

ASSOCIATION NAME: RAIE
COUNTRY: Russia
National Report for FELCA AGM – 2010

AGENTS & Associations

What is the total number of agents operating in your country? N/A

How many agencies are members of your association? - 20 members and 8 agencies took part in the survey.

Market Growth/Decline

Please include information regarding trends in student numbers and student nationalities.

If information is available or if you can estimate, please provide the following, for **both** your association and all of your country:

	<u>Association (8 members)</u>	<u>Total from country</u>
▪ total number of language students in 2009	2833	- N/A
▪ total number of language student weeks in 2009	11308	- N/A
▪ total number of high school and university students	575	- N/A
▪ top 5 destinations in 2009 and % of the market of each		
	<u>Destination</u>	<u>% of your students</u>
1	UK	55%
2	Malta	12%
3	USA	7%
4	Canada	7%
5	Switzerland	5%

Visa regime – any new difficulties?

United Kingdom:

1. Unexpected changed rules regarding the transfer confirmation for the children
2. The vague requirements to the finances for Tier 4-visa. The regulation is not clear regarding the way the papers should be drawn up.
3. Results of IELTS test required for General Student visa (introduced in August, 2010)
4. Tier 4 system in general

BELGIUM:

1. The passport should have 4 consecutive blank pages in order the visa is stamped

USA:

1. Delays with SEVIS system
2. 1,5-2 months of waiting of the Interview appointment at the U.S. Embassy

GERMANY:

1. The cancellation of the submission of the documents without the line for those who had 2 Shengen visa for the last 2 years

CZECH REPUBLIC:

1. The changed rules for the student short- and long-term visas – several times for 2010
2. Delays of the passports at the Embassy.

Government Relations – any developments with your or other governments?

Other key issues for the industry?

Initiatives/Developments for your association?

Felca Agency Accreditation Code

Please give feedback for how many of you members' brochures/websites have now been checked.