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EERC network activities:

- Exists **since 1995**
- Covers **all CIS countries** (increasing number of research projects from **Central Asia**)
- Held **over 40 research competitions**
- Supported about **420 research projects**
- More than **1300 research teams** from most CIS countries have participated in the EERC research workshops

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Current activities:

- 1) **Economics Research Grant Competition:**
 - a) supported by GDN and Government of Sweden
 - b) held twice a year, 28 workshops for 14 years
 - c) **147 applications** for the last competition, **38 participants** took part in June workshop, **10 grants** awarded during workshop up to \$12,000 each
 - d) **development opportunity:** Young researchers from CIS countries whose projects show promise may be awarded "development" grants of up to \$2,000.
- 2) Inter-regional project **“Cities: An Analysis of the Post Communist Experience”**, insight into the important features of 21st century urban life:
 - a) held by EERC and CERGE-EI, funded by GDN
 - b) the total value of the project - \$250,000
- 3) EERC-World Bank Capacity Building Activity: **Supporting Capacity Building of ACE and CIS Researchers in International Trade in Services**
 - a) financial support for research papers of economic researchers from the Europe and Central Asia that assess liberalization of trade in services in the amount of \$10,000 each
 - b) the research results must be presented at semiannual research workshops
- 4) The best research papers are published in the **EERC working papers series** and internationally recognized journals

Selected links:

- www.eerc.ru – more detailed information on research network of EERC
- www.eerc.ru/publications - free access to bilingual *Working Paper Series* and *policy papers*
- <http://www.gdnet.org/cms.php?id=cis> – the Global Development Network CIS Regional Window