

## EC Partners

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus

United Nations Development Programme

## Facts and Figures

- EC contribution: €1.5 million (90% of the project)
- Duration: 2008- 2010



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# Environment

## Support to environment and sustainable development in Belarus

*"The goals of this project fully correspond with the Ministry's mission to support the application of Strategic Environmental Assessment and the implementation of environmental conventions in Belarus."*

Alexander Apatsky, First Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection



## Context

Belarus shows a growing interest in creating sustainable development strategies and in promoting environmental protection mechanisms, but the capacity for progress is currently insufficient. This project will strengthen local partnerships between the Government, civil society and the private sector to work towards improved sustainable development.

## Objectives

- Develop capacity in the Strategic Environmental Assessment.
- Assist sustainable development at the local level by supporting strong partnerships between state and civil society stakeholders.
- Develop recommendations aimed at improving the legal basis for implementation of local sustainable development strategies.
- Facilitate improvements in public services and the local economy through community-led sustainable development actions.
- Raise environmental awareness among young people.

## Impact

- More than 340 people were trained throughout Belarus in the development and implementation of Local Agenda 21, a programme to establish a comprehensive action strategy for environmental protection in this Belarus among other countries.
- 35 pilot regions have been chosen to receive expert support in Local Agenda 21 and Green Ways.
- Recommendations on land degradation and biodiversity have been officially adopted.

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### Green Ways

Belarus stands out among the countries of Eastern Europe for its natural beauty, cultural wealth and extraordinary human potential.

The concept of Green Ways began in 2005. Building on this existing network, the project has been conducting training sessions to develop eco-tourism and to teach ordinary Belarusian citizens how to appreciate and care for the environment.



**Green Ways teaches Belarusian citizens to appreciate the nature around them**