

The name of the Center	Belarus National Information Point for the 7th Framework Programme for Research, Technology and Development of the European Union (FP7 NIP)
History	The Center was founded in 2004 upon the decision of the State Committee on Science and Technology of Belarus (SCST) with the support from the International Association for the Promotion of Co-operation with Scientists from the New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (INTAS)
Status	The tasks of the FP7 NIP have been assigned to the Department of foreign economic, innovation, science and technology cooperation, and investments of the Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of Scientific and Technical Sphere
Goals	Increasing the participation of Belarusian partners in the FP7 and their integration in the European Research Area
The main areas of activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disseminating information about FPs, including rules for participation and proposal development, opportunities of joining the ongoing projects, etc; - Organizing info-days, seminars, conferences and other awareness raising events on the EU FPs and the European Research Area, as well as participating in them; - Assisting research teams in implementation of projects (administrative procedures, preparation and signing of a contract, funding, rights and obligations of participants of joint projects, scientific ethics, intellectual property rights, etc.); - Partner search; - Organizing workshops about the EU-supported RTD programmes for Belarus state bodies and experts involved in developing and implementation the international S&T policy on national and regional level, and also on the level of R&D organizations and companies; - Organizing workshops and seminars for specific target groups of potential participants (universities, SMEs, professional organizations, industry enterprises, women in science etc.) on specific topics including the modalities of participation; - Disseminating information about Belarus achievements in priority areas of the FPs; - Assisting in expanding of contacts with scientists from the EU member states via dissemination of information on Belarus national opportunities in international S&T cooperation; - Informing the European Commission about the NIP activities requiring the participation of the Commission staff; - Informing researchers about legal, administrative and other restrictions influencing the international S&T cooperation; - Providing the European Commission with a feedback on any problems and difficulties in implementing and participating in the FPs; - Providing information on the participation of Belarus in the FPs to the SCST, other state management bodies and stakeholders.
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