



# Press Information

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## ESMT Berlin and SKOLKOVO Business School to cooperate in business education

ESMT Berlin and the [Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO](#) have signed a memorandum of understanding to cooperate more closely in business education, thus promoting academic exchange between German and Russian organizations. The international business schools aim to establish a unique platform for advocating informal business-focused dialog between Europe and Russia. Furthermore, they plan to work together in degree and executive education programs, in the development of teaching methods and materials, in research, and to encourage an exchange of students between the two institutions.

The signing took place on October 17 in Moscow in an official ceremony with Andrei Sharonov, President, SKOLKOVO Business School, and Jörg Rocholl, President, ESMT Berlin, in the presence of Dmitri Medvedev, Prime Minister of Russia. Other guests included Jack Ma, Founder and Executive Chairman, Alibaba Group, and Francesco Starace, Chief Executive Officer, Enel.

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### About ESMT Berlin

ESMT Berlin was founded by 25 leading global companies and institutions. The international business school offers a full-time MBA, an executive MBA, a master's in management, as well as open enrollment and customized executive education programs. ESMT focuses on three main topics: leadership and social responsibility, European competitiveness, and the management of technology. ESMT faculty publishes in top academic journals. Additionally, the business school provides an interdisciplinary platform for discourse between politics, business, and academia. The business school is based in Berlin, Germany, with Schloss Gracht as an additional location near Cologne. ESMT is a private business school with the right to grant PhDs and is accredited by the German state, AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS, and FIBAA. [www.esmt.org](http://www.esmt.org)

### About SKOLKOVO Business School

The Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO is one of the leading private business schools in Russia and the CIS. It was founded in 2006 by members of the business community. Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO offers programmes for businesses of any type and size – from startups to large multinational corporations. All programmes are designed according to the principle “learning by doing” and include theoretical blocks, practical tasks, project work and international modules. The Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO also serves as a hub of expertise drawing those who place bets on Russia and work in markets with fast-changing economies. [www.skolkovo.ru](http://www.skolkovo.ru)