster trust among customers, employees and the public.

This Communication on Engagement has been prepared with the aim of informing you about the activities carried out by our company in 2020-2022 in support of the UN Global Compact and its Principles. Information about the activities of Russian Register regarding its commitment to the UN Global Compact' Principles is also presented on the company's official website and is available to all interested parties.

Sincerely yours,

Arkady Vladimirtsev

Director General  
Certification Association  
"Russian Register"



## **2. Actions taken by Certification Association "Russian Register" during 2020-2022 years to support UN Global Compact' Principles**

### **2.1. Human Rights**

- The Russian Register organized several meetings of the International Accreditation Board during the period under review. The International Accreditation Board as an advisory body on the quality of education for the independent assessment of the educational quality was established by the Russian Register and its partners in 2019 in order to support the right to education proclaimed in the 26th Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This council upholds the principles of ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and the promotion of lifelong learning opportunities for all, as well as the implementation of the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ESG - ENQA). The events organised in person and online were attended by board members from Russia, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Belarus, Moldova, Serbia and Armenia.

As an example of the agenda, the issue of international accreditation of educational programs, declared by universities in RR and passed the accreditation examination was raised, as well as the discussion of the terms of this accreditation.

Among others, the results of the piloting of the new RR model/standard were presented and a short discussion on the specificities of the educational systems and accreditation practices in the EAEU member states was held.

- The Russian Register became a participant in the ALLVET project - HE and VET alliance establishment according to Bologna Principals implementation via VET teachers' capacity building (609952-EPP-1-2019-1-RS-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP) project - implemented with the support and co-funding of Erasmus+ programme of the European Union. Within the framework of this project, a number of meetings were held for representatives of Russian and Kazakh universities, as a result of which an internal evaluation working group of the project, which includes the Russian Register, developed approaches to preliminary assessment of training modules for admission to piloting together with European partners.

The main aim of the ALLVET project is to facilitate the implementation of the tools of the Bologna Process through the establishment of an alliance of secondary and higher education and the development of vocational education through the implementation of the European Credit Transfer System methodology, the TUNING concept for improving education.

- Russian Register also became a participant in the SMARTI project - Support for Innovative Methodology, Approaches and Tools for Teaching through the Medium of English in order to improve Educational Yield, Sustainability and Internationalization (№ 617489-EPP-1-2020-1-DE-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP). As part of the final meeting of the project, training was held for representatives of Russian and Armenian universities on the premises of the Catholic University of Portugal in the city of Porto. The main aim of the training is to prepare the participants for designing educational modules in compliance with the principles of Bologna Process and relevant requirements of European Quality Standards. Russian Register and ANQA are non-academic partners of the project,



whose main task is to ensure the quality of the project results. Discussions on the quality of the results of project activities in the internal evaluation working group of the project were initiated and a report with recommendations for improvement of project activities was prepared

## **2.2. Labour**

- In 2021, the Russian Register prepared the Russian national standard GOST R ISO 45001-2020 'Occupational health and safety management systems. Requirements and guidelines for application'. This standard was approved and put into effect in accordance with Decree No. 581-st of the Federal Agency on Technical Regulation and Metrology (Rosstandart) of August 28, 2020. The approved document, which is identical to the international standard ISO 45001:2018, will replace the previous version - the national standard GOST R 54934-2012/OHSAS 18001:2007. Implementing an occupational safety and health management system (OSHMS) compliant with this standard will enable organisations to manage risks and improve performance in this area. An OSHMS can help organisations meet legal and other requirements to ensure a safe workplace in terms of health and working conditions and to prevent occupational injuries and damage.

## **2.3. Environment**

- In 2021, the Russian Register took part in a visiting meeting of the Scientific Council of the Russian Academy of Sciences for Arctic and Antarctic Studies. During the meeting, the participants considered problematic environmental issues in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation.

- Russian Register took part in the international seminar "Effective tools for the reduction of chemicals in urban ecosystems: NonHazCity project for St. Petersburg". Representatives from Germany, Finland, Sweden, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland joined the interactive video conference. The workshop programme was divided into 2 sessions: "Governmental green procurement as a tool to reduce emissions of hazardous substances in urban environment" and "Environmental management system standards for efficient enterprise chemical risk management".

Russian Register gave two presentations on "Certification of environmental management systems in Russia" and "Approaches to integrating chemical risk management into the environmental management system at Russian enterprises". During the seminar, participants were able to discuss with European and Russian experts topical issues related to improving the quality of the urban environment to ensure comfortable and safe living.

- Due to the significant limitations of international voluntary forest certification schemes in Russia, Russian Register invited responsible producers to ensure that the origin of raw materials, the integrity of the supply chain, as well as the fulfilment of corporate, social and environmental requirements in the production process, are confirmed through alternatives.

In 2022, Russian Register became an authorized body to certify forest management and chain of custody, including controlled wood, against the requirements of the

national system called "Forest Standard". This system relies on holders of active and suspended FSC certificates and, upon verification by an authorized body, recognizes certificates and certified products, provided that certificate holders continue to meet all applicable FSC requirements, i.e. all requirements for responsible forest management and the maintenance of a product management system.

- In 2022, Russian Register together with the Research Institute of Atmospheric Air Protection held an environmental congress "ATMOSPHERA-2022". The congress has become an annual specialised discussion platform on the topic of air protection, bringing together representatives of federal and regional authorities, industry, research, design and public organisations since 1992. This year, the agenda reflected the main issues facing the natural resource users and the government, the answers to which will ensure a steady progress towards the goal of radically improving air quality by halving emissions of hazardous pollutants.

## **2.4. Anti-Corruption**

- Russian Register has updated the following internal documents: Quality Manual, Main Objectives and Principles of Certification Association "Russian Register" Activities on Management System and Products Certification, Code of Ethics of Certification Association "Russian Register", Personnel Training Manual and others. It was made in order to maintain a high organizational and qualification level of the company's activities that can meet the expectations of clients in terms of competence, impartiality, accessibility and compliance with ethical standards.

## **3. Measurement of Outcomes**

- Number of active certificates for certification programs related to energy efficiency and environmental management:

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Number of certificates</b>		
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
ISO 14001	192	190	92
ISO 50001	44	32	16