

ASSOCIATION NAME:

Association of Russian Educational Advisors (AREA)

COUNTRY: Russia

National Report for FELCA AGM – 2011

AGENTS & Associations

What is the total number of agents operating in your country? About 200 plus those who combine tourist business with education abroad business

How many agencies are members of your association? 23

Market Growth/Decline

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

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

	<u>Association</u>	<u>Total from country</u>
▪ total number of language students in 2010 N/A	2697	
▪ total number of language student weeks in 2010 N/A	10629	
▪ total number of high school and university students N/A	630	
▪ top 5 destinations in 2010 and % of the market of each		

	<u>Destination</u>	<u>% of your students</u>
1	UK	49%
2	Malta	9%
3	USA	9%
4	Canada	9%
5	France	6%

Visa regime – any new difficulties?

United Kingdom:

1. Inadequate delays while considering visa application. Instead of 15 working days it takes 26-20 working days.
2. Tier 4 system in general
3. Results of an approved English language tests required for General Student visa

USA:

1. Unpredicted visa refusals for short-term and long-term language courses
2. New system of visa application

CANADA:

1. Takes up to 3-4 month to take a decision for study permit
2. No possibility to call to the Embassy and ask questions. The only possible way of communication is e-mail and Embassy has the right to answer an e-mail for !!20!! days.

GERMANY:

1. Long waiting times for the interview and documents submission throughout the year.

Government Relations – any developments with your or other governments?

Other key issues for the industry?

Initiatives/Developments for your association? Market survey for ALPHE, ICEF, etc.
Roadshow for Canadian Universities in march 2011.

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