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Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.



Helped preserve biodiversity



The restoration of 146 ha of grasslands and mosaic meadows in Belarus help European bison to return to its once-natural habitat easing tensions with local people over crops depredation and offering economic benefits from ecotourism.

Cleaning of 1,300 ha of unwanted vegetation at the "Sporauvski" and "Zvanets" nature reserves in Belarus supports preservation of the natural habitat of the globally endangered aquatic warbler and may lead to removing the bird from the endangered species list in the future.



Improved environmental policy



A draft law of "On the Protection and Use of Peatlands" creates a pioneering new policy toward restoration and sustainable use of Belarus' peatlands, as well as sets a broader vision for the country's environmental strategies and green growth.



Helped our cities become more technology-driven, sustainable, smarter and better living environments for all

7,000 people contributed their views and ideas to the Unified Plan of Sustainable Mobility designed to lead the two Belarusian towns of Polack and Navapolack on their paths toward smart, economically, socially and environmentally sustainable urban future.



A new study helps public transit systems in Polack and Navapolack go green and low carbon.

Green procurement was for the first time introduced in Belarus for purchasing a smart street lighting system to help the town of Navagrudak cut energy costs and carbon emissions.



A record-high number of 66 Belarusian cities and towns joined the 2018 European Mobility Week to demonstrating their ever-growing interest and commitment toward developing smart and green solutions for urban mobility.



Engaged people into environmental decision-making

New ideas in ecotourism, biodiversity conservation, efficient waste management, air quality will be introduced in Belarus thanks to the Contest of local ecological initiatives among NGOs that generated 136 proposals for new initiatives from 93 districts of Belarus.



7 new environmental monitoring clubs and 6 new resource centers based on “green schools” will help civil society to have stronger voice in environmental decision-making.

Greenlogic.by web-resource launched to support 150 schools – participants of the “green schools” program, as well as to enlarge the green partnership network.



70 preschool teachers from all over Belarus were encourage and guided on scaling up the environmental education in kindergartens through “green schools” programmes.



Facilitated economic and social development of local communities

Implementation of local initiatives helped bring better healthcare, social services and new healthy lifestyle opportunities for around 180 thousand people in local communities across rural areas of Belarus.



37 new unemployment solutions for the regional Belarus created 143 new jobs by fostering local entrepreneurship, self-employment and expanding existing employment opportunities.



Around 290 thousand Belarusians enjoyed improved local infrastructure: outdoor facilities, playgrounds, community gathering points, local markets, etc. in 53 locations around the country.

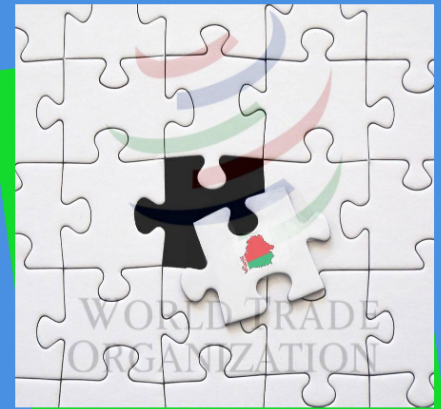


59 new tourism products and services opened up local tourism in Belarus for 340 thousand people.



Supported Belarus on its path toward WTO membership

International expertise on WTO accession helped Belarus to increase efficiency of the efforts on promoting and securing national economic interests in the context of the future membership, get ready to seize new business opportunities and to cope with challenges.



Promoted healthy lifestyle



8 community-led initiatives helped make lifestyles healthier across Belarus through involving the public and local administrations in the design and delivery of sports and outdoor activities they need, targeting people of all ages and physical abilities.



Supported small businesses in small towns

More than 1000 owners of small businesses and upcoming entrepreneurs from small towns and rural areas of Belarus got vital knowledge on how to get a better standing in business through finding financial access, exploring franchising opportunities and secrets of successful marketing.



4 new business incubators help small towns to grow local entrepreneurship and offer funding opportunities and mentorship to transform local communities into vibrant and connected economic and working environments.



Helped government promote the SDGs



SDGs Regional Forum in Minsk gathered the representatives of 40 countries who pioneered an innovative regional platform to help share and track progress on the SDGs across Eurasia.



Signed a new large-scale project on support to local economic development

A new 8 million EUR "Local Economic Development (SPRING)" project was signed to support the development of more than 200 small and medium businesses across all 6 regions of Belarus.

