



# EUROPEAID ACTIVITIES IN BELARUS



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### Border Management and Customs

#### Summary:

Since 2001, the EC has allocated more than 80 million EUR to assistance to the borders. This makes this area the biggest recipient of aid in Belarus. The main beneficiary institutions are the State Border Committee (SBC RB) and the State Customs Committee (SCC RB).

EC assistance in the past included help to demarcate the Belarusian-Lithuanian and Belarusian-Latvian borders, significant equipment deliveries (mobile x-ray scanners, fibre optic communication cable along the whole border with Poland, etc.), major infrastructure development projects (e.g. border crossing point Kozlovichi 2 at Belarusian-Polish border worth more than 16 million EUR) as well as training and policy advice (e.g. BOMBEL 1 and BOMBEL 2 projects, TAIEX, etc.).

In the coming years, assistance will focus on co-financing the reconstruction of four border crossing points in the framework of the Cross-Border Cooperation programme (two at the Polish, and one each at the Lithuanian and Latvian border), and several projects funded under the Eastern Partnership Integrated Border Management (IBM) Flagship Initiative. It is worth mentioning that both the SBC RB and SCC RB are Belarus' most active applicants of EC assistance provided through TAIEX (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange) programme, which funds study visits to institutions in the EU, seminars and workshops with participation of experts from the EU in Belarus as well as EU experts missions to Belarus to provide policy advice on specific questions upon request of an applying beneficiary institution.

The SBC RB is progressing with its objective to become a non-military, fully professional organisation by 2018. The structure of the SBC RB is organised around four directorates and six departments at central level. Currently there are a total of approximately 13.000 personnel, 2000 of whom are still conscripted. The SBC RB has embarked on the implementation of a long-term strategy for the development of the Belarus border service during 2008 – 2017.

The SCC RB concentrates its focus more on the country's economic interests: The Republic of Belarus is at the heart of an international trans-European transport corridor. Approximately 70% of goods entering the territory are in transit. Risk analysis and non-intrusive methods of examination (mobile X-Ray scanners) are used to speed up clearance times and facilitate trade. The “Red and Green Corridor” system of customs clearance for passenger traffic is in place at all major road border crossing points.



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### UNDER PREPARATION

Accumulated budgets of upcoming national-, and shares in regional, projects for Belarusian authorities (EC contributions only): 12.563.500 EUR

#### **REGIONAL: Strengthening the capacity of dog handling services of border guarding institutions**

Financing source: Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus ENPI CBC Programme (020-324)

Contract implementation period: 24 months

Total budget: 555.694,32 EUR (EU contribution: 500.124,88 EUR = 90%)

Coordinator: Joint Technical Secretariat under the Ministry of the Interior of Lithuania

Contractor: State Border Guard College of Republic of Latvia

Beneficiary in Belarus: State Border Committee

Action location in Belarus: Smorgon

Content: In the course of the implementation of the project it is planned to carry out activities, which aim at the improvement of the qualitative capacity of the dog breeding services of the border guard services of the two countries. The main results of the project will be the improvement of theoretical knowledge and practical skills of the personnel of the border guard services, as well as the improvement and modernisation of the resource base of the dog breeding services to the level and standards of European Union member states. The activities of the project encompass theoretical seminars for partners' personnel, purchase of new service dogs and equipment, purchase of new specialised transport vehicles, and construction of infrastructure facilities. Belarus' share: 330.000 EUR

**NATIONAL: Construction of relocatable X-ray scanning control system of vehicles on the road checkpoint 'Bruzgi'**

Financing source: Poland-Ukraine-Belarus ENPI CBC Programme 2008 (020-299)

Contract implementation period: tba

Budget: 2.722.222 EUR (EC contribution: 2.450.000 EUR = 90,00%)

Coordinator: Joint Technical Secretariat under the Ministry of Regional Development of Poland

Contractor: tba

Beneficiaries: State Customs Committee of the RB

Action location: Road checkpoint "Bruzgi"

Content: Construction of a relocatable X-ray scanning control system of vehicles on the road checkpoint Bruzgi (<http://www.pl-by-ua.eu>)

**REGIONAL: Strengthening Surveillance Capacity on the 'Green' and 'Blue' Border between the Republic of Belarus and Ukraine – SURCAP/supply component**

Financing source: ENPI East Regional Action Programme 2011 (023-080)

Contract implementation period: tba

Budget: 1.900.000 EUR (100% EC-funded)

Contractor: tba

Beneficiaries: State Border Committees of the RB and State Border Guard Service of Ukraine

Action location: Ukrainian-Belarusian border

Content: Budget will be divided by a 1:1 ratio between the two beneficiary countries.

**REGIONAL: Creation of an Electronic System of Pre-arrival Information Exchange between the Customs Authorities of the Republic of Belarus and Ukraine**

Financing source: ENPI East Regional Action Programme 2012 (023-795)

Contract implementation period: tba

Budget: 4.289.444 EUR (EC contribution: 3.667.000 EUR = 85.55% of overall budget)

Contractor: tba

Beneficiaries: State Customs Committees of the RB and State Customs Service of Ukraine

Action location: Ukrainian-Belarusian border

Content: Budget will be divided by a 1:1 ratio between the two beneficiary countries.

**REGIONAL: Demarcation of the Border between Ukraine and the Republic of Belarus**

Financing source: ENPI East Regional Action Programme 2013

Contract implementation period: tba

Budget: 17.500.000 EUR (estimation; EC will contribute 14.000.000 EUR = 80%)

Contractor: tba

Beneficiaries: State Border Committees of the RB and State Border Guard Service of Ukraine

Action location: Ukrainian-Belarusian border

Content: Budget will be divided by a 1:1 ratio between the two beneficiary countries.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

Accumulated budgets of ongoing national-, and shares in regional, projects for Belarusian authorities (EC contributions only): 17.500.000 EUR

Budget of the ongoing regional project for Belarusian authorities where Belarus' share is not identifiable:  
2.000.000 EUR (all 100% EC funded)

**NATIONAL: Construction and Equipment of the border crossing point 'Privalka' located at the border of the Republic of Belarus with the Republic of Lithuania: introduction of a non-intrusive inspection technology**

Financing source: Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus ENPI CBC Programme 2008 (020-324)

Contract implementation period: 01/04/2012-30/06/2014 (27 months)

Budget: 2.777.778 EUR (EC contribution: 2.500.000 EUR = 90,00%)

Coordinator: Joint Technical Secretariat under the Ministry of the Interior of Lithuania

Contractor: tba

Beneficiaries: State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus

Action location: border crossing point Privalka

Content: Construction and equipping of the border crossing point Privalka (<http://www.enpi-cbc.eu>)

**NATIONAL: Construction and Equipment of the Border Crossing Point 'Grigorovshchina' located at the border of the Republic of Belarus with the Republic of Latvia: introduction of a non-intrusive inspection technology**

Financing source: Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus ENPI CBC Programme 2008 (020-324)

Contract implementation period: 01/04/2012-30/06/2014 (27 months)

Budget: 2.777.778 EUR (EC contribution: 2.500.000 EUR = 90,00%)

Coordinator: Joint Technical Secretariat under the Ministry of the Interior of Lithuania

Contractor: tba

Beneficiaries: State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus

Action location: Border Crossing Point Grigorovshchina

Content: Construction and equipping of the Border Crossing Point Grigorovshchina (<http://www.enpi-cbc.eu>)

**REGIONAL: Strengthening Surveillance Capacity on the 'Green' and 'Blue' Border between the Republic of Belarus and Ukraine - SURCAP (280-183)**

Financing source: ENPI East Regional Action Programme 2011 (023-080)

Contract implementation period: 23/03/2012-22/03/2014

Budget: 765.000 EUR (EC contribution: 700.000 EUR = 91.5%)

Contractor: IOM (Joint Management)

Beneficiaries: State Border Committees of the RB and State Border Guard Service of Ukraine

Action location: Ukrainian-Belarusian border

Content: Budget is divided by a 1:1 ratio between the two beneficiary countries. Expected results: (a) Legislative and institutional framework, under direct supervision and guidance from the expert(s), for the organization and practical implementation of coordinated patrolling of the BY-UA border developed; (b) Technical specifications for the equipment, to be procured by the responsible EU Delegation, prepared; (c) Border guard instructors of both countries in coordinated border patrolling methodologies and techniques trained; (d) Training of border patrols in coordinated border management (surveillance and operations) issues delivered; (e) Specialized guidelines on the practical implementation of coordinated border patrolling at BY-UA border developed and published; (f) National Training Modules for raising professional qualification and skills of border staff of Belarus/Ukraine developed.

**NATIONAL: Construction and instrumentation of the road border checkpoint 'Peschatka'**

Financing source: Poland-Ukraine-Belarus ENPI CBC Programme 2008 (020-299)

Contract implementation period: 01/02/2012-31/01/2015

Budget: 12.110.000 EUR (EC contribution: 10.900.000 EUR = 90%)

Coordinator: Joint Technical Secretariat under the Ministry of Regional Development of Poland

Contractor: tba

Beneficiaries: State Customs Committee of the RB

Action location: Road checkpoint "Peschatka"

Content: Construction and equipping of the road border checkpoint Peschatka (<http://www.pl-by-ua.eu>)

**REGIONAL: Integrated Border Management Flagship Initiative Training Project ("IBM FIT") (258-606)**

Financing source: ENPI East Regional Action Programme 2010 (022-266)

Contract implementation period: 01/01/2011-01/01/2013

Budget: 2.000.000 EUR (Joint Management with Int. Org.)

Contractor: ICMPD

Beneficiaries: In Belarus: State Border Committee of the RB

Action location: 6 beneficiary countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine)

Content: Specific Objectives: (a) To facilitate inter-institutional dialogue among the border agencies in beneficiary countries, EU member states and other international stakeholders on border related issues; (b) To elaborate a monitoring mechanism to assess the long-term impact of the EaP IBM Flagship initiative; (c) To increase IBM awareness in all six Eastern Partnership Countries and to support the establishment of coherent road map for implementation; (d) To enhance operational capacities by providing operational and country specific capacity building activities on specified topics based on needs identified by the beneficiary institutions; (e) Awareness raising and support to the appropriate fight against corruption in the 6 EaP countries; (f) To contribute to the establishment of modern training system in the 6 beneficiary countries

**REGIONAL: Combating illicit trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials in selected FSU and Mediterranean Basin countries and preparation of border management activities in ASEAN region (219-636)**

Financing source: IfS AAP 2008 - Priority 1 "Non-proliferation of WMD" (020-475)

Contract implementation period: 02/12/2009-02/12/2012

Budget: 6.700.000 EUR (Service)

Contractor: Joint Research Centre

Beneficiaries: State Border Committee and State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: 6 Belarus border crossing points on the border with the EU

Content: Border Monitoring Activities in Belarus - procurement of the equipment (radiation portal monitors and pagers as well as a communication system for central alarm and 5 mobile laboratories for 5 oblasts worth 1 million EUR) for the detection of nuclear and radioactive materials at borders and other crucial nodal points as well as provision of related training. In Belarus, project is called "RADBEL".

**REGIONAL: Combating illicit trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials in FSU countries (Russian Federation, Ukraine, Armenia, Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Belarus) (145-156)**

Financing source: IfS AAP 2007 - Priority 1 "Non-proliferation of WMD" (019-556)

Contract implementation period: 11/07/2008-12/04/2013

Budget: 5.000.000 EUR (Service)

Contractor: Joint Research Centre

Beneficiaries: In Belarus: State Border Guard Committee and the State Customs Committee

Action location: 6 Belarus border crossing points on the border with the EU, 5 oblasts

Content: Preparation of contract 219-636 (see below) worth approx. 0,25 million EUR: Activities focus on preparation of tendering procedures and documents. In Belarus, project is called "RADBEL".

## **PAST PROJECTS**

Accumulated budgets of past national-, and shares in regional, projects for Belarusian authorities (TAIEX events not included): 50.007.669,42 EUR (EC contributions only)

Accumulated budgets of past regional projects for Belarusian authorities where Belarus' share is not identifiable (contracts 025-836, 025-837, 025-838, 025-839, 026-725, 026-937, 030-315, and 129-155): 21.157.667,11 EUR (all 100% EC funded)

**NATIONAL: Establishment of data networks for the Border and Customs Committees in Belarus: Lot 1 - Supply of nodal equipment (143-184) (= "BOMBEL 3/Supply")**

Financing source: TACIS CBC 2006 (017-985)

Contract implementation period: 08/07/2009-07/10/2011

Budget: 2.559.749 EUR (Supply)

Contractor: Belabstelekom

Beneficiaries: State Border Committee and State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Whole Belarusian-Polish border; project office is based in Brest

Content: Provision of the necessary equipment (cable allowing communication between border pickets/outposts and their HQ) along the Belarusian-Polish border

**NATIONAL: Supervision of works and coordination of supplies for establishment of a data network in Belarus (252-288) (= "BOMBEL 3/FWC")**

Financing source: ENPI East RAP 2009 (020-584)

Contract implementation period: 09/11/2010-05/09/2011

Budget: 181.475 EUR (FWC)

Contractor: Ove Arup

Beneficiaries: State Border Committee and State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Whole Belarusian-Polish border; project office is based in Brest

Content: The specific objectives are: Supervision of the BOMBEL 3 works and BOMBEL 3 supply contracts (establishment of a data network for the Border and Customs Committees in Belarus)

**NATIONAL: Establishment of data networks for the Border and Customs Committees in Belarus: Lot 2 - Installation of inter-nodal links (143-182) (= "BOMBEL 3/Works")**

Financing source: TACIS CBC 2006 (017-985)

Contract implementation period: 07/08/2009-06/08/2011

Budget: 4.245.749,76 EUR (Works)

Contractor: Tsentrsvyazstroy

Beneficiaries: State Border Committee and State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Whole Belarusian-Polish border; project office is based in Brest

Content: Provision of the necessary infrastructure (digging of ditches) to lay a cable allowing communication between border pickets/outposts and their HQ along the Belarusian-Polish border

**REGIONAL: Cross Border Cooperation (CBC) Programme Support Unit (PSU) in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine (129-155)**

Financing source: TACIS CBC 2005 (017-099) and TACIS CBC 2006 (017-985)

Contract implementation period: 06/11/2006-06/11/2010

Budget: 2.247.005 EUR (Service)

Contractor: Ove Arup

Beneficiaries: State Border Committee and State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Whole Belarusian-Polish border; project office is based in Brest

Content: Supervision of the implementation of the Demarcation of the Belarus border (069-577), BOMBEL 3 works and BOMBEL 3 supply contracts (establishment of a data network for the Border and Customs Committees in Belarus).

**REGIONAL: Supply of Mobile Inspection and Screening X-ray Scanning Systems for State Customs Services of Belarus and Ukraine (162-079)**

Financing source: TACIS Ukraine Action Programme 2005 (017-093), TACIS Regional Action Programme 2005 (017-098), TACIS CBC 2006 (017-985), TACIS Ukraine Action Programme 2006 (018-038) and TACIS Regional Action Programme 2006 (018-039)

Contract implementation period: 17/07/2008-17/01/2010

Budget: 27,822,000 EUR (Supply)

Contractor: Rapiscan System Limited

Beneficiaries: State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Focus in Belarus on BCPs in: Kozlovichi (Brest), Oshmiany (Grodno Oblast), Bruzgi, Berestovitsa and Benyakoni

Content: Belarusian component of this contract is 5 scanners for a total budget of 7.196.000 EUR, including training and spare parts.

**NATIONAL: Border Management in NIS countries: Provision of Border and Customs Control Equipment Lot 3 Engineering Equipment (167-635)**

Financing source: TACIS Regional Action Programme 2006 (018-039)

Contract implementation period: 09/12/2008-09/12/2009

Budget: 1.074.695,85 EUR (Supply)

Contractor: Unit Export Limited

Beneficiaries: State Border Committee and State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Activities are entirely focussed on Brest

Content: Provision of Border and Customs Control Equipment

**NATIONAL: Border Management in NIS countries: Provision of Border and Customs Control Equipment Lot 2 Computers and Network (144-109)**

Financing source: TACIS Regional Action Programme 2006 (018-039)

Contract implementation period: 25/11/2008-25/11/2009

Budget: 417.828 EUR (Supply)

Contractor: Patriarch Computer Service Cooo

Beneficiaries: State Border Committee and State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Activities were entirely focussed on Brest

Content: Provision of Border and Customs Control Equipment

**NATIONAL: Enhancing Border Management in the Republic of Belarus - BOMBEL 2 (104-281)**

Financing source: TACIS Regional Action Programme 2001 (000-559)

Contract implementation period: 11/08/2006-31/12/2007

Budget: 9.066.000 EUR (Grant to Int. Org.) (EC contribution: 8.800.000 EUR – 97,07%)

Contractor: UNDP

Beneficiaries: State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Many locations in Belarus

Content: 7.976 million EUR of the total budget (88%) was spent on equipment, mainly on the purchase of cars, automation equipment capable of doing biometric checking at road and railway BCPs, equipment for 7 mobile border guard patrols, automated information system for registration and retrieval of criminals. Also, funds were allocated on the construction of facilities for irregular migrants, persons with invalid documents and refugees at the Belarusian-Ukrainian border.

**NATIONAL: Kozlovichi II Border Terminal. Equipment supply - Lot No 1 (099-392)**

Financing source: TACIS CBC 2002 (000-633)

Contract implementation period: 01/01/2006-01/01/2007

Budget: 503.047 EUR (Supply)

Contractor: Supply-U Limited

Beneficiaries: State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Border crossing point Kozlovichi

Content: Provision of inspection devices, video spectral comparator, endoscopes, etc.

**NATIONAL: Enhancing Border Management in the Republic of Belarus (100-530) (= "BOMBEL 1")**

Financing source: TACIS Regional Action Programme 2001 (000-559)

Contract implementation period: 01/03/2005-31/12/2006

Budget: 4.651.314 EUR (Grant to Int. Org.) (EC contribution: 4.430.314,60 EUR)

Contractor: UNDP

Beneficiaries: State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Many locations in Belarus

Content: (a) Improvement of Border Management Techniques, (b) Capacity Building at the Dog Training Centre in Smorgon, (c) strengthening cross-border cooperation among transit countries – regional conference, (d) Provision of Equipment, Related Infrastructure and Training, (e) Establishment of a Migrant Accommodation Centre in Brest, and (f) seminars on trafficking of radioactive & nuclear materials and equipment supply in compliance with ISO 21888.

**NATIONAL: Demarcation of the Belarus border (069-577)**

Financing source: TACIS CBC 2002 (000-633)

Contract implementation period: 26/10/2005-26/12/2006

Budget: 1.992.710,64 EUR (Works)

Contractor: Minskvodstroy

Beneficiaries: State Border Committee of RB

Action location: Latvian-Belarusian and Lithuanian-Belarusian border

Content: The scope of works included the design and construction of border demarcation works over a length of approximately 205 km, 175km of which were on the border with Latvia and 30km with Lithuania. The works included a five-metre strip cleared and levelled, 463 border- & centreline posts and 52 water buoys, surveys, designs, manufacturing & delivery of materials, obtaining the necessary permissions & approvals, the rehabilitation & protection of drainage systems, the construction of footbridges (2,4 km in length in total) across streams and ravines, the repair of 10 km of access roads, protection works of 3000 square metres of water channel banks in the places of installation of border posts, rehabilitation of 3,15 kilometres of water channel banks and the construction of paths in swamp areas.

**NATIONAL: Kozlovichi II Border Terminal. Equipment Supply - Lot No 3,4,5,6 (115-102)**

Financing source: TACIS CBC 2002 (000-633)

Contract implementation period: 20/12/2005-20/12/2006

Budget: 974.455 EUR (Supply)

Contractor: Folgat FTC LLC

Beneficiaries: State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Border crossing point Kozlovichi

Content: Provision of computer equipment and computer software, radio equipment; telephone equipment, video surveillance system (CCTV) equipment

**REGIONAL: Border Management in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova (030-315)**

Financing source: TACIS CBC 2001 (000-560) and TACIS CBC 2003 (005-883)

Contract implementation period: 02/01/2003-02/10/2006

Budget: 2.575.317,50 EUR (Service)

Contractor: Ove Arup

Beneficiaries: State Border Committee and State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Several locations in Belarus

Content: (a) To continue support to the contracts established under the 1996 to 1999 CBC funding programmes. (b) To prepare tender dossier, assist tender evaluations and supervise works contracts for new or modified border crossings under the Tacis 2000, 2001 and 2002 funding. (c) To prepare tender dossier, assist tender evaluations and procure equipment for border crossings under the Tacis 2000, 2001 and 2002 funding.

**NATIONAL: Kozlovichi II Border terminal (096-431)**

Financing source: TACIS CBC 2000 (000-531) and TACIS CBC 2002 (000-633)

Contract implementation period: 12/01/2005-24/06/2005

Budget: 14.000.000 EUR (Works)

Contractor: Budimex SA

Beneficiaries: State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Border crossing point Kozlovichi

Content: Construction of border crossing point Kozlovichi

**NATIONAL: Belarus Border Posts Equipment Supply**

Financing source: 1998

Contract implementation period: 2001-30/11/2003

Budget: 988.991,57 EUR

Contractor: No info available

Beneficiaries: No info available

Action location: No info available

Content: Computers, communication- and office equipment was procured for the border posts at Kamenny Log, Kozlovichi and Varshavskiy Most (Brest Terespol) under a single tender.

**NATIONAL: Lithuanian Border Demarcation** (No info on CRIS no. available)

Financing source: 1998

Contract implementation period: 17/05/2002-11/04/2003

Budget: 1.298.453 EUR

Contractor: Minskvodstroj

Beneficiaries: State Border Committee of RB

Action location: Lithuanian-Belarusian Border

Content: The scope of works included the design and construction of border demarcation works along approximately 515 km of the total border length of 650 km of the Belarus/Lithuania State Border.

**REGIONAL: Strengthening border management at the Belarus-Ukrainian border (026-937)**

Financing source: TACIS Inter State Programme 1998 (000-467)

Contract implementation period: 29/12/2001-29/09/2002

Budget: 811.173 EUR (Service)

Contractor: UNDP

Beneficiaries: State Border Committee of RB

Action location: No info available

Content: No info available

**REGIONAL: Border Crossing Programme Supervision Unit (025-836, 025-837, 025-838, 025-839) and Works Supervision Contract (026-725)**

Financing source: TACIS Cross Border Cooperation Programme 1996 (000-431) (025-836, 025-837), TACIS Cross Border Cooperation Programme 1997 (000-448) (025-838), TACIS Cross Border Cooperation Programme 1998 (000-476) (025-839) and TACIS Cross Border Cooperation Programme 1999 (000-506) (026-725)

Contract implementation period: 03/02/1999-03/01/2002 (025-836, 025-837), 03/02/1999-03/01/2003 (025-838), 03/02/1999-03/06/2003 (025-839) and 28/05/2001-28/12/2002 (026-725)

Budget: 3,347,823.24 EUR (Service; 025-836), 943.570 EUR (Service; 025-837), 1.724.800 EUR (Service; 025-838), 8.066.738,98 EUR (Service; 025-839) and 1.441.239,39 EUR (Service; 026-725). **Total: 15.524.171,61 EUR**

Contractor: Ove Arup

Beneficiaries: State Border Committee and State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Kamenny Log Border Crossing, Lithuanian Border Demarcation, Brest

Content: Supervision of several BM projects in the Western NIS, including Belarus, and execution of several feasibility studies. Supervised contracts in Belarus: Kamenny Log Border Crossing (026-499), Lithuanian Border Demarcation (see above; no CRIS contract no. available), Belarus Border Posts Equipment Supply (see above; no CRIS contract no. available). Studies in Belarus: Brest Euroborder Study, Legislation Study and Border Study Update.

**NATIONAL: Kamenny Log Border Crossing (026-499)**

Financing source: TACIS CBC 1999 (000-506)

Contract implementation period: 15/01/2001-15/01/2002

Budget: 1.344.200 EUR (Service)

Contractor: "CONST-MOUNT 19" (Belarusian JS company open type)

Beneficiaries: State Customs Committee of RB

Action location: Border crossing point Kamenny Log

Content: Construction at border crossing point Kamenny Log: The project comprised construction of an administration building for customs processing and services (approximately 1246 m2) and canopies with booths for customs and passport inspections together with associated road works and parking.

# Capacity and Institution Building for Public Administration



## Summary:

Projects in the field of capacity building for public administration focus mostly on governmental institutions which are involved in the identification and implementation of EU technical assistance. They are **National Coordinating Unit and line ministries** involved in Annual Action Programmes such as Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Energy, State Standardization Committee, etc. The total budget for these measures is €2.5 million.

Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Instrument (**TAIEX**) is another instrument which helps public administration to build their capacity through workshops and information exchange with their counterparts from the EU. This instrument enables to make EU expertise available to beneficiaries in a short period of time.

There is also a regional project covering both ENPI East and South (**Preparing Staff for EU-ENP-related Jobs**) which targets members of public administrations working with the EU and creates a forum for their training and communication at the ENPI level.

**Twinning** and **SIGMA** instruments are for the moment not available for Belarus.

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## INITIATIVES

The **Twinning Instrument** has been discussed for Belarus but the discussion stopped short following the Presidential Election of December 2010.

Considering the ongoing Sigma Agreement ENPI/2011/259993 Belarus is included in the *potential beneficiaries* of the **SIGMA Programme**. Still, the launching of the SIGMA instrument to a new country is a joint decision of the European Commission and the OECD, the two signatories of the Agreement.

For the moment Belarus is excluded from SIGMA programme. Since the launch of the Programme to ENPI countries in 2008 priority was given to the launch of activities in the following countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Moldova, Morocco, Tunisia and Ukraine. Lebanon followed in February 2010.

Due to the limited financing capacity of this second ENPI SIGMA Agreement, the budget is close proximity of being completely booked and the absorption capacity of the SIGMA experts is also limited. In this way Belarus is not likely to be included in the SIGMA Programme, though the management of the Programme is informed of the explicit wish of the Ministry of Economy to start SIGMA in Belarus (as of 12.03.2012).

## UNDER PREPARATION

### **NATIONAL: Capacity Development Facility to support the implementation of sector programmes under the ENPI Annual Action Programmes for Belarus**

Financing source: Annual Action Programme 2009

Contract implementation period: tbc

Budget: 1,500,000 EUR (Service Contract)

Contractor: *to be contracted by end of 2013*

Beneficiaries: National Coordinating Unit + line ministries involved in EU programmes

Action location: Minsk + regions

Content: Overall objective is to enhance capacity of selected Belarusian organisations to implement ENPI and develop strategies for sectors of cooperation

**NATIONAL: Capacity Development Facility to support the implementation of sector programmes under the ENPI Annual Action Programmes for Belarus**

Financing source: Annual Action Programme 2010

Contract implementation period: tbc

Budget: 1,000,000 EUR (Service Contract)

Contractor: *to be contracted by end of 2014*

Beneficiaries: *(to be updated)*

Action location: *(to be updated)*

Content: The general objective of this facility is to support the objectives of the Country Strategy Paper and National Indicative Paper 2007-2011 by providing assistance to selected Belarusian institutions to effectively contribute to coordinating the design and implementation of ENPI Annual Action Programmes, and to support an effective national system for the coordination of technical assistance.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

**NATIONAL: Interim Technical Assistance to the National Coordinating Unit in Belarus (276-902)**

Financing source: ENPI Global Allocation 2010

Contract implementation period: 01/2012 – 11/2012

Budget: 128,722.00 EUR (FWC)

Contractor: EUROPEAN CONSULTANTS ORGANISATION SPRL

Beneficiaries: National Coordinating Unit

Action location: Minsk

Content: Provision of interim technical assistance before the launch of a larger service contract in 2012

**REGIONAL: Preparing Staff for EU-ENP related jobs**

Financing source:

Contract implementation period: 01/2011-12/2013

Budget: 2,000,000 EUR

Contractor: College of Europe

Beneficiaries: Belarusian governmental institutions

Action location: ENPI East + ENPI South

Content: Objectives are as follows: to enhance the professional skills and ENP-specific knowledge of relevant staff from the civil service and public administrations of ENP partner countries so as to enable them to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the European Neighbourhood Policy and other relevant EU policies; to help improve the effectiveness of policies and relationship between the EU and the neighbourhood countries; to help deepen political dialogue and cooperation with each of the neighbours. Activities consist in the design and organisation of a minimum of 12 training sessions over the whole duration of the project of at least 5 days each (including travel). The number of participants ranges between 30 and 50.

**Approximation, application and enforcement of EU legislation via TAIEX instrument** (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Instrument) <http://taiex.cec.eu.int/>. A range of Belarusian governmental institutions, such as Ministry of Economy, State Border Guards Committee, State Customs Committee, State Committee on Science and Technologies and others, benefit from short-term expertise and technical assistance provided within TAIEX.

## **PAST PROJECTS**

**NATIONAL: Support to National Coordinating Unit in Belarus (141-266)**

Financing source: National Action Programme 2005

Contract implementation period: 2008-2010

Budget: 600,000 EUR (Service Contract)

Contractor: Human Dynamics

Beneficiaries: National Coordinating Unit

Action location: Minsk

Content: The overall objective of the project was support the capacity of Belarus to make best use of EU technical assistance, in particular, through support to NCU ([www.cu4eu.net](http://www.cu4eu.net)). Activities were implemented in four components: Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building; Support to the ENPI implementation; Support to planning and coordination of EC assistance; Public awareness and visibility.

## **SUPPORT FOR CBC IMPLEMENTATION**

**The Regional Capacity Building Initiative** (RCBI) mainly focuses on the CBC (former Neighbourhood Programmes extended to the ENPI CBC) in Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine and Russia. This project includes a training component for all structures eligible under the NPs and ENPI CBC (local, regional authorities, and NGOs on the Western side of Belarus, including Minsk Oblast).

Regional Capacity Building Initiative II (RCBI II) – start date 01/01/07, end date (planned) 31/12/2009; primary commitment €4,000,000

The project continues supporting Partner Countries until June 2012.

# Combating Human Trafficking, Drugs & Crime

## Summary:

EU assistance to the country on these three topics has always been unevenly balanced: While the focus was on fighting drug trafficking and drug addicts rehabilitation for many years through three major regional projects ("BUMAD" = Belarus-Ukraine-Moldova Anti-Drug Action) worth approximately 6.5 million EUR, assistance was discontinued in these areas in 2009 and partly (fight against drug trafficking) incorporated in border management projects. The centre of attention has now shifted to combating human trafficking. Fighting crime has never been addressed in the framework of a stand-alone project but is being covered under the TAIEX programme.



Overall, assistance to all three areas has always been comparatively small. Moreover, it appears that the EC has no plans to increase support and will continue procuring interested contractors through global call for proposals and the TAIEX programme (no direct agreements any more with, for example, the UNDP).

Since 2001, the EC has allocated accumulated budgets for past and current projects worth 9.1 million EUR.

The main recipients of assistance in these three areas are the State Border Committee, the Ministry of the Interior, state prosecutors and NGOs.

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## CURRENT PROJECTS

### **REGIONAL: Strengthening national mechanisms for the reintegration and rehabilitation of victims of human trafficking in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine (255-867)**

Financing source: DCI MIGR 2010 (022-214), Call for Proposals 128-764 / lot 2 / application 21

Contract implementation period: 15/04/2011-14/04/2013

Budget: 799.968 EUR (EC contribution: 639.974 EUR – 79,99%)

Contractor: International Federation of the Red Cross

Beneficiaries: Victims of human trafficking, Red Cross of Belarus

Action location: The Belarus Red Cross currently runs five regional consultation centres (Brest, Vitebsk, Grodno, Gomel and Mogilev) and two district centres (Novopolotsk and Mozyr) offering support to victims of trafficking identified in, or returned to, Belarus.

Content: Results in Belarus: Six victims of human trafficking (VoTs) multidisciplinary reintegration focal groups created in each of the six Oblasts of Belarus which actively engage in the coordination of CT activities, prevention measures and reintegration assistance to VoTs (= Result 1.6); 15 Red Cross focal points in Belarus, 9 in Moldova and 10 in Ukraine trained as trainers on VoT identification and referral, in particular on the specific health needs of VoTs (= Result 2.1); in Belarus, 100 Red Cross home visiting nurses, 50 in Moldova and 100 in Ukraine trained on identification, referral and rehabilitation of VoTs and actively involved/participating in the MDTs in their respective regions (= Result 2.2); improved quality of assistance provided to VoTs at five Red Cross Helping Hands Centres; (= Result); Red Cross Visiting Nurses in Belarus provide social and medical follow up for after VoTs return to their home communities (= Result); access to medical and psychological assistance to 70 VoTs is provided through Rehabilitation centre operation (= Result); Provision of comprehensive and individual reintegration assistance through Red Cross Helping Hands centres in Belarus to 100 VoTs ensured (= Result 3.4).

## PAST PROJECTS

Accumulated budgets of past national projects for Belarusian authorities (EC contribution only): 2.026.166 EUR

Accumulated budgets of past regional projects for Belarusian authorities where Belarus' share is not identifiable (EC contributions only): 6.437.810,82 EUR

**NATIONAL: Preventing, Fighting and Addressing the Social Consequences of Trafficking in Human Beings in the Republic of Belarus – BELTRAFFIC 2 (162-612)**

Financing source: TACIS Belarus Action Programme 2005 (017-095)

Contract implementation period: 01/09/2008-31/12/2010

Budget: 1.334.550 EUR (EC contribution: 1.200.000 EUR – 89,92%)

Contractor: UNDP

Beneficiaries: Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, State Border Committee, NGOs (Young Women Christian Association of Belarus, Business Women Club in Brest)

Action location: throughout the country

Content: The project aims to enhance national capacities in fighting THB with preventive measures and better protection and rehabilitation of victims of trafficking. In particular, the project aims to improve coordination and information-sharing among responsible agencies and NGOs; to scale-up advocacy, training and awareness-raising campaigns geared at various target groups; to develop victim protection and reintegration programmes based on best international practices; to enhance the capacity of rehabilitation centres, NGOs and local centres for social assistance to provide prevention services. The project will also contribute to generating part-time and long-term employment for women and young people.

**REGIONAL: BUMAD 3 (099-339)**

Financing source: TACIS Regional Action Programme 2004 (016-767)

Contract implementation period: 01/01/2007-31/03/2009

Budget: 2.200.000 EUR (EC contribution: 2.000.000 EUR – 90,91%)

Contractor: UNDP

Beneficiaries: In Belarus: drug laboratory of the State Expert Criminalistic Centre of the Ministry of the Interior, Department of Counter Narcotics and its regional units, State Border Guards Committee, Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction at the Grodno State Medical University

Action location: In Belarus: Minsk, Grodno

Content: Project 1 – Drug policy development: Component 1 – Legal Assistance (national training for judges and prosecutors, support to the Task Force on legislation and drug policy making mechanism, provision of specialized equipment for Supreme Justice Court, police statistics [Ukraine]); Component 2 – National Drug Observatory (national trainings on key epidemiological indicators, Study tour to EMCDDA in Lisbon).

Project 2 – Capacity Building: Component 3 - Land border and in-country transportation system control (assessment of training/equipment and controlled delivery needs, provision of search equipment, national training on enhancing capabilities to counteract drug trafficking, regional seminar on controlled deliveries); Component 4 – Police intelligence capacity building (needs assessment, provision of equipment to national law enforcement agencies, national advanced training on management of Drug Intelligence Data/Crime Analysis, regional training on dismantling of illegal drug laboratories, study tour to EU country, two-week train-the-trainer course for instructors at MoI Academies); Component 5 – Seaports control system in Ukraine and Moldova (improvement of information exchange between seaports around the Black Sea, support to Working Group on creation of information exchange system, monitoring and expert's support of functioning drug combating units at the sea ports, training on investigation of drug offences, international seminar on customs drug related information exchange in the Black Sea, interim evaluation and recommendations).

Project 3 – Drug demand reduction: Component 6 – Drug Prevention Programme (implementation of drug prevention programme, conducting of ESPAD and General Population Surveys in Moldova); Component 7 – Methodological support of NGOs networks (national training on management aspects of NGO running, evaluation of NGO networking around the Continuum of Care and recommendations, support to NGO regional networking).

**REGIONAL: BUMAD 2 (069-568)**

Financing source: TACIS Regional Action Programme 2002 (003-016)

Contract implementation period: 01/01/2004-31/12/2006

Budget: 2.437.810,82 EUR (100% EC funded)

Contractor: UNDP

Beneficiaries: No info available

Action location: No info available

Content: No info available

**NATIONAL: Combating trafficking in women in the Republic of Belarus (029-979) (= "BELTRAFFIC I")**

Financing source: TACIS Regional Action Programme 2000 (000-530)

Contract implementation period: 06/09/2002-06/12/2005

Budget: 826.166 EUR (100% EC-funded)

Contractor: UNDP

Beneficiaries: No info available

Action location: No info available

Content: No info available

**REGIONAL: BUMAD 1 (030-612)**

Financing source: TACIS Regional Action Programme 2001 (000-559)

Contract implementation period: 01/02/2003-01/05/2005

Budget: 2.000.000 EUR (100% EC funded)

Contractor: UNDP

Beneficiaries: No info available

Action location: No info available

Content: No info available

# Human Rights, Democratization and Civil Society

## Summary:

Assistance in these areas is delivered through a number of different instruments, allowing the European Union (EU) to employ a variety of approaches at central, regional or local level, depending on what is most effective in the given context.

For human rights, the main source of funding comes through the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR).



The relatively new Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development Programme is aimed at developing the capacities of civil society and local authorities to support all aspects of the participative democracy process at local level, as well as building co-operation between them in the pursuit of this goal.

The country allocation for both EIDHR and NSA-LA were increased following the Council conclusions of January 2011 and reinforcement of the assistance to civil society and human rights protection.

The Council Conclusions of 31.01.11 tasked the European Commission to provide urgent support to those repressed and detained on political grounds and their families, as well as support to civil society. The Commission has been requested to review its assistance to Belarus which is aimed at addressing the needs of the population, in order to further strengthen support to civil society, targeting in particular NGOs and students.

In line with this approach ENPI bilateral assistance for Belarus for the period 2012-2013 was reviewed in order to maximize the support to civil society.

## Current Projects:

Title of the project	implementer	Content
Towards a Life-Long Active Society (TOLLAS) <b>Budget:</b> € 203 694.75	DVV International (DE)	The contract's purpose is to empower representatives of the elderly generation to play an active role in local decision making and to improve the capacity of state and non-state actors to adequately represent specific needs and interests of seniors. The access to educational services will be broadened. A public debate started and increased capacity of actors is intended.
Community-based volunteer initiatives for civic groups in remote areas in Belarus <b>Budget:</b> € 243 813.75	Danish Red Cross (DK)	The contract's purpose is to reduce vulnerability and improved conditions for inclusive, empowering and sustainable development in remote areas of Belarus through strengthening civil society and enhancing cooperation between local authorities and non-state actors. The specific objective is to strengthen the capacity of cooperation between citizens, Belarus Red Cross grass-root organisations and local authorities on fostering volunteering, participatory policy development and service delivery to vulnerable people in remote areas.
Strengthening public participation on environmental decision making and	Arnica (CZ)	The contract's purpose is promotion of chemical safety and raising the NGO capacity (and its tools) that serves as service for local initiatives and local authorities to implement SAICM objectives. This includes to examine

SAICM in Belarus <b>Budget:</b> € 160 087.50		public participation in preparation and implementation of local plans for chemicals management; to strengthen the dialogue between decision makers and groups directly affected by specific chemical safety problems; to establish a non-formal platform for cooperation of civil society organizations working on improvement of chemical safety in Belarus;
Territorial Approach for Village Development <b>Budget:</b> € 240 317.25	International Foundation for Rural Development (BY)	Improve the quality of life in rural areas by establishing a dialogue between local partners and supporting them in joint resolution of local problems through implementation of economic and social initiatives
Enhancing quality of life of families parenting children with life-threatening conditions through competent outpatient palliative care support in Belarus <b>Budget:</b> € 140 441.40	Belarusian Children Hospice (BY)	Develop an effective outpatient model for palliative care including bereavement support for families with incurable children through high quality services provision.
All Children Included. A project to promote the wellbeing and future prospects of Belarusian children growing up in institutions <b>Budget:</b> € 162 798.00	International Child Development Initiatives (NL)	Increase the capacity of Belarusian child protection services to deliver high quality care for children without parental care and to strengthen the child rights climate in the country in general.
Rendering community-based services for healthy ageing <b>Budget:</b> € 179 742.00	Association of Local Authorities of Lithuania (LT)	Enhance the quality of life of elderly people in Belarus through development of community-based services and promotion of appropriate policies, programmes and legislation for the elderly care.
EU and Belarus: sharing knowledge <b>Budget:</b> €140 000.00	Office for Democratic Belarus (BE)	The project objective is to empower government and CSOs experts in Belarus in fields of energy transport and education; promote dialogue and reconciliation among them, and strengthen their participation in decision-making processes both on the national and international levels. The project will establish and develop a platform for communication and expertise exchange between government and independent experts in areas of energy, transport and education.
Capacity Building for LA and NSA cooperation on social inclusion and empowerment of disadvantaged people in Belarus communities <b>Budget:</b> € 132 164.00	Minsk City Institute for Education Development (BY)	Build capacity for LA and NSA cooperation in meeting the needs of vulnerable groups and their social inclusion in 2 rural and 9 urban Belarus communities
Developing the capacity of NGOs to	Public Association	Contribute to sustainable development of Belarus and to promote the participatory approach of mental health

mainstream mental health issues in the Republic of Belarus <b>Budget:</b> € 138 714.00	"Voice of Heart" (BY)	services users, as one of the most disadvantaged groups of the society, seeking for their empowerment and integration to the society.
Partnerships for Better Energy Use <b>Budget:</b> € 150 000.00	New Eurasia Establishment (BY)	Build capacity and expertise of NSA/LAs to introduce energy saving approaches in rural regions in BY, thereby enhancing sustainable development practices, improving the quality of life and contributing to lasting environmental conservation efforts.
State and Civil Society Partnership in Belarus for Improved Child Protection <b>Budget:</b> € 119 978.00	The British Council (UK)	Build the capacity of NSAs and LAs for collaboration and dialogue in order to strengthen the protective environment for children in Belarus by jointly developing Policy and Implementation Guidelines for Multi-Agency Collaboration that contribute to the prevention, detection and investigation of child abuse.
Step ahead: Qualification of staff in state-run day-care centres for job-preparation of impaired adult persons <b>Budget:</b> € 142 188.00	Caritas Austria (A)	Contributes to the social inclusion of disabled adult persons and their relatives living in Belarus by improving their access to social services
Rural Communities and Local Authorities in Sustainable Rural Development <b>Budget:</b> € 150 000,00	Local Foundation "Stolin District Center for Support to Rural Development and Entrepreneurship" (BY)	Overall objective is to adopt a mechanism of development and implementation of sustainable rural development strategies that will enable to upraise the living standards of rural population. Specific objective is to demonstrate the rural development processes implementing in cooperation of rural communities and local authorities (on example of Stolin district).
Leveraging Partnerships for Sustainable Development in Rural Belarus <b>Budget:</b> € 143 620,28	New Eurasian Establishment (BY)	Overall objective: Enhance sustainable development of rural regions in Belarus. Specific objective: Leverage partnerships between non-state actors and local authorities to introduce and develop sustainable development practices to meet the socioeconomic needs of rural territories in Belarus.

# Justice Reform

## Summary:

Apart from a small number of TAIEX events, EC assistance was limited to one national project worth 0.625 million EUR in the past. Another 4-million EUR project, implemented in, and for, the six Eastern Partnership countries by the Council of Europe, started in early 2011 and is open for Belarus. However, Belarusian participation has been rather limited so far, mainly due the current political circumstances in the country.

Assistance in this area is targeted at beneficiary institutions such as the Ministry of Justice, prosecutors' offices, and courts.



## CURRENT PROJECTS

### **REGIONAL: Council of Europe Facility (256-600)**

Financing source: Council of Europe Facility 2010 (022-192)

Contract implementation period: 10/12/2010-10/06/2013 (30 months)

Budget: 4.000.000 EUR (Direct Agreement; Joint Management)

Contractor: Council of Europe

Beneficiaries: In Belarus: MFA

Action location: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

Content: The funds are split as follows between the four main components: (1) Supporting electoral standards, especially in pre-electoral periods - €935.900; (2) Enhancing judicial reform - €923.995; (3) Support measures against serious forms of cybercrime - €724.040; (4) Good governance and the fight against corruption - €1.126.365. CoE on 16 June 2011: "A representative of Belarus (Mr Alexei Samosuev, counsellor on relations with the EU, Embassy of Belarus to Belgium) did attend the Kick-Off Steering Committee Meeting. We are not aware of any concrete activities in Belarus, though." See also: <http://www.coe.int/t/dgap/eap-facility/>

## PAST PROJECTS

### **NATIONAL: Promotion of a wider application of international human rights standards in the administration of justice in Belarus (113-323)**

Financing source: Promotion of a wider application of international human rights standards in the administration of justice in Belarus (DDH Human Rights and Democracy 2005, 017-740)

Contract implementation period: 10/04/2007-30/09/2009 (30 months)

Budget: 625.966,06 EUR (Grant) (EC contribution: 553.396,06 EUR – 88,41%)

Contractor: UNDP

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Justice, Constitutional Court, Supreme Court, General Prosecutor's Office, National Bar Association

Action location: Minsk

Content: The project helped: (a) produce sufficient amount of reference materials, including compilations of international human rights standards and case-law, and ensure their broad availability; (b) expose the justice sector professionals to the best international practices by arranging ad hoc discussion series (conferences and seminars) with the participation of foreign experts, and study visits abroad for the national experts; (c) pay more attention to international human rights standards in the on-going programmes of training/re-training of justice sector professionals; and (d) promote better understanding of the role and functions of the judiciary in a democratic society by the general public.

# Migration & Asylum

## Summary:

Over the past ten years, projects in the sphere of migration and asylum have been the EU's second biggest area of assistance as regards justice and home affairs. Most of the projects funded were implemented by UNHCR through regional initiatives, usually covering Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine. Due to the fact that UNHCR is the main recipient of EU funds in this sector, assistance focuses mainly on strengthening asylum seekers' and refugees' rights.



In total the EU has contributed about 20.3 million euro on active and past regional projects and 2.1 million euro on national projects since 2001. While the vast majority of EU assistance to Belarus in general is funded under the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument (ENPI), support in this area is mainly financed under the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI).

Until now, the procurement methods applied by the EC were global calls for proposals launched by EC headquarters in Brussels and direct agreements with UNHCR.

In Belarus, the main beneficiary institutions of EU assistance are the Ministries of Interior and Foreign Affairs as well as the State Border Committee and NGOs.

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## CURRENT PROJECTS

Accumulated budgets of ongoing regional projects for Belarusian authorities where Belarus' share is not identifiable (EC contributions only): 9.721.128 EUR

### **REGIONAL: Local integration of refugees in the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, Phase 2 (279-884)**

Financing source: DCI MIGR 2010 "Thematic Programme for Migration and Asylum AAP 2010 part 2 - Call for proposals 2009-2010" (022-214), Call for Proposals 128764 / lot 2 / application 66

Contract implementation period: 01/01/2012-31/12/2013

Budget: 1.402.362 EUR (EC contribution: 1.110.804 EUR – 79,01%)

Contractor: UNHCR

Beneficiaries: In Belarus: refugees, 2 language training schools in Gomel and Vitebsk Regions, Regional Committees on Labour, Employment and Social Protection of Minsk, Mogilyov, Grodno and Brest Regions, students of Belarusian State University

Action location: Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

Content: This project follows up on activities launched under the "Local Integration of Refugees in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine – 1<sup>st</sup> Phase project" (CRIS contract no. 153-174).

In Belarus the project's main elements are: (1) The Regional Committees on Labour, Employment and Social Protection (RCLESP) of Minsk, Mogilyov, Grodno and Brest Regions are strengthened through awareness raising and training activities; the project will provide employment-related counselling and assistance to 200 refugees; (2) start-up assistance made available in the framework of established partnerships with the RCLESPs to support entrepreneurship and business development targeting 5 refugees; (3) some 200 persons benefit from social counselling and integration related assistance, namely 20 persons receive vocational training, 100 refugee children and adolescents benefit from educational assistance (catch-up classes on secondary school subjects and Russian language, professional orientation and training, developmental assistance, etc.); 80 persons are counselled on employment, housing, social protection and entrepreneurship issues; (4) a secondary employment scheme, established in the first phase of the project, targeting 20 refugee adolescents in Minsk; (5) housing repair programme comprising integration grants for settling in rural areas, assistance in refurbishing/construction of individual apartments targeting 5 refugee families (or 20 individuals); (6) two country seminars for refugees on employment and social protection issues conducted by UNHCR and Ministry

of Labour and Social Protection; each training targeting 30 persons/beneficiaries representing the government and non-government social services providers; (7) capacity of two language training institutions in Gomel and Vitebsk Regions strengthened to conduct trainings for 25-30 refugees; (8) public awareness / tolerance building campaign conducted through 4 regional seminars for executive authorities and city councils, an outdoor information school for refugee adolescents, a simulation inter-active game for young people ("Run on the way") and a conference at the Belarusian State University on tolerance issues targeting 2000 persons; (9) World Refugee Day activities including a competition among secondary school children on refugee issues; thematic radio broadcasts and community events for refugees organise throughout the country targeting 60% of the population.

**REGIONAL: Migration EU Expertise II (MIEUX II): Providing short-term capacity building to third countries in all areas of migration management (280-403)**

Financing source: DCI MIGR 2011 "Migration EU Expertise II (MIEUX II): Providing short-term capacity building to third countries in all areas of migration management" (023-312)

Contract implementation period: 24/12/2011-23/12/2014

Budget: 4.499.995 EUR (100% EC-funded)

Contractor: ICMPD

Beneficiaries: In Belarus: State Border Committee, Ministry of the Interior

Action location: Global

Content: This initiative aims to provide short-term expertise to Third Countries, such as the Republic of Belarus, to support also your country in effectively addressing questions related to all areas of migration management, including irregular migration, asylum & refugees and legal migration. Assistance will be granted through specialists from EU national administrations upon request from your government. Compared to other EC assistance projects, the added value of this instrument is to provide experts within a relatively short period of time (approximately 6 weeks after a formal request). MIEUX is implemented by the international governmental organisation ICMPD (International Centre for Migration Policy Development) under the guidance of a Project Steering Group composed of representatives of the EC, EEAS (European External Action Service) and ICMPD.

**REGIONAL: Support to UNHCR activities in Eastern Europe in the context of Regional Protection Programmes – Phase II (272-415)**

Financing source: DCI MIGR 2010 "Thematic Programme for Migration and Asylum AAP 2010 part 2 - Action Fiche 5 RPP" (022-219)

Contract implementation period: 01/10/2011-30/09/2013

Budget: 1.500.000 EUR (Direct Agreement; Joint Management; 100% EC-funded)

Contractor: UNHCR

Beneficiaries: In Belarus: State Border Committee, Ministry of the Interior, NGO Belarusian Movement of Medical Workers, Belarusian Red Cross, refugees, judges, prosecutors

Action location: Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

Content: This project follows up on activities launched under the "Support to UNHCR activities in Great Lakes region and in Eastern Europe in the context of Regional Protection Programmes" project (CRIS contract no. 165-064).

The project's main elements are: (1) Increased awareness and cooperation among governments and NGOs; (2) humanitarian and medical needs of asylum seekers addressed; (3) enhanced protection-sensitive entry mechanisms at the border through increased capacity and awareness of government agencies and NGOs; (4) increased capacity of NGOs as regards protection monitoring and legal counselling; (5) improved reception conditions and temporary accommodation centres for asylum seekers; (6) provision of quality interpretation to NGOs and government counterparts in a timely manner; (7) vulnerable refugees are proactively identified and resettled; (8) 100 persons undergo language training and 220 persons vocational training; (9) provision of self-reliance grants.

**REGIONAL: Creating an Observatory of Migration East of Europe – CARIM East (229-847)**

Financing source: DCI MIGR 2009 "Annual Action Programme for the Thematic Programme on Cooperation with third in the Area of Migration and Asylum for 2009" (021-103), Call for Proposals 128-764 / lot 2 / application 62

Contract implementation period: 01/04/2011-31/03/2013

Budget: 2.274.082 EUR (EC contribution: 1.819.265 EUR – 80%)

Contractor: European University Institute

Beneficiaries: In Belarus: Academy of Science, MoI, MFA, journalists, NGOs

Action location: All over the EaP region

Content: In 2012, two conferences: The first conference is aimed to present the outcomes of the research programme "Impact of labour migration on the countries of origin". It will be held in Kiev on 26-27 April. The second one, presenting outcomes of the research programme "Irregular migration, return and reintegration", will be held in Tbilisi in the last week of October 2012. EUI will organise a summer school on migration for which Belarusian nationals can apply on 26 June-7 July in Florence. EUI will work with Belarusian network members on two big publications: the Country Report - Belarus (a publication that will seek to complete and nuance the currently developed Migration Profiles), to be issued by August 2012, and the Regional Report (a problem-oriented publication focusing on migration issues which are specific for the region) to be issued by December 2012. EUI will also work with them to support their efforts to publish in Western journals, more specifically in the International Migration and Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies. The first articles should be completed by 30 November 2012. Also in 2012, EUI will work on policy briefs for policy makers. EUI will offer specialised training for academics to help them produce well-structured policy-briefs. EUI will present relevant results of the project to the policy-makers from Belarus on different occasions: at panel meetings of the Eastern Partnership in April 2012 and October 2012 (dates tbc by the COM) as well as during the international workshop on contributions of the Eastern Partners to the Stockholm Programme on 28 February 2012. Trainings for policy makers and for NGOs/journalists will be held early in 2013, when all EUI's research programmes are either completed or at a very advanced stage. <http://www.carim-east.eu>

### **REGIONAL: Legal and Social Protection of Asylum Seeking and Refugee Children in Ukraine, Belarus, and Moldova (229-710)**

Financing source: DCI MIGR 2009 "Annual Action Programme for the Thematic Programme on Cooperation with third in the Area of Migration and Asylum for 2009" (021-103), Call for Proposals 128-764 / lot 2 / application 51

Contract implementation period: 01/02/2011-01/02/2013

Budget: 988.830 EUR (EC contribution: 791.064 EUR – 80%)

Contractor: Danish Refugee Council

Beneficiaries: In Belarus: Red Cross Society, Evrika, and the Belarusian Movement of Medical Workers

Action location:, Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine

Content: Activities focus on Ukraine. Belarus is involved in actions under the following sections: A. *Legal Component: Asylum seeking and refugee children have improved access to a protective system which upholds international standards*

Activity A1.1: A DRC Child Protection and Asylum Expert will support GAA and NGOs in Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus to develop protective legal systems for asylum seeking and refugee children; Activity A1.2: National and local training of duty bearers on the implementation of laws and procedures relating to asylum seeking and refugee children; Activity A1.6: Strengthening of mechanisms to prevent and respond to smuggling and trafficking; Activity A1.9: Review and Phase-out Workshop; Activity A3.1: Legal and social welfare systems analyses conducted in Moldova and Belarus.

*B. Social Component: The capacity of civil society to address children's social assistance needs will be increased*

Activity B1.6: Regional civil society capacity development

*D. Outreach Component: Society is further sensitized to the needs of asylum seeking and refugee children, and asylum seeking and refugee children are aware of their rights and obligations within Ukraine*

Activity D1.2: Mobilisation of asylum seeking and refugee youth through Refugee Youth Councils; Activity D1.3: Dissemination of school material in support of the Tolerance Campaign conducted by GAA, MFYS and Ministry of Education Materials will also be disseminated for targeted school distributions in schools in Moldova and Belarus; Activity D1.4: Printing and dissemination of informational pamphlets to promote the rights and obligations of asylum seeking and refugee children in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.

## **PAST PROJECTS**

Accumulated budgets of the past national projects for Belarusian authorities (EC contributions only): 2.106.750,28 EUR

Accumulated budgets of past regional projects for Belarusian authorities where Belarus' share is not identifiable (EC contributions only): 10.603.580,88 EUR

REGIONAL: Local Integration of Refugees in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine – 1<sup>st</sup> Phase (153-174)

Financing source: DCI MIGR 2008 "Annual Working Programme 2008" (020-206), Call for Proposals 126-364 / lot 2 / application 37

Contract implementation period: 01/03/2009-31/12/2011

Budget: 2.585.932 EUR (EC contribution: 2.000.000 EUR – 77,34%)

Contractor: UNHCR

Beneficiaries: Department on Citizenship and Migration under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and its regional departments on Labour, Employment and Social Assistance, Ministry of Education and educational institutions, refugee community based organisations and local NGOs

Action location: Belarus: throughout the country

Content: *Regional activities:* capacity building support to the three Governments to improve their capacities to implement current and future refugee-related activities, supporting the three Governments to establish country advisory structures, start developing national integration policies; establishing comprehensive language training courses; conducting PA/tolerance building activities, etc. *In Belarus:* establishing integration referral consultancy services on employment related issues; enhancing the capacity of state Social Centres to assist refugees on social issues; developing/implementing vocational skills training, employment, housing and language training programmes for refugees.

NATIONAL: Strengthening Protection Capacity in Belarus – Phase 2 (153-171)

Financing source: DCI MIGR 2008 "Annual Working Programme 2008" (020-206), Call for Proposals 126-364 / lot 2 / application 36

Contract implementation period: 01/01/2009-31/12/2011

Budget: 888.431 EUR (EC contribution: 710.745 EUR – 80,00%)

Contractor: UNHCR

Beneficiaries: Ministry of the Interior, State Border Committee, Belarusian Red Cross, Belarusian Movement of Medical Workers, International Public Association for Scientific Research, Information and Educational Programmes “Evolutio”

Action location: throughout the country

Content: The programme has four main aspects: (1) consolidating and developing the existing UNHCR-IOM-NGO protection monitoring in all strategic entry and exit points of the country with a special emphasis on the transparent border with Russia, including monitoring of MIA’s detention facilities to ensure access to territory and asylum; (2) providing the necessary training and technical assistance to the MIA and the SBC to ensure quality of asylum procedures; (3) providing assistance for the voluntary return of migrants to facilitate sustainable durable solutions; (4) raising awareness on refugee issues to ensure increased protection and understanding of the public at large of the relevance of refugee protection and the difference between economic migrants and refugees.

REGIONAL: Support to UNHCR activities in Great Lakes region and in Eastern Europe in the context of Regional Protection Programmes (165-064)

Financing source: DCI MIGR 2008 "Migration and Asylum 2008: Support to UNHCR activities in Great Lakes region and in Eastern Europe in the Context of Regional Protection Programmes." (019-999)

Contract implementation period: 01/04/2009-30/09/2011

Budget: 2.998.994,80 EUR (Direct Agreement; Joint Management; 100% EC-funded)

Contractor: UNHCR

Beneficiaries: In Belarus: border guards, Ministry of the Interior, 2 NGOs

Action location: Minsk and Belarusian border regions

Content: Increasing UNHCR staff capacity and consolidating and developing the existing protection monitoring framework in all strategic entry and exit points of Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, including monitoring of detention facilities.

REGIONAL: Monitoring safe and dignified return and conditions of detention. Protecting the Rights of Asylum Seekers, Refugees and IDPs in Belarus, Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine (153-324)

Financing source: DCI MIGR 2008 (020-206)

Contract implementation period: 10/02/2009-10/02/2011

Budget: 809.284,98 EUR (EC contribution: 647.381,98 EUR – 79,99%)

Contractor: European Council on Refugees and Exiles AISBL

Beneficiaries: In Belarus: border guards, asylum seekers, refugees and IDPs

Action location: Minsk and Belarusian border regions

Content: In Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine the project will concentrate on land borders where we expect that the proportion of asylum seekers who access the status determination procedure will increase as a result of the NGO monitoring activities and the project work with border guards. The Belarusian Movement for Medical Workers will provide recent information on the access to the territory of Belarus and will be in contact with the border guards.

NATIONAL: Enhancing Asylum Conditions and International Protection in the Republic of Belarus (AENEAS 2) (130-518)

Financing source: AENEAS 2006 (018-381)

Contract implementation period: 20/12/2007-31/05/2010

Budget: 595.267,81 EUR (EC contribution: 470.267,81 EUR – 79,00%)

Contractor: Republic of Belarus (Military Academy of the Republic of Belarus)

Beneficiaries: Border guards, Ministry of the Interior

Action location: Border Troops Faculty of the Military Academy; Minsk Air Border Unit; Brest Border Unit; Grodno Border Unit; Pinsk Border Unit; Gomel Border Unit.

Content: (1) Cooperation between the government and educational institutions dealing with migration and refugee issues will be promoted and strengthened; (2) Government and educational institutions will have more advanced skills to deal with asylum seekers and refugees; they will become aware of the difference between economic /irregular migrants and asylum seekers; (3) Targeted technical assistance and training to border , migration and asylum authorities will enhance their independence of external support; relevant authorities will become better equipped to deal with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; (4) Representatives of government and educational institutions, students and public at large will become more receptive to the protection and solution needs of refugees; (5) Persons in need of international protection will have improved access to the territory of Belarus and to the asylum procedures.

REGIONAL: Strengthening Migration Management in the Republics of Belarus and Moldova - MIGRABEL / MIGRAMOL (104-300)

Financing source: TACIS Regional Action Programme 2004 (016-767)

Contract implementation period: 01/06/2006-31/07/2009

Budget: 1.546.625,55 EUR (EC contribution: 1.396.625,55 EUR – 90,3%)

Contractor: IOM

Beneficiaries: Ministries of the Interior and Foreign Affairs as well as the State Border Committee

Action location: All over Belarus, abroad (study tours)

Content: In Belarus: To improve machine readable travel documents and visa stickers in line with international standards (biometric verifier)

NATIONAL: Strengthening Protection Capacity in Belarus (120-221)

Financing source: AENEAS 2005 (017-809)

Contract implementation period: 16/12/2006-16/04/2009

Budget: 704.663,17 EUR (EC contribution: 560.737,47 EUR – 79,58%)

Contractor: UNHCR

Beneficiaries: No info available

Action location: No info available

Content: No info available

REGIONAL: The Cross-Border Cooperation / Söderköping Process (103-489)

Financing source: AENEAS 2004 (016-944)

Contract implementation period: 01/03/2006-30/06/2009

Budget: 1.510.988,06 EUR (EC contribution: 1.184.013,30 EUR – 78,36%)

Contractor: UNHCR

Beneficiaries: No info available

Action location: No info available

Content: No info available

REGIONAL: The Cross-Border Cooperation / Söderköping Process (117-451)

Financing source: TACIS Regional Action Programme 2004 (016-767)

Contract implementation period: 01/03/2006-30/06/2009

Budget: 1.096.303,25 EUR (EC contribution: 982.003,25 EUR – 89,57%)

Contractor: UNHCR

Beneficiaries: No info available

Action location: No info available

Content: No info available

REGIONAL: The protection of refugees, asylum seekers and forced migrants (103-619)

Financing source: AENEAS 2004 (016-944)

Contract implementation period: 10/12/2005-10/02/2009

Budget: 660.221 EUR (EC contribution: 484.595 EUR – 73,40%)

Contractor: European Council on Refugees and Exiles AISBL

Beneficiaries: No info available

Action location: No info available

Content: Minsk and Belarusian border regions.

NATIONAL: Strengthening the National Asylum System in the Republic of Belarus (069-573)

Financing source: TACIS Regional Action Programme 2002 (003-016)

Contract implementation period: 01/01/2005-31/12/2006

Budget: 365.000 EUR (100% EC-funded)

Contractor: UNHCR

Beneficiaries: No info available

Action location: No info available

Content: No info available

REGIONAL: The Cross-Border Cooperation Process (Söderköping process) – Söderköping I (No info on CRIS no. available)

Financing source:

Contract implementation period: -28/02/2006

Budget: 762.488 EUR (EC contribution: No info available)

Contractor: Swedish Migration Board

Beneficiaries: No info available

Action location: No info available

Content: No info available

REGIONAL: The Cross-Border Cooperation Process (Söderköping process) – Secretariat (No info on CRIS no. available)

Financing source:

Contract implementation period: -03/05/2004

Budget: 147.479 EUR (EC contribution: No info available)

Contractor: UNHCR

Beneficiaries: No info available

Action location: No info available

Content: No info available

# Mines Destruction

## Summary:

The EU's support to the destruction of Belarus' stockpiles of PFM-1 series anti-personnel landmines is directly linked to the government's ratification of the "Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction" on 1 March 2004, which committed the country to destroy its anti-personnel landmines stockpiles within four years after ratification. In its Article-7-report of April 2008, the Belarusian government declared a stockpile of 3,378,014 anti-personnel mines (including a total of 3,366,500 PFM-1 series mines).



The PFM-1 mines were designed to be disbursed by different types of delivery systems (canisters, rockets, cluster bombs launched by helicopters, etc.). The shelf life of the PFM-1 series ammunition has been originally determined as ten years. This deadline has now expired.

During the explosion of PFM-1 mines, different toxic chemicals are released into the environment. This represents a major challenge during the destruction process. The basic aim of this assistance project is to treat the liquids and gaseous waste, developing during the destruction, in an environmentally friendly and safe manner. The destruction process will produce significant amounts of pure salt (NaCl).

This is a one-shot intervention, which will have no follow-up after finalisation of activities under this contract.

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## CURRENT PROJECT

### **NATIONAL: Destruction of PFM-1 series ammunition in Belarus (254-582)**

Financing source: Destruction of PFM-1 series ammunition in Belarus – East Regional AP 2007 (019-151)

Contract implementation period: 22/01/2011-22/05/2013 (28 months)

Budget: 3.900.000 EUR (Service Contract)

Contractor: Explosivos Alaveses SA

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Defence and MFA

Action location: Military Base in Rechitsa (40 km west of Gomel)

Content: The aim of the contract is to destroy approx. 3.400.000 anti-personnel land mines in Belarus.

# Culture

## Summary:

Culture is a new and growing field of cooperation in EU external activities. The most recent development is the launch of the **Eastern Partnership Culture Programme** (€12 million). It consists of two components: a Kyiv-based Regional Capacity Building Unit to provide support to Ministries of Culture and other actors in the field and a grants' scheme to support individual projects. The Regional Capacity Building Unit started its operation in September 2011 with research visits to EaP countries to study their cultural policies. Under the grants scheme, a total of 15 regional projects are selected, including one project with a Belarusian applicant. Project activities start across the EaP region in early 2012. The project coordinated by the Belarusian applicant will work to establish closer cooperation among photographers in the EaP region.



Four regional projects involving Belarus are implemented under **EU Culture Programme** (which is an intra-EU programme but in 2009-2010 had windows for international cooperation with Belarus). They have a total budget of around €0.65 million and cover such areas as puppet theatre performances, live video art and exchanges of performers between EU and Belarus.

Projects in the field of culture are also implemented in the framework of **CBC programmes**, especially Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus. They mostly deal with tourism-related cultural and historical heritage.

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## INITIATIVES

**Eastern Partnership:** Thematic platform on Contacts between people in the field of culture aims:

- \* To launch a specific EaP Culture Programme that will strengthen the capacity of cultural operators in the region and enhance the role of culture as a force for reform, promotion of inter-communal tolerance and social cohesion. This programme will be complemented by opportunities to engage in transnational cultural cooperation in the whole ENP region through a dedicated window under the EC Culture Programme as of 2011.
- \* To support the Council of Europe's Kyiv Initiative on Cultural Heritage.

**A partnership on culture is planned to be established within the framework of Northern Dimension** ([http://ec.europa.eu/external\\_relations/north\\_dim/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/north_dim/index_en.htm))

## UNDER PREPARATION

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## CURRENT PROJECTS

### **REGIONAL: Eastern Partnership Culture Programme**

Project title: SAY CHEESE: Eastern Partnership Family Album. Capacity building, networking and promotion of thematic Eastern Partnership photography (257-061)

Lead partner: Local Foundation for Promotion of International Dialogue and Cooperation "Interakcia" (BY)

Partners: BY, AM, GE, MD, UA

Beneficiaries: Association of photographers, professional and amateur photographers, private businesses.

Action location: Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

Total budget: € 622,700 (EU contribution: 496,350)

Duration: 30 months (2012-2014)

Content: Creation of conditions for the professional development of thematic EaP photography (conferences, seminars, trainings, web-platforms, business fairs), development of the common virtual photo school, Cultural photo-event "Eastern Partnership Family Album" (contests, exchange visits, albums publishing, exhibitions).

**REGIONAL: Eastern Partnership Culture Programme: Regional Monitoring and Capacity Building Unit (255-219)**

Financing source: ENPI Regional Action Programmes 2009 and 2010

Contract implementation period: 01/04/2011 – 01/04/ 2015

Budget: 2,998,800 EUR

Contractor: GIZ

Beneficiaries: Public institutions and other cultural actors in EaP countries

Action location: Eastern partnership: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

Content: The RMCB Unit will serve mainly three functions: Capacity building to public institutions and other cultural sector actors of the Eastern Partnership countries; offer technical support to all the grant beneficiaries and ensure monitoring of the EU-funded projects; link the programme with wider networking activities.

Website: [www.euroeastculture.eu](http://www.euroeastculture.eu)

**REGIONAL: CBC Baltic Sea Region**

Project title: [AGORA 2.0](#) - Heritage Tourism for increased BSR Identity

Lead partner: University of Greifswald, Institute of Geography and Geology (DE)

Belarusian partners and budget per partner in EUR: Belarusian Association Country Escape 115.000,00

Total budget: €2.834.050,00

Duration: 17. 09. 2009 - 16. 12. 2012

Content: Numerous projects and activities in the past demonstrated the impressive variety of most attractive natural and cultural assets of the BSR. Unfortunately the results of the projects were often only poorly visible for a broader public. The project AGORA 2.0 focuses on fostering the common identity of the Baltic Sea Region by highlighting, developing and marketing natural and cultural heritage as business environment and outstanding strength of the region.

**REGIONAL: Poland/Ukraine/Belarus**

Project title: Improvement of cross-border region attractiveness through the introduction of ethno-cultural resources into the tourist activities (a trip to the ethnic fairytale)

Contractor: Yanka Kupala State University in Grodno

Budget: €1,257,639 (total budget) 676,986 (budget for Belarus)

**REGIONAL: Latvia/Lithuania/Belarus**

Project title: Stimulation of cross-border tourism in Lithuania and Belarus by improving the accessibility and attractiveness cultural-historical heritage in Rokiskis and Postavy regions

Contractor: Rokiskis Municipality Administration, LT (BY partner: Postavy District Executive Committee)

Budget: €596,652 (total budget)

**REGIONAL: Latvia/Lithuania/Belarus**

Project title: The use of historic farmsteads and their adaptation to contemporary cultural needs

Contractor: Direction of Trakai Historical National Park (BY partner: Smorgon District Executive Committee)

Budget: €517,742 (total budget)

**REGIONAL: Latvia/Lithuania/Belarus**

Project title: Cultural heritage preservation and promotion in Rezekne and Braslav region

Contractor: Rezekne City Council, LV (BY partner: Culture Department of Braslav District Executive Committee; Braslav Regional Museum Association)

Budget: €1,289,783.90 (total budget)

**REGIONAL: Latvia/Lithuania/Belarus**

Project title: Establishment of socio-cultural network in Zarasai-Daugavpils-Braslaw cross-border region by attracting the youth and including the local community

Contractor: Centre of Culture of Zarasai Municipality, LT (BY partners: Culture Department of Braslav District Executive Committee)  
Budget: €253,980 (total budget)

**REGIONAL: Latvia/Lithuania/Belarus**

Project title: Friendly dialogue of Druskininkai and Grodno creative communities over cultural diversity  
Contractor: Druskininkai Culture Center, LT (BY partners: Grodno City Executive Committee)  
Budget: €154,541.70

**REGIONAL: Latvia/Lithuania/Belarus**

Project title: Daugavpils and Vitebsk: Cultural Cooperation and Development  
Contractor: Latvian Center of Culture, LV (BY partner: State Institution Centre of Culture Vitebsk)  
Budget: €275,852.70

**REGIONAL: EU Culture Programme**

Project title: Puppet Nomad Academy  
Contractor: Slovenian Mini Theater  
Partners: Belarusian Puppet Theater and Armenian Union of Puppeteers)..  
Budget: €137,670  
Content: Inspired by "the nomads of beauty" from the period of European avant-garde, this project is conceived as some kind of puppet workshops travelling from Armenia, across Belarus, Czech republic, Croatia, Slovenia, and up to Belgium.

**REGIONAL: EU Culture Programme**

Project title: Live Performers Meeting  
Contractor: Flyer Communication SRL, IT  
Partners: Association Les Reseaux De La Creation, FR; Jelenlet Kulturalis Kozhasznu Egyesulet, HU; Belarusian partners: Art Gallery Podzemka, Art gallery Ÿ  
Budget: €170,000  
Content: Live video art performers' meeting X in Minsk in September 2011

**REGIONAL: EU Culture Programme**

Project title: Show Europe – Show Belarus: Enabling Artistic Exchanges between Estonia, Sweden, Germany, Lithuania, Portugal and Belarus  
Contractor: Valgeneve UUS TEE, EE  
Partners: SE, LT, DE, PT; Belarusian partners: Liberal Club  
Budget: €190,295  
Content: Exchange of performers between Belarus and the EU

**REGIONAL: EU Culture Programme**

Project title: Mirrors of Europe  
Contractor: Project Forum, SK  
Partners: AT, UK, HU, MD, UA; Belarusian partners: Belarusian PEN Center  
Budget: €162,000  
Content: It is a literary project which enables writers to spend three weeks in a selected country, in order to write an essay on what Europe is and means. A collection of the essays will be published in English in 2012.

**PAST PROJECTS**

**REGIONAL: Latvia/Lithuania/Belarus**

Project title: Art without borders - promotion of cross-border cultural industry through the art of Marc Chagall and Mark Rothko  
Budget: €75,195

Content: To facilitation of the socio-economic development on the cross-border territory by utilizing the potential of cultural industry, in particular, by establishing sustainable cooperation model for development of cross-border art; improving cultural infrastructure in the cross-border region through necessary investments in cultural objects; and promoting cross-border cultural heritage through publicity and marketing campaign of art events in Latvia and Belarus.

# Education and Youth

## Summary:

Two major EU programmes in the field of higher education are Tempus and Erasmus Mundus.

**Tempus** consists of regional projects bringing together EU and partner country universities to improve curricular and governance in universities, enhance links between higher education and industry, and reform higher education policy. Around 15 Belarusian universities and institutions are now involved in such projects. Tempus also supports a local National Tempus Office which provides support to project implementation and a local group of Higher Education Reform Experts who work to bring Belarus closer to the Bologna Process.



**Erasmus Mundus** is a student and university staff mobility programme which provides opportunities for both universities and individuals. Universities from EU and partner countries form partnerships which organize mobility for all categories of students and university staff. Belarus is involved in four such partnerships (they include Belarusian State University, Brest State University, Brest State Technical University, Grodno State University, Belarusian State Economic University and Belarusian National Technical University). Individuals must have at least Bachelor's degree to be able to apply on their own for Erasmus Mundus Master Courses or Doctoral Programmes.

EU provides financial support for the operation of the **European Humanities University**, the Belarusian university in exile in Vilnius.

Since 2009 Belarus can participate in international partnership projects of **intra-EU programmes** such as Comenius, Erasmus, Grundtvig, Leonardo, Jean Monnet and Transversal Programme. However, these opportunities remain largely unused as they imply partnership links with counterparts in the EU, something which is still difficult to establish for Belarusian organizations.

Upcoming developments in the field include most importantly the launch of **Eastern Partnership Youth Programme** in 2012 and the extension of **eTwinning programme** (online community of secondary schools) to Belarus in 2012.

Two actions – **EU Language Courses for Young Belarusians** and **Mobility Scheme for Targeted People-to-People Contacts** – are prepared in 2012 to promote EU-Belarus contacts between people.

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## INITIATIVES

Eastern Partnership: Thematic platform on Contacts between people in the field of education (Platform 4) aims:

To significantly increase funding for the Erasmus Mundus and TEMPUS programmes, thereby increasing student and academic exchanges and promoting higher education reform.

To support partners working towards reforms in line with the Bologna Process and integration into the emerging European Research and Higher Education Area.

To encourage partners to take advantage of the opportunities for teaching, research and conference grants in the field of European integration studies available through the Jean Monnet Programme.

To open a window to complement the Youth in Action Programme in the six partner countries. This would promote youth mobility and exchanges to enhance intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding. It would also support the role of youth NGOs and other actors to strengthen civil society in the partner countries.

## UNDER PREPARATION

**Calls for Proposals under Tempus and Erasmus Mundus** are announced annually, normally they are published in mid-autumn with the deadlines in early February the following year.

*Additional information:*

**Tempus** ([http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/programme/about\\_tempus\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/programme/about_tempus_en.php));

**Erasmus Mundus** ([http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\\_mundus/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/index_en.php))

**Lifelong Learning Programme Call for Proposals.** Belarus can participate in partnerships under different actions of the programme such as Comenius, Erasmus, Grundtvig, Leonardo, Jean Monnet and Transversal Programme. Deadlines vary but mostly in the end of February and March.

*Additional information:* Lifelong Learning Programme ([http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/index_en.php)).

**Eastern Partnership Youth Programme.** Commission financing decision is taken in November 2011. A total budget of EUR 5.5 million will be divided into two parts: a Regional Capacity Building Unit (3 million) and a contribution to the Youth in Action Eastern Partnership Window (2.5 million). The Regional Unit will be operational from September 2012. The Eastern Partnership Window in Youth in Action is already operational.

Additional information: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.php) and <http://www.salto-youth.net/rc/eeca/easternwindow/>.

**eTwinning** (online community of schools), part of Lifelong Learning Programme (Comenius), will be partially extended to Eastern Partnership countries in 2012.

More info: <http://www.etwinning.net/en/pub/index.htm#>

**EU Language Courses for Young Belarusians** (Special Measure 2012). Indicative budget: 2,000,000 EUR. Commission Decision taken in end of February 2012. Call for proposals to be launched in April 2012.

**Mobility Scheme for Targeted People-to-People Contacts** (in the fields of Education, Culture and Research) (AAP2012). Indicative budget: 5,000,000 EUR.

## CURRENT PROJECTS

### **NATIONAL: Open Europe Scholarship Scheme**

Financing source: ENPI

Contract implementation period: 22/07/2011 - 21/07/2016

Budget: 3,999,981 EUR

Contractor: Nordic Council of Ministers Secretariat

Beneficiaries: Young Belarusians

Action location: EU

Content: To provide young Belarusians the possibility to acquire Bachelor and Masters degrees at recognized European Universities.

Web: [www.oess.eu](http://www.oess.eu)

### **TEMPUS**

#### **NATIONAL: National Tempus Office**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Tempus

Contract implementation period: 2011-2013

Budget: 100,331.76 EUR

Contractor: Mr. Nikolay Listopad (Head of the Central Informational and Analytical Centre of the Ministry of Education)

Beneficiaries: National Tempus Office

Action location: Belarus

Content: National Tempus Office works to promote Tempus programme in Belarus, monitor Current projects, and support Belarus' accession to the Bologna process.

Web: <http://tempus.unibel.by/>

**REGIONAL: E-Learning-Weiterbildungsnetzwerk im Tourismus (Belarus, Georgien und Ukraine) – WeNeT**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Tempus, Second Call for Proposals 2009

Contract implementation period: 2010-2013

Budget: EU grant: 1,276,981 EUR

Contractor: Universitaet Paderborn

Beneficiaries: GE (6), UA (11), BY (6)

EU countries involved: AT, DE, IT, SK

Action location: Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia

Web: <http://wenet.tnu.crimea.edu/>

**REGIONAL: Implementing tools and policies for quality work at institutional level**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Tempus, Second Call for Proposals 2009

Contract implementation period: 2010-2013

Budget: EU grant: 1,187,380 EUR

Contractor: Royal Institute of Technology

Beneficiaries: BY (4), UA (4), UZ (4)

EU countries involved: EE, IT, ES, SE

Action location: Belarus, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

Web: <http://www.uniqttool.org/index.php>

**REGIONAL: Innovation cross-universities network for development of partnership with enterprises**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Tempus, Second Call for Proposals 2009

Contract implementation period: 2010-2013

Budget: EU grant: 1,219,022 EUR

Contractor: Royal Institute of Technology

Beneficiaries: AZ (2), BY (2), RU (4), UA 2)

EU countries involved: PL, SE, UK

Action location: Belarus, Ukraine, Russia, Azerbaijan

**REGIONAL: Vernetzte und gestufte Aus- und Weiterbildung in Bildungsmanagement**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Tempus, Second Call for Proposals 2009

Contract implementation period: 2010-2013

Budget: EU grant: 1,259,525 EUR

Contractor: Stiftung Universitaet Hildesheim

Beneficiaries: BY (2), RU (3), UA (2)

EU countries involved: AT, DE, PL

Action location: Belarus, Ukraine, Russia

Web: <http://www.tempus.novsu.ru/>

**REGIONAL: Reform der Hochschulausbildung in der Biotechnologie: Entwicklung und Modernisierung der BSc/MSc-Lehrangebote**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Tempus, Third Call for Proposals 2010

Contract implementation period: 2011-2014

Budget: EU grant: 1,248,893.17 EUR

Contractor: D.Mendeleev University of Chemical Technology of Russia

Beneficiaries: BY (2), RU (8)

EU countries involved: CZ, DE, LT

Action location: Belarus, Russia

Web: <http://rehaut-project.org/>

**REGIONAL: Environmental Governance for Environmental Curricula**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Tempus, Third Call for Proposals 2010

Contract implementation period: 2011-2014

Budget: EU grant: 1,138,322.93 EUR

Contractor: Univerzita Komenskeho v Bratislave

Beneficiaries: BY (5), RU (3), UA (3)

EU countries involved: AT, ES, HU, NL, PL, SK

Action location: Belarus, Russia, Ukraine

Web: <http://iseu.by/index.jsp?resID=117067&lang=en>

**NATIONAL: Teacher Education and Training in Tourism in Belarus**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Tempus, Fourth Call for Proposals 2011

Contract implementation period: 2012-2015

Budget: EU grant: 990,426 EUR

Contractor: Universität Paderborn

Beneficiaries: BY (14)

EU countries involved: CZ, DE, IT, SK

Action location: Belarus

Web: <http://www.grsu.by/en/world/proekt/jph/>

**REGIONAL: Internationalization in Central Asia and the Eastern Neighbouring Area**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Tempus, Fourth Call for Proposals 2011

Contract implementation period: 2012-2015

Budget: EU grant: 825,618.34 EUR

Contractor: UNIVERSITY OF SEVILLE

Beneficiaries: BY (3), GE(3), TJ(3)

EU countries involved: BE, ES, NL, UK

Action location: Belarus, Georgia, Tajikistan

**REGIONAL: Establishing Modern Master-level Studies in Industrial Ecology**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Tempus, Fourth Call for Proposals 2011

Contract implementation period: 2012-2015

Budget: EU grant: 1,010,907.26 EUR

Contractor: Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan

Beneficiaries: AZ(3), BY(4), KZ(4), UA(3)

EU countries involved: ES, NL, SE

Action location: Belarus, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Ukraine

Web: <http://www.kth.se/en/itm/inst/industriell-ekologi/forskning/ongoing/iemast-establishing-master-level-studies-1.274466>

**ERASMUS MUNDUS – PARTNERSHIPS (ACTION 2)**

***Third Call for Proposals 2009***

**REGIONAL: Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window for Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine (Lot 7)**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Erasmus Mundus

Contract implementation period: 2009-2012

Budget: 5,299,975 EUR

Contractor: Universidad de Deusto, Spain

Beneficiaries: BY (Belarusian State University, Brest State University), MD (2), UA (6)

EU countries involved as partners: DE, FR, GR, IT, LT, NL, PL, PT + Turkey

Action location: Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova + EU

Content: For Belarus, it includes a total of around 65 mobilities at the levels of undergraduates, masters, doctorates, post-doctorates and academic staff

Contact: <http://www.relint.deusto.es/ECWLotBMU/index.html>

#### ***Fourth Call for Proposals 2010***

##### **REGIONAL: Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – Strand 1 for Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine (Lot 7)**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Erasmus Mundus

Contract implementation period: 2010-2014

Budget: 5,289,975 EUR

Contractor: Universidad de Deusto, Spain

Beneficiaries: BY (Belarusian State University, Brest State University), MD (2), UA (6)

EU countries involved as partners: DE, FR, GR, IT, LT, NL, PL, PT + Turkey

Action location: Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova + EU

Content: For Belarus, it includes a total of around 65 mobilities at the levels of undergraduates, masters, doctorates, post-doctorates and academic staff

Contact: <http://www.embmu.eu/>

#### ***Fifth Call for Proposals 2011***

##### **REGIONAL: Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – Strand 1 for Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine (Lot 8)**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Erasmus Mundus

Contract implementation period: 2012-2016

Budget: 3,349,625 EUR

Contractor: University of Turku, Finland

Beneficiaries: BY (Belarusian State University, Brest State University, Grodno State University), MD (2), UA (6)

EU countries involved as partners: ES, DE, FR, GR, IT, LT, NL, PL, PT

Action location: Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova + EU

Content: For Belarus, it includes a total of around 60 mobilities at the levels of undergraduates, masters, doctorates, post-doctorates and academic staff

Contact: <http://www.utu.fi/bmu-mid>

##### **REGIONAL: Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – Strand 1 for Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine (Lot 8)**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Erasmus Mundus

Contract implementation period: 2012-2015

Budget: 3,349,975 EUR

Contractor: Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania

Beneficiaries: BY (Grodno State University, Belarusian National Technical University), MD (3), UA (4)

EU countries involved as partners: AT, BE, FR, DE, NL, PL, ES

Action location: Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova + EU

Content: For Belarus, it includes a total of around 50 mobilities at the levels of undergraduates, masters, doctorates, post-doctorates and academic staff

Contact: <http://www.emerge.uaic.ro/>

##### **REGIONAL: Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – Strand 1 for Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine (Lot 8) Erasmus Mundus Partnership for Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova (EMP-AIM)**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Erasmus Mundus

Contract implementation period: 2012-2015

Budget: 2,934,025 EUR

Contractor: Mykolo Romerio University, Lithuania

Beneficiaries: BY (Grodno State University, Belarusian State Economic University), MD (3), UA (4)

EU countries involved as partners: AT, HU, IT, LV, SK, ES, UK

Action location: Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova + EU

Content: For Belarus, it includes a total of 40 mobilities at the levels of undergraduates, masters, doctorates, post-doctorates and academic staff

Contact: <http://emp-aim.mruni.eu>

**REGIONAL: Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – Strand 1 for Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine (Lot 8) East-West European Network on Higher Technical Education (EWENT)**

Financing source: ENPI Inter-Regional, Erasmus Mundus

Contract implementation period: 2012-2015

Budget: 3,299,800 EUR

Contractor: Warsaw University of Technology, Poland

Beneficiaries: BY (Belarusian National Technical University, Brest State Technical University), MD (1), UA (7)

EU countries involved as partners: FR, CZ, IE, ES, IT, HU

Action location: Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova + EU

Content: For Belarus, it includes a total of 30 mobilities at the levels of undergraduates, masters, doctorates, post-doctorates and academic staff

Contact: <http://ewent.meil.pw.edu.pl/>

**ERASMUS MUNDUS – INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MASTER'S COURSES AND DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES (ACTION 1)**

- No Belarusian universities are involved in Erasmus Mundus Master's Courses or Doctoral Programmes.

- Individual scholarships for Belarusians under Action 1 Master's Courses and Doctoral Programmes:

Year	Master's Students	Scholars in Masters courses	Doctoral Candidates
2007	5	0	NA*
2008	9	2	NA*
2009	5	2	NA*
2010	6	NA**	0
2011	4	NA**	0

\* First selection of doctoral candidates made

for 2010-2011 academic year.

\*\* Nationality of scholars from 2010 only known after submission of final reports from late 2011 onwards.

**EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION**

**REGIONAL: Lifelong Learning in Eastern Europe**

Financing source:

Contract implementation period: 2011-2013

Budget:

Contractor: European Training Foundation

Beneficiaries: Eastern Partnership countries + Russia

Action location: Eastern Partnership countries + Russia

Content: The project aims to improve training, retraining and skill upgrading of workers and unemployed; broaden possibilities of non-academic education after the secondary school; make qualification that people obtain in education and training more transparent. The ETF will design methods and tools for mutual learning activities, and will provide necessary expertise. It will organise network meetings and support visits, where partners will learn from each other.

# Science, Technology, Information Society

## Summary:

**Framework Programme 7** is the main instrument of cooperation between the EU and Belarus in the field of research. 13 projects with a total budget of around EUR 1.66 million for Belarus are currently ongoing. Most projects are in the field of Information and Communication Technologies as well as Health, Nanotechnologies, Capacity Building and Research Infrastructure. Opportunities for individual research mobility are provided by Marie Curie Actions under FP7.



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## INITIATIVES

**Eastern Partnership:** Thematic platform on Contacts between people in the field of research is aimed to integrate partners more actively into the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Development.

**Eastern Partnership:** Thematic platform on *Contacts between people* in the field of Information society and media aims:

- To foster cooperation among the partners' regulatory authorities for electronic communications as well as between them and the regulators of the EU Member States.
- To promote cooperation between the partners' and the EU Member States' authorities in charge of the development of the Information Society, including the widespread use of ICT by citizens, business and the public sector.

## UNDER PREPARATION

The FP7 work programmes for 2012 were adopted by the Commission on the 19 July and a major series of calls were published on the 20 July 2011. The main focus of the calls is the integration of research with innovation to tackle societal challenges and create sustainable jobs and growth by giving Europe a lead in the key technology markets of the future. All of the calls are open for the participation of non-European researchers and/or research organisations working alongside their EU counterparts. In order to highlight this international dimension and to assist researchers from international partner countries/regions, a series of powerpoint presentations are now available for more information on the Europa website at

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm?pg=international\\_dimension\\_2012wp](http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm?pg=international_dimension_2012wp).

These slides cover all major international partner countries and/or regions - including the Eastern Partnership countries - and set out the international dimension of the work programme, aiming to provide researchers working in non-EU countries with a brief overview of the content of the 2012 work programme and the current calls, highlighting some specific topics in the calls which may be of particular interest.

More information on opportunities for researchers is also available at the following link:

[http://cordis.europa.eu/eu-funding-guide/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/eu-funding-guide/home_en.html)

## CURRENT PROJECTS

### **Framework Programme 7**

Belarus is eligible to participate in the EU's **R&D Framework Programme 7**, and successful applicants from Belarus may therefore receive funding in the same way as EU organisations. Thematic National Contact Points of Belarus under FP7 is available at [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/third-countries\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/third-countries_en.html). Belarus' National Information Point under FP7 is available under <http://fp7-nip.org.by>. 13 projects with a total budget of around EUR 1.66 million for Belarus are currently active (see details below). Search tool for FP7 projects: [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/projects\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/projects_en.html)

**REGIONAL: INCONET EECA – International Cooperation Network for Eastern European and Central Asian Countries (212226)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2008-2012

Budget: Total: 4,020,797 EUR (including for Belarus 101,361 EUR)

Contractor: International Centre for Black Sea Studies - ICBSS - in Greece

Beneficiaries: Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of Scientific and Technical Sphere

Action location: Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Content: Activities of International Cooperation. The aim of the project is to support and facilitate a bi-regional EU – EECA S&T policy dialogue and, in the case of Russia and the Ukraine, a complementary bilateral S&T policy dialogue involving stakeholders from policy making, science community and industry. The dialogue will address national S&T potential, policy goals and demands in order to define common priorities and to develop respective joint scenarios and implementation strategies in order to strengthen the S&T cooperation. During this project, three S&T Policy Dialogue Platforms will be established and supported through the creation of a knowledge base and a variety of other concrete activities. [www.inco-eecca.net](http://www.inco-eecca.net), [www.increast.eu](http://www.increast.eu)

**REGIONAL: MAGISTER - Magnetic Scaffolds for in vivo Tissue Engineering (214685)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2008-2012

Budget: Total: 11,085,124 EUR (including for Belarus 377,326 EUR)

Contractor: Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Italy

Beneficiaries: Belarusian State Medical University

Action location: 11 EU and non-EU countries

Content: Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies. MAGISTER is a frontier research project aiming to develop new conceptually type of Magnetic Scaffolds (MagS) for tissue regeneration and orthopaedic surgery. [www.magister-project.eu](http://www.magister-project.eu)

**REGIONAL: HITT-2008 - Health in times of transition: Trends in population health and health policies in CIS countries (223344)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2009-2013

Budget: Total: 3,347,920 EUR (including for Belarus 92,320 EUR)

Contractor: Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna, Austria

Beneficiaries: State Institute of Management and Social Technologies of Belarusian State University

Action location:

Content: Health. To understand long-term trends of population health as a consequence of socio-economic transitions, with a focus on lifestyle-related issues. Overview: A unique team with extensive expertise in health effects of transition will generate new knowledge on health determinants in 11 CIS countries: Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. It employs a model of health determinants acting at individual and societal level, with distal and proximal influences on health. It focuses on alcohol, tobacco, diet, and health care, each linked to diseases specified in the call. [www.hitt-cis.net](http://www.hitt-cis.net)

**REGIONAL: EGI-INSPIRE - European Grid Initiative: Integrated Sustainable Pan-European Infrastructure for Researchers in Europe (261323)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2010-2014

Budget: Total: 72,203,367 EUR (including for Belarus 99,840 EUR)

Contractor: Stichting European Grid Initiative, Netherlands

Beneficiaries: United Institute of Informatics Problems of National Academy of Sciences of Belarus

Action location:

Content: Research Infrastructures. Scientific research is no longer conducted within national boundaries and is becoming increasingly dependent on the large-scale analysis of data, generated from instruments or computer

simulations housed in trans-national facilities, by using e-Infrastructure (distributed computing and storage resources linked by high-performance networks). The 48 month EGI-InSPIRE project will continue the transition to a sustainable pan-European e-Infrastructure started in EGEE-III. It will sustain support for Grids of high-performance and high-throughput computing resources, while seeking to integrate new Distributed Computing Infrastructures (DCIs), i.e. Clouds, SuperComputing, Desktop Grids, etc., as they are required by the European user community. It will establish a central coordinating organisation, EGI.eu, and support the staff throughout Europe necessary to integrate and interoperate individual national grid infrastructures. <http://www.egi.eu/projects/egi-inspire/>

**REGIONAL: BY-NANOERA - Institutional Development of Applied Nanoelectromagnetics: Belarus in ERA Widening (266529)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2010-2013

Budget: Total: 422,454 EUR (including for Belarus 282,294 EUR)

Contractor: Belarusian State University, Belarus

Beneficiaries: Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of Scientific and Technical Sphere (15,576 EUR), Belarusian State University (200,994 EUR) and Belarusian National Technical University (65,724 EUR)

Action location: Belarus

Content: Activities of International Cooperation. The project aims at reinforcing RTD and cooperation capacities of the Institute for Nuclear Problems of Belarusian State University in the area of applied nanoelectromagnetics. This new research discipline comprising the classical electrodynamics of microwaves and present-day concepts of condensed matter physics is covered by the FP7 Theme 4 'Nano-sciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies NMP'. <http://www.nano.bsu.by/en/projects/by-nanoera>

**REGIONAL: IDEALIST2014 (288598)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2011-2014

Budget: Total: 4,780,000 EUR (including for Belarus 46,512 EUR)

Contractor: German Aerospace Center - Project Management Agency

Beneficiaries: Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of Scientific and Technical Sphere

Action location:

Content: Information and Communication Technologies. The main objective of Idealist2014 is reinforcing the network of National Contact Points (NCP) for ICT under FP7, by promoting further trans-national cooperation within this network. This cooperation will not be reduced to only ICT NCPs but also a degree of collaboration and networking with similar networks in parallel themes (Security, SSH, ENV, Transport, Energy, Health, etc) especially in the context of joint/coordinated or PPP calls will be covered. Special focus is put on helping less experienced NCPs from Member States (MS) and Associated States (AS) to access the know-how accumulated in other countries and to apply it in a locally relevant and efficient manner. <http://www.ideal-ist.net/>

**REGIONAL: EUROCOORD - European Network of HIV/AIDS Cohort Studies to Coordinate at European and International Level Clinical Research on HIV/AIDS (260694)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2011-2015

Budget: Total: 15,970,000 EUR (including for Belarus 36,678 EUR)

Contractor: Medical Research Council, UK

Beneficiaries: Belarusian State Medical University

Action location:

Content: Health. Over the past 15 years, EU-funded cohorts and collaborations (EuroSIDA, CASCADE and PENTA), have played a central role in developing the understanding of HIV progression and the effects of ART, enabling European expertise to contribute directly to the advances in patient diagnosis and management worldwide, and providing a continued surveillance mechanism for detection of emerging problems at a European level. EuroCoord is intended to mobilise European HIV cohort research, bringing it within one truly

pan-European network of cohort studies with a strong and increasing presence in the Central- and Eastern European region. <http://www.eurocoord.net/>

**REGIONAL: ACTRIS - Aerosols, Clouds, and Trace gases Research Infrastructure Network (262254)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2011-2015

Budget: Total: 11,540,000 EUR (including for Belarus 109,594 EUR)

Contractor: Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Italy

Beneficiaries: B.I. Stepanov Institute of Physics of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus

Action location:

Content: ACTRIS is a coordinated network that contributes to: providing long-term observational data relevant to climate and air quality research produced with standardized or comparable procedures; supporting transnational access to large infrastructures strengthening collaboration in and outside the EU and access to high quality information and services to the user communities; developing new integration tools to fully exploit the use of atmospheric techniques at ground-based stations, in particular for the calibration/validation/integration of satellite sensors and for the improvement of global and regional-scale climate and air quality models.

<http://www.actris.net/>

**REGIONAL: SIDARIUS - Sea Ice Downstream Services for Arctic and Antarctic Users and Stakeholders (262922)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2011-2013

Budget: Total: 3,470,000 EUR (including for Belarus 120,000 EUR)

Contractor: Stiftelsen Nansen Senter for Fjernmaaling, Norway

Beneficiaries: B.I. Stepanov Institute of Physics of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus

Action location:

Content: The overall objective of SIDARUS is to develop and implement a set of sea ice downstream services in the area of climate research, marine safety and environmental monitoring. SIDARUS will extend the present GMES services with new satellite-derived sea ice products, ice forecasting from regional models and validation of sea ice products using non-satellite data. The demand for improved sea ice information in the Arctic and Antarctic by many user groups is growing as a result of climate change and its impact on environment and human activities.

**REGIONAL: NET4SOCIETY2 - Trans-national co-operation among National Contact Points for Socio-economic sciences and the Humanities (263924)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2011-2013

Budget: Total: 2,220,000 EUR (including for Belarus 9,690 EUR)

Contractor: German Aerospace Centre - Project Management Agency

Beneficiaries: Belarusian State University

Action location: 60 National Contact Points in EU and non-EU countries

Content: Socio-economic sciences and Humanities. A strong and efficient Network of National Contact Points (NCPs) is not only elementary to the success of the Socioeconomic Sciences and the Humanities (SSH) Programme of the FP7 but also to the realization of the European Research Area. The trans-national SSH NCP cooperation project NET4SOCIETY2 strives to increase the awareness for and the visibility of the SSH Programme and its new approach while endorsing a strong NCP network dedicated to increasing the professionalism of its members. [www.net4society.eu](http://www.net4society.eu)

**REGIONAL: MARTEC II - ERA-NET MARitime TEChnologies II (266111)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2011-2014

Budget: Total: 2,280,000 EUR (including for Belarus 30,000 EUR)

Contractor: Forschungszentrum Juelich GmbH, Germany

Beneficiaries: National Academy of Sciences of Belarus

Action location:

Content: An ERA-NET on maritime technologies (MARTEC) began with 12 ministries and funding organisations from 9 European countries in 2006. MARTEC II will: Broaden the geographical scope through the inclusion of new countries. Intensify cooperation by launching calls and joint programmes. Strengthen the dissemination of waterborne research results throughout Europe. The structuring of maritime research will be better coordinated through a programme database and research mapping. There will be information exchange and stronger cooperation between MARTEC and WATERBORNETP, other ERA-NETs (e.g. TRANSPORT II) as well as other initiatives, such as the network SURSHIP, which is essential for future activities. MARTEC will also establish future structures for a sustainable network. <http://www.martec-era.net/>

**REGIONAL**: PICTURE «Policy dialogue in ICT to an Upper level for Reinforced EU-EECA Cooperation»

Web:

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=PROJ\\_ICT&ACTION=D&DOC=485&CAT=PROJ&QUERY=01271455d88f:9ebd:4dffa915&RCN=101533](http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=PROJ_ICT&ACTION=D&DOC=485&CAT=PROJ&QUERY=01271455d88f:9ebd:4dffa915&RCN=101533)

**REGIONAL**: BELERA “Reinforcing carbon nanotubes and photonics research cooperation between the Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radioelectronics and the European Research Area”

Web:

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=FP7\\_PROJ\\_EN&ACTION=D&DOC=19&CAT=PROJ&QUERY=0133e6238f23:4afb:21a11306&RCN=101276](http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=FP7_PROJ_EN&ACTION=D&DOC=19&CAT=PROJ&QUERY=0133e6238f23:4afb:21a11306&RCN=101276)

## **MARIE CURIE ACTIONS**

Marie Curie Action of the 7th Research Framework Programme – International Research Staff Exchange Scheme – is a new scheme launched on 30 November 2007. It will open the benefits of the Marie Curie approach to staff working in research organisations in all of the 29 countries either with which the EU has a Science and Technology Agreement or which are part of the European Neighbourhood Policy, including Belarus. Exchanges of this type will help to increase international participation in the FP7. More details about the Actions are available via the network of National Contact Points ([http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp_en.html)) and from the European Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>).

Seven Belarusian research organizations are currently involved in Maries Curie Actions, receiving a total of €220,000. These actions are mostly International Research Staff Exchange Scheme grants (swapping staff between research organizations in the EU and third countries).

## **ISTC PROGRAMMES**

The ISTC is an inter-governmental non-profit organisation established in 1992 by an international Agreement. Created after the collapse of the former Soviet Union, its main purpose is to give Russian and other CIS' scientists and engineers that possess knowledge and skills related to weapon of mass destruction or missile delivery systems, opportunities to redirect their talents to peaceful and prosperous research activities. The European Community (EC) and the European Atomic Energy Community, acting as one Party, signed the Agreement establishing the Centre and the EC has contributed to its financing.

According to the Council regulations governing the Communities' participation in the Centre, the EU Council Presidency and the Commission each appoint one representative to serve as Board Member (for the Commission: Research DG - Deputy Director General, Ms Anneli Pauli).

Support to ISTC is funded through the Instrument for Stability and managed by DG RTD.

Belarus receives funding from the Stability Instrument through ISTC (International Science and Technology Center). Out of 17 million dedicated to the reconversion of military research activities to civil ones, Commission finances/financed 11 million: for instance conversion of military explosions know-how to explosion technology in mine industry, conversion of military bacterial research to civil one, idem in chemistry/health; this can include topping-up of salaries for scientists.

## PAST PROJECTS

### **REGIONAL: NET4SOCIETY - Transnational Co-operation among National Contact Points for Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities (217152)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2008-2011

Budget: Total: 3,075,815 EUR (including for Belarus 27,844 EUR)

Contractor: German Aerospace Center - Project Management Agency

Beneficiaries: Belarusian State University

Action location: 60 National Contact Points in EU and non-EU countries

Content: Socio-economic sciences and Humanities. NET4SOCIETY is the international network of National Contact Points for Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in the 7th European Framework Programme (FP7). National Contact Points (NCPs) are set up to guide researchers in their quest for securing EU funding.

[www.net4society.eu](http://www.net4society.eu)

### **REGIONAL: ENRI-EAST - Interplay of European, National and Regional Identities: Nations between States along the New Eastern Borders of the European Union (217227)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2008-2011

Budget: Total: 1,722,969 EUR (including for Belarus 53,760 EUR)

Contractor: Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna, Austria

Beneficiaries: Belarusian State University

Action location: 11 partners from 8 EU countries as well as 3 partners from CIS countries (RU, UA, BY)

Content: Socio-economic sciences and Humanities. ENRI-East is an international research effort undertaken by a network of eleven teams embracing more than 50 scientists from ten EU and CIS countries, working closely together to acquire new knowledge and achieve a deeper understanding of the interplay of European, national and regional identities evolving along the new eastern borders of the European Union. [www.enri-east.net](http://www.enri-east.net)

### **REGIONAL: EECALINK - Promotion and facilitation of international cooperation with Eastern European and Central Asian Countries (223359)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2008-2010

Budget: Total: 679,125 EUR (including for Belarus 19,561 EUR)

Contractor: Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

Beneficiaries: Institute of Biophysics and Cell Engineering, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus

Action location:

Content: Health. The EECALink is a coordination action aimed at identification of joint research priorities of the EU and EECA countries and strengthening scientific collaboration among them in the field of public health. The consortium gathers partners from: Armenia, Belarus, Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan. [www.eecalink.eu](http://www.eecalink.eu)

### **REGIONAL: BALTICGRID-II (223807)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2008-2010

Budget: Total: 3,344,777 EUR (including for Belarus 338,016 EUR)

Contractor: Kungliga Tekniska Hogskolan, Sweden

Beneficiaries: Belarusian National Technical University (155,488 EUR), United Institute of Informatics Problems of National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (182,528 EUR)

Action location:

Content: Research Infrastructures. The Baltic Grid Second Phase (BalticGrid-II) project is designed to increase the impact, adoption and reach, and to further improve the support of services and users of the recently created e-Infrastructure in the Baltic States. This will be achieved by an extension of the BalticGrid infrastructure to Belarus; interoperation of the gLite-based infrastructure with UNICORE and ARC based Grid resources in the

region; identifying and addressing the specific needs of new scientific communities such as nano-science and engineering sciences; and by establishing new Grid services for linguistic research, Baltic Sea environmental research, data mining tools for communication modelling and bioinformatics.

**REGIONAL: EXTEND - Extending ICT research co-operation between the European Union, Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus (231137)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2009-2011

Budget: Total: 1,028,331 EUR (including for Belarus 65,510 EUR)

Contractor: PLANET S.A, Greece

Beneficiaries: Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of Scientific and Technical Sphere

Action location:

Content: Information and Communication Technologies. It aims to support the ICT research communities in the Eastern European and Southern Caucasus countries by identifying suitable ICT research actors per country, training them on the procedural aspects of FP7 and providing assistance in developing networks with ICT research actors across Europe. A second key component of EXTEND is that it addresses the need for well-defined future research priorities that will enhance S&T co-operation between the EU and EESC countries. This project will identify the ICT research priorities of the target countries and will result in recommendations for closer co-operation between the EU, Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus. The project will mainly focus its activities on 4 countries, i.e. Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova. [www.extend-ict.eu](http://www.extend-ict.eu)

**REGIONAL: SCUBE-ICT - Strategic cooperation between Ukraine, Belarus and EU in information and communication technologies (231148)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2009-2010

Budget: Total: 777,002 EUR (including for Belarus 138,318 EUR)

Contractor: International Environment and Quality Services North Greece Ltd

Beneficiaries: Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of Scientific and Technical Sphere (58,318 EUR), Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radioelectronics (40,000 EUR), United Institute of Informatics Problems of National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (40,000 EUR)

Action location: EU, Belarus and Ukraine

Content: Information and Communication Technologies. EU, Belarus and Ukraine face common ICT R&D opportunities and challenges that create a favourable environment for strategic collaboration. The main aim of SCUBE-ICT is to increase co-operation between ICT researchers from the three regions. [www.scube-ict.eu](http://www.scube-ict.eu)

**REGIONAL: IDEALIST2011 (231367)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2008-2011

Budget: Total: 3,758,617 EUR (including for Belarus 17,731 EUR)

Contractor: German Aerospace Center - Project Management Agency

Beneficiaries: Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of Scientific and Technical Sphere

Action location:

Content: Information and Communication Technologies. The main objective of Idealist2011 is reinforcing the network of National Contact Points (NCP) for ICT under FP7, by promoting further trans-national cooperation within this network. This cooperation will not be reduced to only ICT NCPs but also a degree of collaboration and networking with similar networks in parallel themes (Security, SSH, ENV, Transport, Energy, Health,... etc) especially in the context of joint/coordinated calls will be covered. Special focus is put on helping less experienced NCPs from Member States (MS) and Associated States (AS) to access the know-how accumulated in other countries and to apply it in a locally relevant and efficient manner. <http://www.ideal-ist.net/>

**REGIONAL: ISTOK-SOYUZ – Information Society Technologies to Open Knowledge for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (231665)**

Financing source: FP7

Contract implementation period: 2009-2011

Budget: Total: 1,191,793 EUR (including for Belarus 41,880 EUR)

Contractor: INNO AG, Germany

Beneficiaries: Innovation Association Akademtechnopark

Action location:

Content: Information and Communication Technologies. The ISTOK-SOYUZ project, based on the sound outcomes and lessons learnt of the ISTOK.Ru project [www.istok-ru.eu](http://www.istok-ru.eu) implemented in Russia in 2006-2008, will expand the ISTOK experience to the Eastern Europe & Central Asia countries, identifying and promoting visibility of mutual RTD potential and collaboration opportunities. [www.istok-soyuz.eu](http://www.istok-soyuz.eu)

## PART 2 – SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC MODERNIZATION

### Agriculture

**Summary:** At present the EU actions in the field of agriculture are limited to official consultations between the Ministry of food and agriculture of Belarus and DG AGRI and DG SANCO aiming at harmonisation of the Belarusian veterinary and food legislation in order to allow the export of the Belarusian agricultural products to the EU. The convergence of the Belarusian and European legislation in the field of quality of animal products is the main condition for open access of the Belarusian foodstuffs to the EU market.

The only past project focusing on agriculture is the **Strengthening Smallholder's agricultural activities on radioactive contaminated lands of the Bragin district** realized in the framework of the **CORE Program**

“Cooperation for Rehabilitation of living conditions in Chernobyl affected areas in Belarus”.

Some of the agriculture related projects are also realized within the NSA/LA instrument like the project **Territorial Approach for Village Development** (€ 247 927) implemented by the International Foundation for Rural Development (BY) which provide information support in agriculture technologies for rural entrepreneurs.



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### INITIATIVES

**AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT:** First round of talks took place in Minsk on 2.12.09 (DG AGRI - Agriculture and rural development and DG SANCO – Health and Consumer Protection).

### UNDER PREPARATION

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### CURRENT PROJECTS

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### PAST PROJECTS

**NATIONAL: Strengthening Smallholder's agricultural activities on radioactive contaminated lands of the Bragin district**

Financing source: TACIS – TACIS 2003 / 004-943

Contract implementation period: 09/08/2005 - 09/08/2007

Budget: 95,856.00 EUR (EU contribution 58,496.00)

Contractor: L'EPANOUISSEMENT ET LE RENOUVEAU DE LA TERRE

Beneficiaries: rural producers, local communities and authorities of Bragin District

Action location: Bragin district, Gomel region

Content: The aim of the project is to create gradually, together with public and private, local, national and international participants, the conditions and means for the sustainable and profound development of territorial processes in which the rural population will improve its living conditions through the development of private agricultural activities. It will be achieved through technical, informational and methodological support to rural producers' local initiatives for improving potato, vegetable, milk and meat productions in accordance with

radiological and economic criteria. The project is planned to be implemented during two years in five villages of the Bragin district, with the participation of 150 rural families. The participants will be proposed to estimate on small private experimental plots the efficiency of various innovative agricultural techniques, opening perspectives for their use in the future. Throughout the project, support given to the participants' initiatives (individual or common) will progressively build and strengthen the rural population's role and participation in local development strategies.

# Energy

## Summary:

Energy sector is an important field of the EU-Belarus cooperation. Cooperation takes place in both bilateral and regional dimensions as well as through regular sector dialogue. The biggest bilateral on-going project (AAP 2007, 5 m EUR) aims at supporting the Ministry of Energy in terms of electricity sector reforms, tariff reforms and restructuring, and the Department of Energy Efficiency of the State Committee on Standardisation – in terms of norms and standards in energy efficiency. The project also provides assistance in implementation of pilot projects, one of which is a biogas installation and the other is the modernisation of a boarding school for improved energy consumption.



Regional cooperation is developing through INOGATE programme, which is an international energy co-operation programme between the European Union and the Partner Countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. They have agreed to work together toward achieving the following four major objectives: 1) Converging energy markets on the basis of the principles of the EU internal energy market taking into account the particularities of the involved countries; 2) Enhancing energy security by addressing the issues of energy exports/imports, supply diversification, energy transit and energy demand; 3) Supporting sustainable energy development, including the development of energy efficiency, renewable energy and demand side management; 4) Attracting investment towards energy projects of common and regional interest. Belarus takes part in almost all INOGATE projects which do not supply equipment, etc. but assist country's policymakers through increasing their skills, capacity building, transfer of knowledge and best regulatory practices in energy sector.

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## INITIATIVES

\* Last round of consultations took place in Minsk on 15 September 2011.

\* Declaration on cooperation between the European Commission and the Republic of Belarus in the field of energy (was signed on 22.6.09 during the visit of Mrs Benita Ferrero-Waldner in Minsk)

\* Declaration of intention to pursue EU-Belarus dialogue on crucial energy questions of mutual interest. It will have formal value when signed by both parties.

### EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

Thematic platform on **Energy security aims at:**

- Enhancing framework conditions and solidarity
- Support for infrastructure development, interconnection and diversification of supply
- Harmonisation of energy policies.

### **Flagship Initiative - Regional electricity markets, improved energy efficiency and increased use of renewable energy sources**

An integrated and interconnected regional electricity market in and with EaP countries will bring greater energy security for the partners and the EU. In addition, both the partners and the EU have a substantial potential to increase efficiency of energy production, transmission and use (in the area of buildings, transport and industry). There are also great opportunities for enhancing the use of indigenous renewable energy sources. However, an appropriate regulatory framework and financing mechanisms need to be developed to realise these opportunities. Work under this initiative will take into account the existing acquis in this area and will include support provided through programmes such as the Intelligent Energy Europe and INOGATE.

Focusing on these issues will enhance the security of electricity supply, bring environmental benefits and decrease the need for energy imports, thus improving energy security and reducing the import bill.

## CURRENT PROJECTS

### **NATIONAL: "Support to the Implementation of a Comprehensive Energy Policy for the Republic of Belarus".**

Financial source: ENPI/2007/018-784

Contract implementation period: 01/01/2011 – 31/12/2012

Budget: 5.000.000

Contractor: KEMA&SOFRICO consortium

Beneficiaries: Ministry of energy, Energy Efficiency Department, Ministry of economy.

Action location: Belarus.

Content: policy advice on electricity sector reforms, energy efficiency norms and standards, promotion of renewable energy sources use.

### **REGIONAL: "INOGATE Technical Secretariat and Integrated Programme in Support of the Baku Initiative and the Eastern Partnership Energy Objectives**

Financial source: ENPI-East Regional Action Plan 2010 (CRIS: ENPI/2011/22823)

Contract implementation period: 2012-2015

Budget: 17.000.000 EUR

Contractor:

Beneficiaries: Ministry of energy, Energy Efficiency Department, Ministry of economy.

Action location: INOGATE countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan).

Content: to enhance the role of the INOGATE Technical Secretariat by integrating its traditional duties of communication and coordination of the INOGATE Programme with technical advisory activities previously implemented under separate contracts, in the fields of: horizontal management and communication; convergence of energy markets; efficiency of energy supply infrastructures; sustainable energy institutional governance; enhanced use and harmonisation of energy statistics.

### **REGIONAL: "Supporting participation of Eastern European and Central Asian Cities in the Covenant of Mayors (CoMEast)"**

Financial source: ENPI/2011/ 265-434

Contract implementation period: September 2011-2013

Budget: 2.150.000

Contractor: Consortium led by Energy-Cities and composed of Climate Alliance, Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine, NL Agency and the Central Asia Regional Environment Centre

Beneficiaries: local authorities.

Action location: INOGATE countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan); and the Russian Federation

Content: to support local authorities in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to reduce their dependency on fossil fuels, to improve security of their energy supply, and to allow them to contribute more actively to climate change mitigation (20-20-20 goal).

### **REGIONAL: "Energy saving initiative in the building sector in the EE and CA countries (ESIB)" (INOGATE).**

Financial source: ENPI-East and Central Asian countries, RAP 2008

Contract implementation period: 01/2010 – 12/2013

Budget: 4.449.650

Contractor: SOFRECO

Beneficiaries: Ministry of energy, Energy Efficiency Department, Ministry of economy

Action location: INOGATE countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan).

Content: Convergence of energy markets on the basis of the EU internal energy market principles, taking into account the particularities of the countries involved; Supporting sustainable energy development, including the development of energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and demand side management.

**Regional: "The Baltic Sea Region Bioenergy Promotion Project"**

Financing source: **Baltic Sea Region** ENPI CBC Baltic Region Programme 2008

Contract implementation period: 25/10/2008 – 24/01/2013

Budget: 5.062.910

Contractor: Swedish Energy Agency

Belarusian partners and budget per partner in EUR: Volkovisk Forestry Enterprise (24.200), Ministry of Forestry, Belarus (98.000)

Content: There are two key issues for the region: A) there are huge biomaterial resources and only a fraction utilised so far and B) there is an increasing interest for the resources, and as they are (after all) limited, the use has to be sustainable and the competition between the use for Food, Fibre and Fuel has to be balanced. The project aims at strengthening the development towards a sustainable, competitive and territorially integrated Baltic Sea Region in the field of sustainable use of bio-energy.

**Regional: Energy Efficient and Integrated Urban Development Action**

Financing source: ENPI CBC Baltic Region Programme 2008

Contractor: German Association for Housing, Urban and Spatial Development

Belarusian partners and budget per partner in EUR: Grodno Oblast Executive Committee, Housing Department: 200.000

Budget: 3.768.840

Duration: 25/10/2008 – 24/01/2013

Content: The European housing stock is a major contributor to energy waste and CO2 emissions. At the same time the refurbishment rate in the new EU member states still is extremely low and sustainable urban development concepts are barely addressed, neither in local, nor regional or national policies in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR). The project Urb.Energy addresses these issues and aims at the elaboration and partly implementation of transferable integrated concepts and strategies for the sustainable and holistic rehabilitation of residential areas in the BSR.

## **PAST PROJECTS**

**REGIONAL: "Support to Energy Market Integration and Sustainable Energy in the NIS countries (SEMISE)" (INOGATE)**

Financial source: ENPI-East RAP 2007 and the INOGATE Programme, contract number 2008/163-877

Contract implementation period: 19/01/2009 – 19/01/2012

Budget: 5.670.000

Contractor: Ramboll

Beneficiaries: Ministry of energy, Energy Efficiency Department, Ministry of economy

Action location: INOGATE countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan).

Content: Convergence of energy markets on the basis of the EU internal energy market principles, taking into account the particularities of the countries involved; Supporting sustainable energy development, including the development of energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and demand side management.

**REGIONAL: "Capacity building for sustainable energy regulation in Eastern Europe and Central Asia" (INOGATE)**

Financial source: TACIS RAP 2008 - ID number: EuropeAid/125 228/C/SER/Multi

Contract implementation period: March 2010 – December 2011

Budget: 505.856

Contractor: ERRA

Beneficiaries: Ministry of energy, Energy Efficiency Department, Ministry of economy

Action location: INOGATE countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan).

Content: to promote and advocate good and sound energy regulatory practices with special emphasis on strengthening energy efficiency measures, the use of renewable energy resources and district heating in Partner Countries of INOGATE.

**REGIONAL: "Harmonisation of electricity standards" (INOGATE)**

Financial source: TACIS RAP 2006 - ID number: EuropeAid/125 228/C/SER/Multi

Contract implementation period: 16/09/2009 – 15/03/2011

Budget: 1.482.500

Contractor: CEN-BSI

Beneficiaries: Ministry of energy, Energy Efficiency Department

Action location: INOGATE countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan).

Content: to contribute to support the countries' uptake of international standards, rules and practices, particularly focusing on equipment standards in the electricity sector.

**REGIONAL: "Safety and security of main gas transit infrastructure in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus"**

Financial source: TACIS RAP 2005, CRIS Contract 122-857

Contract implementation period:

Budget: 999.999

Contractor: SWECO

Beneficiaries: Ministry of energy, Energy Efficiency Department, Ministry of economy

Action location: INOGATE countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan).

Content: A) Analyse and validate the main causes of supply disruption on main transit lines, including the annual number of incidents and accidents per segment and provide a base estimate of total gas vented by country;

B) Implement general and specific computerised intervention, maintenance and monitoring schemes, highlighting priority areas;

C) Establishment of an effective management pilot system ("excellence system") addressing gas pipeline operational and technical management, including line safety and creation of a control centre, replicable elsewhere;

D) Provide training of key beneficiary personnel on one or more pipeline segments of a "excellence system", encompassing also infrastructure interoperability protocols and sharing.

**REGIONAL: "Development of Maintenance Excellence in NIS Gas Companies" (INOGATE)**

Financial source: TACIS Regional Action Programme 2003

Contract implementation period:

Budget: 1.460.000

Contractor: Fichtner

Beneficiaries: Beltransgas

Action location: INOGATE countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan).

Content: To support the modernization of maintenance policies and practices in the gas Companies of the participating NIS countries, according to EU best practices, by facilitating the introduction of international standards and practices in maintaining gas transportation systems, taking into account environmental and safety concerns.

**REGIONAL: "Harmonisation of gas and oil technical standards and practices in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus" (INOGATE)**

Financial source: TACIS 2005 RAP, CRIS contract 122-856

Contract implementation period:

Budget: 2.930.500

Contractor: Fichtner-SWECO

Beneficiaries: the Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Economy

Action location: INOGATE countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan).

Content: to support the beneficiary countries' uptake of international standards, rules and practices for design, construction, manufacturing, testing, certification, accreditation, operation, storage and maintenance applied to all components of gas and oil production/ transmission/ storage.

**REGIONAL: "Capacity-building for Energy Regulators in Eastern Europe and Central Asia"**

Financial source: ENPI EAST 2007

Contract implementation period: 01/2009 - 07/2010

Budget: 330.000 EUR

Contractor: ERRA

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Energy, Energy Regulators, Ministry of Economy

Action location: INOGATE countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan).

Content: To promote and advocate good and sound energy regulatory practices in the Partner Countries of the INOGATE Programme and to harmonise energy regulatory practices among them, as well as transfer of EU best practices and the strengthening of cooperation among the countries involved.

# Environment & Sustainable Development

## Summary:

The environment is one of the three pillars of sustainable development together with economic and social development. The EU's interest in Belarus in this field deals with environmental issues of international and trans-boundary importance, namely upgrading of management in internationally shared river basins; better managing waste generated by human activity; and protection of the biodiversity on its territory.



Belarus has a number of bilateral environmental projects aimed at the institutional support of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection and its bodies as well as at assisting Belarus in better access to European legislation, norms, adoption of international conventions, etc. The practical goals are in the areas of eco-tourism (creating additional jobs and touristic attractiveness of the country), waste management, protection and improvement of biodiversity, etc. Due to common environmental tasks and challenges, the level of bilateral cooperation is increasing from 3 m EUR per project in the past to 15 m EUR in the nearest future (AAP 2012).

Besides bilateral cooperation, Belarus takes an active role in regional cooperation. Among common problems which regional projects are supposed to solve are as follows: climate change mitigation, improved and protected biodiversity, shared informational system, common legislation and adoption of the EU conventions, cleaner water and air.

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## INITIATIVES

Expert talks: Fifth round of consultations is scheduled for October 2011 in Brussels.

\* **Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership** ([www.ndep.org](http://www.ndep.org)): The NDEP is a result-focused initiative responding to calls from the international community - including **Russia and Belarus (as an observer)** - for concerted action to tackle some of the most pressing environmental problems in the Northern Dimension Area covering the Baltic and Barents Seas region.

**EASTERN PARTNERSHIP:** The objectives of the *thematic platform on Environment and Climate Change* are:

- Promotion of convergence with the environment acquis and strengthened implementation of multilateral environment agreements (in particular the Kyoto Protocol, CBD and UNECE conventions);
- Exchange of experience and best practice on strategic planning, environmental governance, progress monitoring, enforcement, specific environment themes (such as air, water, waste management, integrated coastal zone management and biodiversity), and the financing of environment investments in a regional context;
- Involvement of partners in international discussions on future climate action, promotion of regional action on mitigation and adaptation and climate mainstreaming, and sharing of experience on emissions trading;
- Cooperation on collection, monitoring and assessment of environment information, including with the European Environment Agency.
- Working with partners to assess options for developing a flagship project on environment.

## UNDER PREPARATION

**NATIONAL: "Green economy in Belarus"**

Financial source: ENPI, AAP 2012

Contract implementation period: 01/05/2013 – 01/04/2016

Budget: 12.000.000 (EC contribution is 12.000.000)

Contractor:

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural resources and Environmental Protection

Action location: Belarus.

Content: the projects aimed at the support to the implementation of Belarus's environmental policies as well as pilot projects in the field of green economy. Education and dissemination activities promote awareness raising, capacity building and development of grassroots initiatives at local level, including an information campaign involving the Belarusian citizens, targeted NGOs, schools, universities, businesses, as well as local and regional authorities

**REGIONAL: "Clima East Programme: support to climate change mitigation and adaptation in Russia and Eastern Neighbourhood countries"**

Financial source: ENPI East, contract number XXX

Contract implementation period: 2012 –2015

Budget: 7.000.000

Contractor: under evaluation

Beneficiaries: national governments.

Action location: ENPI countries.

Content: to foster improved climate change policies, strategies and market mechanisms in the partner countries that are well informed about the EU 'acquis', by supporting regional cooperation and improving information access to EU climate change policies, laws and expertise.

**REGIONAL: "Strengthening Environmental Governance in EU Eastern Neighbourhood Countries by Building up Capacity of Non-Governmental Organisations Working in the Field of Environment"**

Financial source: ENRTP, ENPI East, contract number XXX

Contract implementation period: May 2012 – April 2015

Budget: 1.862.500 EUR of which Commission funds 1.500.000\_

Contractor: under evaluation

Beneficiaries: Belarusian NGOs

Action location: ENPI countries.

Content: is to help local environmental NGOs in all Eastern ENP countries build capacity to better influence public opinion and to contribute in a constructive dialogue with national governments and competent authorities in moving towards the implementation of a modern environment policy, more in line with EU standards.

**REGIONAL: "Green Economy in the Eastern partnership countries"**

Financial source: ENPI East, contract number XXX

Contract implementation period: 2013 – 2017

Budget: 10.000.000 EUR.

Contractor: under evaluation

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural resources and Environmental Protection.

Action location: ENPI countries.

Content: to promote green economy, to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation and resource depletion in the Eastern Partnership countries.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

**NATIONAL: "Support to the development of a comprehensive framework for international environmental co-operation in the Republic of Belarus"**

Financial source: ENPI, AAP 2008 (019-957)

Contract implementation period: 01/10/2010 – 31/10/2013

Budget: 5.080.000 (EC contribution is 5.000.000)

Contractor: Joint management with UNDP.

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural resources and Environmental Protection

Action location: Belarus

Content: the projects aimed at the support to the implementation of Belarus's environmental policies as well as pilot projects in the field of solid waste management. Education and dissemination activities promote awareness

raising, capacity building and development of grassroots initiatives at local level, including an information campaign involving the Belarusian citizens, targeted NGOs, schools, universities, businesses, as well as local and regional authorities

**REGIONAL: "Protection Of Freshwaters And Marine Environment In The Wider Black Sea Region"  
(Component A: Environmental Protection Of International River Basins Project)**

Financial source: ENPI/2009/021-924

Contract implementation period: 16/12/2011 - 16/12/2015

Budget: 13.000.000

Contractor: consortium Human Dynamics (Austria).

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural resources and Environmental Protection.

Action location: Eastern Europe region.

Content: to improve availability and quality of data on the ecological, chemical, and hydro-morphological status of trans-boundary river basins including groundwater, to develop River Basin Management Plans for selected river basins / sub-river basins according to the requirements of the EU WFD.

**REGIONAL: "Support to the EU Water Initiative in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia  
(EUWI EECCA)**

Financial source: ENPI/2011/206-062

Contract implementation period: 48 months

Budget: 4.000.000

Contractor: Joint management with UNECE and OECD.

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural resources and Environmental Protection.

Action location: all countries.

Content: The project represents the second phase of an ongoing contract with OECD and UNECE for the implementation in the region of activities related to the EU Water Initiative..

**REGIONAL: "Improving capacities to eliminate and prevent recurrence of obsolete pesticides as a model for tackling unused hazardous chemicals in the former Soviet Union"**

Financial source: Multi-annual thematic document (ENRTP, AAP 2011, Part 2), 2011/269-940

Contract implementation period: February 2012 – December 2015

Budget: 7.000.000

Contractor: Joint management with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) together with UNEP, Green Cross, IHPA and Milieukontakt.

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural resources and Environmental Protection.

Action location: CIS countries.

Content: to facilitate action to tackle some of the major problems in the region relating to the legacy of obsolete pesticides and other unused hazardous chemicals, by promoting synergies between countries and facilitating the preparation and implementation of clean-up actions or safe storage in the countries, and developing capacity to strengthen pesticide and other chemical management.

**REGIONAL: "Towards a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) in the European Neighbourhood"**

Financial source: ENPI, ENPI South East 2009, 019-800, contract number 210-629.

Contract implementation period: 10/12/2009 – 31/17/2015

Budget: 5.746.500

Contractor: European Environment Agency (EEA).

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural resources and Environmental Protection

Action location: ENPI countries.

Content: improved and shared access to environmental information.

**REGIONAL: "Analysis for ENPI Countries on Social and Economic Benefits of Enhanced Environment Protection"**

Financial source: ENPI/2009/225-962

Contract implementation period: 30/12/2009 – 30/12/2012

Budget: 1.300.000

Contractor: ARCADIS Belgium N.V.

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Ministry of economy.

Action location: 17 countries of the ENPI East and South region.

Content: to achieve improved understanding and awareness of the economic and social benefits of environmental improvement; to improve the capacity of beneficiary countries to assess the economic and social benefits of environmental improvement and integrate environmental considerations into wide policy development; to improve capacity of beneficiary countries to set strategies and prioritise convergence of their environmental policies and legislation.

**REGIONAL: "Sustainable Urban Energy in the ENPI Region - Towards the Covenant of Mayors" (SURE)**

Financial source: ENPI/2009/225962

Contract implementation period: 2009-2012

Budget: 791.725 (BY part – 175.000)

Contractor: City of Friedrichshafen (Germany)

Beneficiaries: Polock City Council and Executive Committee (Belarus)

Action location: Belarus, Morocco, Germany, Spain

Content: This project focuses on one city in Belarus (Polozk) and one – in Morocco (Sale), and help these establish transnational networks and develop the capacity to elaborate their own sustainable energy action plans (SEAP). It also prepares and implements pilot actions and organize public awareness activities to help a broad range of stakeholders and beneficiaries understand what options are available to them.

**REGIONAL: "Waste Governance and Management of Environmental Data"**

Financial source: ENPI East/2008/170-782.

Contract implementation period: 01/12/2009 – 31/12/2013

Budget: 5.845.500

Contractor: Eptisa Servicios De Ingenieria.

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Action location: Belarus, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Content: to improve the management of waste by promoting higher standards at waste facilities, more effective waste prevention initiatives, increased capacities for waste collection and sorting, as well as increasing reuse, recovery and safe disposal of waste. The activities should contribute to the wider objective of promoting more sustainable consumption and production patterns in Russia and the Eastern ENP Partner Countries, in order to ensure a more holistic approach to minimising negative environmental impacts and maximising social benefits related to production and consumption.

**REGIONAL: "Air Quality Governance in the ENPI East Partner Countries"**

Financial source: ENPI East regional 2009, contract n. 232231

Contract implementation period: 2010 - 2013

Budget: 6.935.000

Contractor: MWH in consortia with CENN (Caucasus Environmental NGO Network), FORCE Technology Rusland (Russia), GOPA consultants mbH (Germany), Ukrainian National Environment NGO "MAMA-86" and NERI (National Environmental Research Institute, Aarhus University).

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Action location: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine

Content: to improve the convergence to European legislation and regulations contributing to the improved air quality and strengthen implementation and compliance, the implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements; to raise environmental awareness through cooperation at regional and sub-regional levels.

**REGIONAL: "Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia" (FLEG Program)**

Financial source: ENPI/2007/019-145 (contract n. 147187)

Contract implementation period: 19/12/2007 – 31/12/2012

Budget: 6.000.000

Contractor: The World Bank Group.

Beneficiaries: Ministry of forestry.

Action location: ENPI region.

Content: Supports governments, civil society, and the private sector in participating countries in the development of sound and sustainable forest management practices, including reducing the incidence of illegal forestry activities.

**NATIONAL: "Implementation of new concepts for wet peatland management for the sustainable production of biomass-based energy (wetland-energy)"**

Financial source: 2009 AAP ENRTP, 020-656, Contract number: DCI-ENV/2010/220-473.

Contract implementation period: 29/12/2010 – 28/06/2013.

Budget: 1.235.860

Contractor: Michael Succow Stiftung zum Schutz der Natur (Michael Succow Foundation for nature protection).

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Sakharov Environmental University (Minsk).

Action location: Belarus, peatland reach rural areas: Dokudovskoe peatland, Lida district; Sporava peatlands, Beriosa district; and Germany.

Content: peatland rehabilitation.

**REGIONAL: "Support for the implementation of the CBD (Convention on biodiversity) Programme of Work on Protected Areas in the EU Neighbourhood Policy Areas and Russia"**

Financial source: ENRTP AAP 2008, contract n. DCI-ENV/2008/ 149-825

Contract implementation period: 16/12/2008 – 16/12/2011

Budget: 1.484.000

Contractor: (to be updated)

Beneficiaries: ENPI countries.

Action location: ENPI countries.

Content: extension of the implementation of the EU's Natura 2000 principles through the Emerald Network.

**REGIONAL: Ecovillages for sustainable rural development**

Financial source: CBC Baltic Sea Region

Contractor: Lithuanian Institute of Agrarian Economics

Belarusian partners and budget per partner in EUR: Centre of Environmental Solutions (148.785)

Budget: 1.467.330

Duration: 17/09/2010 – 16/12/2013

Content: The project aims at helping our society to get closer to nature again and to develop new ways of living together on the land in a genuinely more sustainable way. This is especially important given the climate crisis and resource shortages that we face. The eco-village concept is an innovation offering solutions to many resource, climate and social life problems societies of the BSR face.

**REGIONAL: COOL Bricks – Climate Change, Cultural Heritage & Energy Efficient Monuments**

Financial source: CBC Baltic Sea Region

Lead partner: Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Media, Department for Heritage Preservation

Belarusian partners and budget per partner in EUR: Innovation Association Akademechnopark, Republican Centre for Technology Transfer, 178.992

Budget: 4.308.970

Duration: 17/09/2010 – 16/12/2013

Content: The conservation of heritage, in particular historical buildings, is a common goal in the BSR. Due to the common identity in the BSR it is very important to protect the historical buildings to preserve the individual characteristics and therewith the attractiveness and competitiveness of the cities around the Baltic Sea. Furthermore the CO<sub>2</sub>-reduction is an accepted and common goal in all cities and regions around the Baltic Sea Region.

**REGIONAL: An advanced weather radar network for the Baltic Sea Region (BALTRAD)**

Financial source: CBC Baltic Sea Region

Lead partner: Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute

Belarusian partners and budget per partner in EUR: Republic of Hydrometeorological Center (34.600)

Total budget: 2.133.500

Duration: 25/10/2008 – 24/01/2013

Content: BALTRAD aims at developing an innovative ICT system for collecting, exchanging, and processing weather radar data designed to improve weather forecasting activities dependent on such information.

### **REGIONAL: Project on Urban Reduction of Eutrophication (PURE)**

Financial source: CBC Baltic Sea Region

Lead partner: Union of the Baltic Cities Commission on Environment Secretariat/City of Turku (EE)

Belarusian partners and budget per partner in EUR: Brest Municipal Unitary Water and Wastewater Enterprise Vodokanal (446.940)

Total budget: 3.168.620,00

Duration: 17/09/2009 – 16/12/2012

Content: Eutrophication is a major problem in the Baltic Sea. It's caused by excessive phosphorus and nitrogen loads coming from land-based sources. At least 95% of the phosphorus load enter the Baltic Sea waterborne and a major part of this load originates from point sources. Here the municipal waste water treatment plants play the primary role. New actions to reduce the amount of phosphorus from the effluent ending up to the Baltic Sea are immediately needed and addressed by the project.

### **REGIONAL: BERAS IMPLEMENTATION – Baltic Ecological Recycling Agriculture and Society Implementation**

Financial source: CBC Baltic Sea Region

Lead partner: Södertörn University, Coastal Management Research Centre (SE)

Belarusian partners and budget per partner in EUR: International Public Association of Animal Breeders "East-West" (100.000)

Total budget: 4.517.130

Duration: 11/06/2010 – 10/09/2013

Content: The project is based on the results from the BSR partially EU-funded BERAS project 2003-2006 ref. www.jdb.se/beras. The result show that ecological (organic) recycling agriculture based on local renewable resources, integrated crop and animal production and a more regionally based food system substantially can reduce losses of nitrogen and phosphorus to the Baltic Sea. BERAS Implementation offers a response to the challenges to achieve a good environmental status in the Baltic Sea, reinforce sustainable agriculture and enhance rural development in the region.

### **REGIONAL: RECO Baltic 21 Tech**

Financial source: CBC Baltic Sea Region

Lead partner: IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute

Belarusian partners and budget per partner in EUR: Belarusian Association of Environmental Management (260.000)

Total budget: 2.786.410

Duration: 17/09/2010 – 16/12/2013

Content: The Reco Baltic 21-Tech responds to the great challenges in the field of waste management by strengthening the BSR capacity to climb the waste hierarchy and meet the EU-directives. Equally important for RB21T is to add a component that creates innovative business opportunities in the Clean-Tech industry.

### **REGIONAL: Project on reduction of the eutrophication of the Baltic Sea today (PRESTO)**

Financial source: CBC Baltic Sea Region

Lead partner: Union of the Baltic Cities, Environmental and Sustainable Development Secretariat/City of Turku

Belarusian partners and budget per partner in EUR: Belarusian water utilities in Baranovichi, Grodno, Molodechno and Vitebsk as well as Belarusian technical universities (2.524.573)

Total budget: 4.553.950

Duration: 09/06/2011 – 08/03/2014

Content: PRESTO increases the competence of operating staff of the waste water treatment plants, plant designers and trainers of future wastewater engineers by organizing courses on modern waste water treatment, showing practical examples of reconstruction projects in their different stages and giving opportunities for exchange of information between waste water treatment specialists from Belarus and EU-member countries.

## **PAST PROJECTS**

### **REGIONAL: "Support to Kyoto Protocol Implementation" (SKPI)**

Financial source: ENPI East,

Contract implementation period: 01/09/2009 – 01/12/2011

Budget: 4.787.000 EUR

Contractor: ICF, Hogan and Hartson and TUV Rheinland.

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Sakharov Institute (Minsk).

Action location: Belarus.

Content: the project supports the fight against climate change through the extension of the flexible mechanisms of the UNFCCC/Kyoto Protocol as well as the development of appropriate mitigation and adaptation strategies. Covers Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

### **REGIONAL: "Water Governance for the Western EECCA countries"**

Financial source: TACIS Regional 2005

Contract implementation period: April 2008 – April 2010

Budget: 2.088.840 EUR

Contractor: *(to be updated)*

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Action location: Western EECCA countries

Content: the project aimed at addressing issues of critical conditions of water infrastructures both at central Government level, by means of support in the preparation of financing strategies in the water sector and at the level of the municipalities and utilities by providing capacity building for the improvement of the service delivery.

### **REGIONAL: "Supply of equipment – South Caucasus Kura River Basin – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Water Governance in the NIS countries – Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine"**

Financial source: TACIS 2008, 147-780

Contract implementation period: 2009 – 2010

Budget: *(to be updated)*

Contractor: *(to be updated)*

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Action location: *(to be updated)*

Content: . *(to be updated)*

### **NATIONAL: "Support to Sustainable Development and Environment"**

Financial source: TACIS, NAP 2005/158128

Contract implementation period: 2008 – 2010

Budget: 1.500.000 EUR.

Contractor: Joint management with UNDP.

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Action location: Belarus.

Content: The project aimed at supporting environment and sustainable development at the central and local levels, through promotion of (a) institutional capacity, (b) local communities support and public awareness.

### **REGIONAL: "Building Capacity for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)"**

Financial source:

Contract implementation period:

Budget: 573.355 EUR

Contractor: Joint management with UNDP.

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Action location: Belarus.

Content: Project is aimed at enhancing national expert and institutional capacity for SEA and environmental conventions in Belarus.

**NATIONAL: "Sustainable Development at Local Level"**

Financial source: TACIS 2002

Contract implementation period: 2008 – 2010.

Budget: 1.134.113 USD

Contractor: Joint management with UNDP.

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Action location: Belarus.

Content: . *(to be updated)*

**REGIONAL: "Trans-boundary river-basin management, phase II in Ukraine and Belarus"** (Pripyat River)

Financial source: RAP 2003

Contract implementation period: 2004-2007

Budget: 1.847.875 EUR

Contractor: *(to be updated)*

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Action location: Belarus and Ukraine

Content: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

### Key Agreements with Belarus

- "Establishment Agreement" between the Republic of Belarus and the European Commission: signed on 7.3.2008 and ratified on 6.1.2009 (signature by the President of Belarus of the law on ratification of the agreement)
- Framework Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Belarus and the European Commission on defining the status and conditions for the technical aid the EU will provide as part of the ENPI. Signed on 18.12.2008 and fully ratified by November 2009. Ratification of the agreement was notified to the Commission on January 14, 2010.
- National Indicative Programme for Belarus has been extended for 2007-2011. National Indicative Programme 2012-2013 adopted in 2011.



# Key EU Strategy Documents on Belarus

## Country Strategy Paper 2007-2013 and National Indicative Programme 2007-2011 National Indicative Programme 2012-20113



Country Strategy Paper (CSP) for Belarus covers the period 2007-2013, and is accompanied by the National Indicative Programme (NIP) for the period 2007-2011. Assistance to Belarus during this period will be provided under the new European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), which is established to promote the development of an area of prosperity and good neighbourliness between the European Union and the partner countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP). The NIP covers only support through the national ENPI envelope, and does not represent a programming document for the other instruments available for Belarus such as the thematic programme on democracy and human rights.

The long-term goal of the EU is for Belarus to become a democratic, stable, reliable, and increasingly prosperous partner with which the enlarged EU will share not only common borders but also a common agenda driven by shared values.

Belarus, while covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy, does not participate fully in it. EU-Belarus Relations are governed by successive Council Conclusions stating, for example, that contacts “will be established solely through the Presidency, SG/HR, the Commission and the Troika” and that “Community and Member States’ assistance programmes will support the needs of the population and democratisation, notably by humanitarian, regional, cross-border cooperation and by projects supporting directly or indirectly democratisation and democratic forces in Belarus”.

The principal objectives of EU cooperation with Belarus are therefore to support the needs of the population, to directly and indirectly support democratisation, and to mitigate the effects of the self-isolation of Belarus on its population.

**The National Indicative Programme (NIP) for 2007-2011** translates these objectives into two priority areas:

- i) Social and economic development, including actions to alleviate the consequences of the Chernobyl catastrophe, and;
- ii) Democratic development and good governance.

For the period 2007-2011, a total of EUR 46.07 million has been allocated to Belarus. The breakdown was follows:

<i>Priority Area</i>	<i>Allocation (%)</i>
1. Social and economic development	<b>70%</b>
2. Democratic development and good governance	<b>30%</b>

**The National Indicative Programme (NIP) for 2012-2013 was adopted on the 11.10.2011.**

It is proposed that the focus of EU assistance for the period 2012-2013 should be on the following critical issues: support for democratic governance and economic reforms. Belarus will continue to receive support through other EU assistance instruments.

The NIP 2012-2013 and its implementation will take into account the Eastern Partnership (EaP) priorities for reform and further developments in EU-Belarus relations.

The following priorities and sub-priorities of the NIP 2012-2013 are proposed:

Priority area 1:	Good governance and people-to-people contacts
Sub-priority 1:	Good governance standards
Sub-priority 2:	People-to-people contacts
Priority area 2:	Economic modernisation
Sub-priority 1:	Market economy development
Sub-priority 2:	Local and regional development

Under the NIP 2012-2013, Belarus could benefit from €56.69 million from the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI). This includes €4.81 million earmarked for the Comprehensive Institution Building Programme (CIB), and €10.38 million earmarked for the Pilot Regional Development Programmes.

Below are indicative allocations for the National Indicative Programme for Belarus<sup>1</sup> for each priority from 2012 to 2013:

<b>Priority Areas</b>	<b>M €</b>	<b>%</b>
Priority area 1: Good governance and people-to-people contacts	€20.75	50%
Priority area 2: Economic modernisation	€20.75	50%
<b>Total Indicative ENPI allocations 2012-2013</b>	<b>€41.50</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>EaP top-up<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>M €</b>
Comprehensive Institution Building	€4.81
Pilot Regional Development Programmes	€10.38
<b>Total EaP top-up</b>	<b>€15.19</b>

<b>Total ENPI , including EaP top-up</b>	<b>€56.69</b>
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The programming of the Annual Action Programme to be derived from the NIP should be taken forward, in conformity with the usual procedures. However, a decision to discontinue effective implementation could be taken at any stage, on a case by case basis, depending on developments in the EU-Belarus relationship.

<sup>1</sup> These are planning figures, in the absence of adopted programming documents, and are subject to change in the context of EU-Belarus dialogue.

<sup>2</sup> Access to the EaP top-up is subject to a further decision to be taken by the EU as regards Belarus' participation in the EaP bilateral track.

# General Policy Initiatives: Overview



## European Neighbourhood Policy

The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) was developed in 2004, with the objective of avoiding the emergence of new dividing lines between the enlarged EU and our neighbours and instead strengthening the prosperity, stability and security of all concerned. In this way, it also addresses the strategic objectives set out in the December 2003 [European Security Strategy](#).

The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) was first outlined in a Commission Communication on [Wider Europe](#) in March 2003, followed by a more developed Strategy Paper on the [European Neighbourhood Policy](#) published in May 2004. This document sets out in concrete terms how the EU proposes to work more closely with these countries. As part of its report on implementation, in December 2006 and again in December 2007, the Commission also made [proposals](#) as to how the policy could be further strengthened.

The EU offers our neighbours a privileged relationship, building upon a mutual commitment to common values (democracy and human rights, rule of law, good governance, market economy principles and sustainable development). The ENP goes beyond existing relationships to offer a deeper political relationship and economic integration. The level of ambition of the relationship will depend on the extent to which these values are shared. The ENP remains distinct from the process of enlargement although it does not prejudge, for European neighbours, how their relationship with the EU may develop in future, in accordance with Treaty provisions.

The European Neighbourhood Policy applies to the EU's immediate neighbours by land or sea – [Algeria](#), [Armenia](#), [Azerbaijan](#), [Belarus](#), [Egypt](#), [Georgia](#), [Israel](#), [Jordan](#), [Lebanon](#), [Libya](#), [Moldova](#), [Morocco](#), [Occupied Palestinian Territory](#), [Syria](#), [Tunisia](#) and [Ukraine](#). Although Russia is also a neighbour of the EU, our relations are instead developed through a [Strategic Partnership](#) covering four “common spaces”.

The central element of the European Neighbourhood Policy is the bilateral [ENP Action Plans](#) agreed between the EU and each partner. These set out an agenda of political and economic reforms with short and medium-term priorities. Implementation of the ENP Action Plans (agreed in 2005 with Israel, Jordan, Moldova, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Tunisia and Ukraine, in 2006 with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, and in 2007 with Egypt and Lebanon) is underway.

Implementation is jointly promoted and monitored through sub-Committees.

Since the ENP builds upon existing agreements between the EU and the partner in question (Partnership and Cooperation Agreements, or Association Agreements in the framework of the EuroMediterranean Partnership), the ENP is not yet ‘activated’ for Belarus, Libya or Syria since no such Agreements are yet in force.

## ***European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument***

The European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) is the financial instrument for European neighbourhood policy (ENP). It is addressed to ENP partner countries including Russia and offers co-funding for promoting good governance and equitable social and economic development process. The ENPI also supports cross-border and trans-regional cooperation as well as the gradual economic integration of recipient countries with the European Union (EU) beneficiary countries.

### **Scope of the ENPI**

The ENPI supports the following in particular:

- political reform: establishment and adaptation of institutional and administrative capacities, good governance, rule of law, respect for human rights, participation of civil society, multicultural dialogue and the fight against fraud, corruption, organised crime and terrorism;
- economic reform: economic development, market economy, intensification of trade and regulatory convergence with the EU in the areas of common interest with a view to gradual economic integration with the internal market;
- social reform: integration, employment, non-discrimination, fight against poverty;
- sectoral cooperation, in sectors of common interest in particular: environment, sustainable development, energy, transport, telecommunications, health, food security, education and training, research and innovation;
- regional and local development, and regional integration (Euro-Mediterranean regions and regions of Eastern Europe);
- participation in Community programmes and agencies.

In addition, the ENPI can provide support to electoral observation and post-crisis missions and to disaster preparedness.

### **Management and implementation**

Programmes implemented in the field adhere to a strict **programming** process. Priorities and indicative amounts are initially anticipated in multiannual programming papers for national, multi-country and cross-border strategies (for the entire period) and multiannual indicative programmes (three-year, in principle). Annual action programmes and joint programmes for cross-border cooperation, usually annual, that provide details, financial allocations and a timetable are adopted on this basis. The latter constitute the basis for programmes implemented in the field, namely:

- national and multi-country programmes for each partner country, and regional and sub-regional cooperation: The nature of the programmes is determined by the characteristics of the country or the region, the partner's ambitions and progress achieved;
- cross-border cooperation programmes for cooperation between partners and Member States sharing a land or sea border. Cross-border cooperation actions are presented in joint operational programmes (JOPs) by partner countries and are then adopted by the Commission and managed by a joint authority established, in principle, in a Member State.

However, multi-country programmes may also provide for cross-regional cooperation between Member States and partner countries on common interest issues with no geographical restrictions. Moreover, third countries and territories benefiting from another external assistance instrument may participate in global, regional or cross-border programmes.

The budget for the ENPI amounts to 11 181 million for the period 2007-2013, of which 95% is for national and multi-country programmes and 5% for cross-border cooperation programmes.

Measures benefiting from the ENPI concern primarily the implementation of programmes and projects, technical assistance and administrative cooperation such as the dispatch of experts. These measures can be support measures for the application of the Regulation.

The ENPI can also finance investments and microprojects. It can finance support for budgets that are transparent, reliable and efficient, and for the implementation of sectoral and macroeconomic policies. It

can support the participation of partner countries in the capital of international financial institutions (IFIs) or regional development banks. However, fiscal measures are excluded from the Regulation's scope.

It can also contribute to the resources at the disposal of the Community, the Member States and financial intermediaries such as the European Investment Bank ([EIB](#)), international and regional organisations and other donors.

The actions can be co-funded by the EU and other donors; they can also be funded by the EU and implemented by an international organisation.

However, the Council can suspend assistance in the case of failure to respect the basic values of the EU and its relations with its partners.

Bodies eligible for funding include decentralised institutions and entities in partner countries and regions, mixed organisations, international and regional organisations, IFIs, European institutions and agencies to a certain extent and non-governmental players.

Furthermore, a number of rules have been defined for tendering for government contracts and grant agreements which are open to natural and legal persons of partner countries, Member States, European Economic Area States (EEA) and countries that are beneficiaries of the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance ([IPA](#)), having traditional links with partner countries or reciprocal access to external assistance. This participation is also available to international organisations.

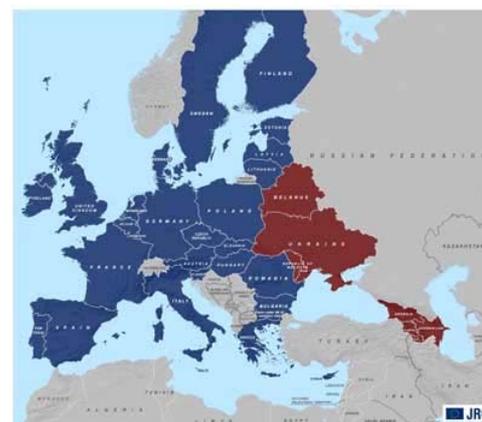
Implementation of the ENPI should guarantee effectiveness of assistance, consistency and compatibility with EU policies and external assistance, with the objectives set and with international commitments. It should also guarantee protection of the Community's financial interests, which the Commission and the Court of Audit monitor.

In principle, management is ensured by the Commission, assisted by a committee, but it can also be decentralised. The Commission regularly evaluates its implementation. Specifically, it is required to present a report before 31 December 2010 for the first three years of application of the Regulation and propose any necessary amendments.

## Eastern Partnership – Multilateral Dimension

### Four thematic platforms

- **Democracy, good governance & stability (including JLS):**
  - ✓ Also covers electoral standards, media regulations, the fight against corruption, civil service reform, judicial and police cooperation, confidence building measures, security related issues etc.
- **Economic integration and convergence with EU policies**
  - ✓ Trade and market related approximation, socio-economic development, poverty reduction, social inclusion, equal opportunities, health, environment and climate change
- **Energy security**
  - ✓ Accelerated convergence of energy policies and legislation with EU, construction and rehabilitation of key energy infrastructure, support for the Southern energy corridor, extension of Odessa-Brody pipeline etc.
- **Contacts between people**
  - ✓ Culture, support to NGOs, strengthen civil society, increase student and academic exchanges, better integration into 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Research Programme, joint media projects



### Six flagship initiatives

- **Integrated Border Management Programme:**
  - ✓ Alignment to EU standards, a prerequisite for progress on the mobility;
- **SME Facility:**
  - ✓ Small and medium enterprises would receive stimulus through technical assistance, financial intermediaries, risk capital and loans;
- **Regional electricity markets, improved energy efficiency and increased use of renewable energy sources**
  - ✓ This also includes the interlinking of the electricity grids;
- **Southern energy corridor**
  - ✓ This is a key infrastructure initiative serving to diversify transit routes and sources of supply for the EU and its partners;
- **Prevention of, preparedness for, and response to natural and man-made disasters**
  - ✓ Strengthen disaster management capacities and establish effective cooperation between the EU and the partner countries and among themselves
- **Good environmental governance**
  - ✓ Promote environment protection, including addressing climate change, through strengthened environmental governance

## Northern Dimension

The Northern Dimension (ND) policy was elaborated in 1999 with the participation of Norway, Iceland, EU Member States and the Russian Federation. Geographically the ND focuses increasingly on northwest Russia, Kaliningrad, the Baltic and the Barents Seas, the Arctic and Sub-Arctic areas. The main objectives of the policy are to provide a common framework for the promotion of dialogue and concrete cooperation, strengthen stability and well-being, intensify economic cooperation, promote economic integration, competitiveness and sustainable development in Northern Europe.



Apart from the major partners, the **other stakeholders** are: the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS), the Barents Euro Arctic Council (BEAC), the Arctic Council (AC), the Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM), international financial institutions, such as the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Nordic Investment Bank (NIB); NGOs, trade unions etc. Canada and the United States perform the roles of the observers.

The **renewed ND policy** was launched at Helsinki Summit in November 2006. As a result, the cooperation among the actors in the region was intensified substantially. At the political level the new ND Political Declaration and ND Policy Framework Document were adopted to substitute the Action Plans of 2000-2003 and 2004-2006. The two main characteristics of the renewed policy are: 1) the co-ownership of EU, Iceland, Norway and Russia and 2) the strong link between the ND policy and the four EU/Russia Common Spaces, agreed in 2004 and specified in Road Maps adopted in 2005.

In order to facilitate the project implementation within the framework of the ND policy, the following **partnerships** were created: the Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership (NDEP) and the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Wellbeing (NDPHS). In October 2008 the decision to establish the ND Partnership on Transport and Logistics was taken.

Belarus is involved in ND Environmental Partnership and has applied to become an observer to the ND Policy (to be discussed at the ND Ministerial Meeting on November 2, 2010 in Oslo).

### **June 8, 2010 ENPI Infocenter:**

The ND Partnership on Transport and Logistics will soon have a Helsinki-based Secretariat to help find transport projects. 7 out of 11 PC have signed a formal agreement to set up the Secretariat. The remaining four, incl Belarus and Russia, adopted a deal of intent pledging to join in the coming months once the internal procedures are concluded.

ND Environmental Partnership had a meeting in Minsk on October 6-8, 2010.

## Covenant of Mayors

The **EU is leading the fight against climate change** as one of its top priorities. It has introduced the most ambitious targets of their kind in the form of the '20-20-20 by 2020' initiative within the 'Climate Action and Renewable Energy Package'. As a result, Member States are committed to curbing their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by at least 20% by 2020. The Covenant of Mayors takes this one step further through a voluntary agreement to go beyond these targets.



While coordination from European institutions and Member State governments is vital, **local authorities have a key role in mitigating climate change**. Over half of greenhouse gas emissions are created in and by cities. And 80% of the population lives and works in cities, where up to 80% of energy is consumed. Mayors often have better control than national governments over issues influencing their cities. Moreover, they can address the challenges in a coherent way, be it development of alternative energy or pollution control, energy management or changes in behaviour by public authorities and citizens.

On behalf of the European Commission, **Energy Commissioner Andris Piebalgs proposed a Covenant of Mayors to bring together European local leaders** in a voluntary effort to contribute to the achievement of the ambitious EU targets. After wide consultation, many European cities expressed their willingness to join the Covenant of Mayors.

**Signatories to the Covenant commit to submitting their local Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) within the year following adhesion**. These cities are then expected to provide periodic public reports outlining the progress of their Action Plans. Signatories accept termination of their involvement in the Covenant in case of non-compliance.

Cities also commit to allocating sufficient human resources to the tasks, mobilising society in their geographical areas to take part in the implementation of the action plan, including organisation of local energy days, and networking with other cities.

Since a number of **cities in the Neighbourhood East countries have shown interest in joining the Covenant initiative**, AidCo is now considering an energy project to be financed under the ENPI-East RAP 2010, in support of the extension of the Covenant to these countries.

The global objective of an "**Extension of the Covenant of Mayors to the NIS**" is to encourage and support local authorities in the NIS to achieve a more sustainable local energy policy. This includes a significant reduction in energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as well as an increase in renewable energy use and energy efficiency measures. The exact scope of the project is currently being identified in all partner countries of the INOGATE programme in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The project implementation is expected to start early 2010.

## USEFUL LINKS

European Commission: [http://ec.europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm)

European Neighbourhood Policy: [http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/index_en.htm)

EuropeAid website for Belarus: [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/country-cooperation/belarus/belarus\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/country-cooperation/belarus/belarus_en.htm)

Delegation to Belarus Website: <http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/belarus>

TACIS/ENPI National Coordinating Unit: <http://www.cu4eu.net>

Website for Non State Actors/Local Authorities projects: <http://www.Eurobelarus.info>

EuropeAid website: [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm)

CBC Poland-Belarus-Ukraine: <http://www.pl-by-ua.eu/en>

CBC Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus: <http://www.enpi-cbc.eu/>

CBC Baltic Sea Region: <http://eu.baltic.net/>

Framework Programme 7 in Belarus (FP7 National Coordinator: Olga Meyerovskaya): <http://fp7-nip.org.by>

Programmes in the field of Education: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/index_en.php)

Eastern Partnership: [http://ec.europa.eu/external\\_relations/eastern/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/eastern/index_en.htm)

Northern Dimension: [http://ec.europa.eu/external\\_relations/north\\_dim/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/north_dim/index_en.htm)

Multi-Country Cooperation Instruments and Thematic Tools of the EU:

<http://www.enpi-info.eu/files/publications/supp%20change%20EN.pdf>

CSP 2007-2013 and NIP 2007-2011:

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