

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON RUSSIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 21 April 1954
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (term ends in 2015)
 - Representative: Ambassador Eleonora Mitrofanova (Chairperson of the Executive Board in 2009-2011)
 - Previous terms: continuous member since 1954
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (term ends in 2015); Vice-President: Mr Rem Petrov
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (term ends in 2015)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education; Member: Mr Eugeny Ugrinovich
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (term ends in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term ends in 2017); Rapporteur : Mr Mikhail Gusman
 - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (term ends in 2017); President : Mr Evgeny Kuzmin
 - Legal Committee. Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 38th session (2015) until the beginning of the 39th session (2017)
4. **The Director-General's visits to the Russian Federation: 6**
 - 8-10 May 2015: invited by President Vladimir Putin to attend the ceremonies on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War in Moscow
 - 6-9 December 2014, sixth visit to the Russian Federation on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the foundation of the State (formerly Imperial) Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg
 - 19-21 August 2014: first visit to the Republic of Tatarstan on the occasion of the celebration of the inscription of the "The Bolgar historical-architectural complex" on the World Heritage List in June 2014
 - 20-22 April 2014: official visit, on the occasion of celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the country's membership in UNESCO
 - 24-27 June 2012: official visit, on the occasion of the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee in Saint-Petersburg
 - 6-10 September 2011: official visit, on the occasion of the Global Policy Forum in Yaroslavl
 - 26-30 September 2010: official visit, on the occasion of the First World Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education in Moscow.
5. **The former Director-General's visits to the Russian Federation: 9**
 - 20-23 July 2009: Moscow
 - 9-12 June 2008: Moscow, on the occasion of 10th World Congress of the Russian Press
 - 23-26 July 2006: the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
 - 16-17 July 2006: St. Petersburg, on the occasion of the G8 Summit
 - 9 May 2005: Moscow, on the occasion of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II
 - 23-25 September 2004: Moscow, on the occasion of the World Congress of Information Agencies
 - 24-26 November 2003: Moscow, on the occasion of the Presidential Council on Culture and Arts

- 30 May-3 June 2003: St. Petersburg, on the occasion of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the city; the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania; and the Republic of Tatarstan
 - 30 July-2 August 2000: Moscow and St. Petersburg
- 6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
- H.E. Mrs Eleonora Mitrofanova, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 5 March 2009)
 - Staff: Mr Alexander Boldyrev, Deputy Permanent Delegate; and 10 other staff
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Vladimir Kalamanov (June 2002 – January 2009); H.E. Mr Evgeniy Sidorov (March 1998 – June 2002)
- 7. UNESCO Office in Moscow:**
- Office was closed on 24 September 2015.
- 8. UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE) :**
- Date of establishment: 26 March 1998
 - Member States serviced: all
 - Officer-in-Charge: Mr Alexander Khoroshilov
- 9. Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO:**
- Date of establishment: 1955
 - President: Mr Sergei Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs (since 16 April 2004)
 - Vice-Chairperson: Mr Vladimir Fortov (since 2004)
 - Secretary-General: Mr Grigory Ordzhonikidze (since 2003)
- 10. Russian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
- Mr Zurab Tsereteli, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (1996)
 - Mr Ara Abramyan, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2003)
 - Mr Vitaly Ignatenko, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2008)
 - Ms Alexandra Ochirova, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for 2012-2014 (designated on 4 June 2012)
 - Mr Denis Matsuev UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (designated on 2 April 2014)
 - Mr Valery Gergiev, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2003)
 - Mr Sergey Markarov, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2002)
 - Mr Vladimir Spivakov, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2006)
 - Ms Alsou Abramova, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2011)
 - Mr Vyacheslav Fetissov, UNESCO Champion for Sport (2004)
 - Mr Vladimir Fortov, President of the Russian Academy of Sciences
 - Mr Hegumen Philip Riabykh (Vice-Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations (DECR) of the Moscow Patriarchate), participant in the High Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Cultures (18 February 2010)
 - Prof. Vitaly Naumkin, Member of the High-Level Group of the Alliance of Civilizations
 - Mr Evgeny Kuzmin, President of the Intergovernmental Council for Information for All Programme (term ends in 2013)
 - Mr Rem Petrov, Vice-President of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (elected in July 2009)
 - Prof. Olga Kubar, Member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (IBC) (term 2008-2015)
 - Mr Konstantin Khudoley, Member of the United Nations University Council
 - Ms Vera Zvonareva, UNESCO-Sony Ericsson WTA Tour "Promoter of Gender Equality"
 - Prof. Tatiana Birshtein, Laureate of the 9th L'ORÉAL-UNESCO Awards for Women in Science (2007)

- Ms Alexandra Shatkovskaya, Laureate of the 2012 Young Scientists Awards of the UNESCO MAB Programme (July 2012)

11. UNESCO Chairs: 54 Chairs and 6 UNITWIN Networks

12. Associated Schools: 342 (4 nursery and pre-schools, 11 primary, 130 primary and secondary, 172 secondary schools, 7 teacher training, and 18 vocational and technical institutions). The Russian Federation joined the ASP Network in 1966.

13. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 2

- International Sustainable Energy Development Centre, Moscow (2008)
- Regional Centre for Capacity-Building in Museum Studies, Moscow (2009)*

14. UNESCO Clubs: 32 Clubs and 1 Federation

15. Biosphere Reserves: 41

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| • Kavkazskiy (1978) | • Katunskiy (2000) |
| • Okskiy (1978) | • Nerusso-Desnianskoe-Polesie (2001) |
| • Prioksko-Terrasnyi (1978) | • Visimskiy (2001) |
| • Sikhote-Alin (1978) | • Vodlozersky (2001) |
| • Tsentral'nochernozem (1978) | • Commander Islands (2002) |
| • Astrakhanskiy (1984) | • Darvinskiy (2002) |
| • Kronotskiy (1984) | • Nijegorodskoe Zavoļje (2002) |
| • Laplandskiy (1984) | • Smolensk Lakeland (2002) |
| • Pechoro-Ilychskiy (1984) | • Ugra (2002) |
| • Sayano-Shushenskiy (1984) | • Far East Marine (2003) |
| • Sokhondinskiy (1984) | • Kedrovaya Pad (2004) |
| • Voronezhskiy (1984) | • Kenozersky (2004) |
| • Tsentral'nolesnoy (1985) | • Valdaishy (2004) |
| • Barguzinskiy (1986) | • Khankaiskiy (2005) |
| • Baikalskiy (1986) | • Middle-Volga Integrated (2006) |
| • Tzentralnosibirskii (1986) | • Great Volzhsko-Kamsky (2007) - composed of the Raifa and Sarali BRs |
| • Chernyje Zemli (1993) | • Rostovsky (2008) |
| • Taimyrskiy (1995) | • Altaisky (2009) |
| • Dauriskiy (1997) | • Volga-Akhtuba Floodplain (2011) |
| • Teberda (1997) | • Bashkirskiy Ural (2012) |
| • Ubsunorskaya Kotlovina (1997) | |

16. World Heritage Sites: 26 (16 cultural and 10 natural)

Cultural sites:

- Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments (1990)
- Kizhi Pogost (1990)
- Kremlin and Red Square, Moscow (1990)
- Historic Monuments of Novgorod and Surroundings (1992)
- Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands (1992)
- White Monuments of Vladimir and Suzdal (1992)
- Architectural Ensemble of the Trinity Sergius Lavra in Sergiev Posad (1993)
- Church of the Ascension, Kolomenskoye (1994)
- Historic and Architectural Complex of the Kazan Kremlin (2000)
- Ensemble of the Ferapontov Monastery (2000)
- Citadel, Ancient City and Fortress Buildings of Derbent (2003)
- Ensemble of the Novodevichi Convent (C1097) (2004)

* Approved at the 35th session of the General Conference in 2009, but since having lost the support from the Russian Federation due to legal and financial constraints for its realization.

- Historical Centre of the City of Yaroslavl (2005)
- Bolgar Historical and Archaeological Complex (2014)

Cultural transnational properties:

- Curonian Spit (transboundary with Lithuania) (2000)
- Struve Geodetic Arc (with Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Sweden, Ukraine) (2005)

Natural sites:

- Virgin Komi Forests (1995)
- Lake Baikal (1996)
- Volcanoes of Kamchatka (1996, 2001)
- Golden Mountains of Altai (1998)
- Western Caucasus (1999)
- Central Sikhote-Alin (2001)
- Natural system of "Wrangel Island" Sanctuary (2004)
- Putorana Plateau (2010)
- Lena Pillars Nature Park (2012)

Natural transboundary property:

- Uvs Nuur Basin (transboundary with Mongolia) (2003)

17. Tentative List: 27 properties

- Historical and Cultural Jeyrakh-Assa Reservation (1996)
- The architectural and historical complex "Shelter of count N.P. Cheremetev" (1996)
- The Valamo archipelago (1996)
- The ensemble of former city building of Sviyazhsk (1998)
- Centre historique d'Irkoutsk (1998)
- Cathedral of Christ the Saviour (1998)
- Rostov Kremlin (1998)
- Historic Center of the Yenisseisk (2000)
- Church of Prince Dimitri "On Blood" (2001)
- Great Pskov (2002)
- Petroglyphs of Sikachi-Alyan (2003)
- Daurian Steppes (Daursky State Biosphere Reserve) (2005)
- The Commander Islands (Comandorsky State Nature Reserve) (2005)
- Magadansky State Nature Reserve (2005)
- Krasnoyarsk Stolby (2007)
- The Great Vasyugan Mire (2007)
- Ensemble of the Astrakhan Kremlin (2008)
- The Ilmensky mountains (2008)
- The archeological site of Tanais (2009)
- Russian Kremlins (2010)
- Bikin River Valley (Extension of the "Central Sikhote-Alin") (2010)
- Architectural and Park Ensemble "Tsar's Country Estate Izmaylovo" (2011)
- Bashkir Ural (2012)
- Testament of Kenozero Lake (2014)
- Virgin Komi Forests (re-nomination) (2014)
- Western Caucasus (re-nomination) (2014)
- Mamayev Kurgan Memorial Complex "To the Heroes of the Battle of Stalingrad" (2014)

18. Intangible Heritage Lists: 2 elements on the Representative List

- The Cultural Space and Oral Culture of the Semeiskie (2008)
- The Olonkho, Yakut Heroic Epos (2008)

- 19. Memory of the World Register:** 13 inscriptions
- Archangel Gospel of 1092 (1997)
 - Khitrovo Gospel (1997)
 - Slavonic publications in Cyrillic script of the 15th century (1997)
 - Newspaper collections (1997)
 - Maps of the Russian empire and its collection of the 18th century (1997)
 - Russian posters of the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries (1997)
 - Historical Collections (1889-1955) of St. Petersburg Phonogram Archives (2001)
 - “Codex Suprasliensis – Mineia četia, Mart (The Supraśl Codex – Menology, March)”, jointly with Poland and Slovenia (2007)
 - Radzwill’s Archives and Niasvizh (Nieśwież) Library Collection (2009) (submitted by Belarus in cooperation with Finland, Lithuania, Poland, Russian Federation and Ukraine)
 - Ostromir Gospel (1056–1057) (2011)
 - Tolstoy’s Personal Library and Manuscripts, Photo and Film Collection (2011)
 - The Laurentian Chronicle 1377 (2013)
 - The Sobornoye Ulozheniye of 1649 (2015).
- 20. Creative Cities Network:** no inscriptions
- 21. Legal instruments:** 23 ratified and 16 non-ratified
- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: favourable. Considering ratification.
 - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: unfavourable.
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: non-ratified. Position: favourable.
 - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (29 December 2006).
- 22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated for 2014-2015:** 4
- 250th anniversary of the foundation of the State (formerly Imperial) Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg (1764)
 - 200th anniversary of the birth of Mikhail Lermontov, poet and painter (1814-1841) (Russian Federation)
 - 300th anniversary of the foundation of the Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences (1714)
 - 2000th anniversary of the foundation of the city of Derbent, Republic of Dagestan, Russian Federation (2015)
- 23. Participation Programme:**
- Since 2008: no requests presented
 - 2006-2007: 7 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 85,000
 - 2004-2005: 10 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 121,000
- 24. Fellowships Programme:**
- 4 fellowships awarded to Russian nationals since 2010 for a total amount of US\$ 56,080
 - UNESCO/ISED (Russian Federation) Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme: Initiated in 2008, the UNESCO category II International Center for Sustainable Energy Development (ISED) in Moscow, offers 20 fellowships per year of 1 month duration with an estimated value of US\$9,000 per fellowship. To date, a total of 130 fellowships awarded for a total estimated value of US\$1,170,000 with UNESCO’s seed money under the Regular Programme towards travel grants amounting to US\$325,000.

25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2014 - 2015: 2.438%
- Contributions assessed for 2014 - 2015: US\$ 15,920,140

26. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO's activities (expressed in US\$):

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	325,964	372,416	880,543	1,739,120	1,662,805	1,413,210

27. Representation within the Secretariat: under represented

- 5 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 7, max. 12)