

**Projects in the Republic of Belarus supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2008 (Updated January 2009)**

<b>Project partner</b>	<b>Project description</b>	<b>Contact details</b>
<b>The Norwegian Helsinki Committee (NHC)</b>	<p><b>Programme for educational development, democracy and human rights projects in Belarus, 2008</b></p> <p>The goal is to strengthen Belarusian civil society through the establishment of an education programme covering democratic processes, human rights and conflict resolution.</p>	<p>Norwegian Helsinki Committee Tordenskiolds gate 6B, NO-0160 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 47 92 02 Fax: +47 22 47 92 01 Web: <a href="http://www.nhc.no">www.nhc.no</a></p>
<b>The Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature/Friends of the Earth Norway</b>	<p><b>The school programme SPARE in Belarus, 2008</b></p> <p>The aim of the educational project SPARE is to support the search for solutions to environmental and energy problems, and to support the development of civil society in Belarus by translating global environmental issues into practical school activities. Altogether 120 Belarusian schools are taking part in the programme. The project started in 2004 and has received financial support since 2005.</p>	<p>Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature PO Box 342 Sentrum NO-0101 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 23 10 96 10 Fax: +47 23 10 96 11 Email: <a href="mailto:naturvern@naturvern.no">naturvern@naturvern.no</a> Web: <a href="http://www.naturvern.no">www.naturvern.no</a></p> <p>Contact person: Yngvild Lorentzen, <a href="mailto:yl@naturvern.no">yl@naturvern.no</a></p>
<b>UNEP/Grid-Arendal</b>	<p><b>ENVSEC – water cooperation in the Pripyat basin in Belarus</b></p> <p>The purpose of this project is to promote cooperation in managing shared water resources in the Pripyat river basin within the framework of the Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC). ENVSEC is an inter-agency initiative established in 2003 by UNEP, UNDP and OSCE, and later joined by UNECE, REC and NATO's Science for Peace and Security programme, to undertake actions on the interface between the environment and security.</p>	<p>UNEP Regional Office for Europe in cooperation with GRID-Arendal office in Geneva, Ch. Des Anemones 11-13, CH 1219 Chatelaine – Geneva, Tel.: + 41 229178197 Email: <a href="mailto:roe@unep.ch">roe@unep.ch</a></p> <p>Contact person: Nickolai Denisov</p>
<b>European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)</b>	<p><b>Trade Finance Advisory Services</b></p> <p>The purpose of this project is to increase the knowledge of banks and financial institutions in Belarus of the international financial system. In many transition countries, banks do not have sufficient know-how on how international trade transactions should be structured and/or funded. This in turn means that exporters and importers do not receive adequate</p>	<p>EBRD 1 Exchange Square, London EC2A 2JN, United Kingdom Tel.: +44 20 73 38 60 00 Fax: +44 20 73 38 61 00 Web: <a href="http://www.ebrd.com">www.ebrd.com</a></p> <p>Contact person: Engin Goksu</p>

	advice on how to run their international business professionally.		
<b>The European Humanities University in Vilnius (EHU)</b>	<p><b>the European Humanities University</b></p> <p>The purpose of this grant is to support the European Humanities University in exile in Vilnius, which offers Belarusian students an alternative to universities run by the Belarusian Government. It is intended that support will be continued for two more years. The Nordic Council of Ministers administrates the funds from Norway and other European donors.</p>		<p>EHU Kraziu str. 25, LT-01108 Vilnius, Lithuania Tel.: +370 5 2639650 Fax: +370 5 2639651 Email: <a href="mailto:office@ehu.lt">office@ehu.lt</a> Web: <a href="http://www.ehu-international.org">www.ehu-international.org</a></p>
<b>European Humanities University EHU</b>	<p><b>Election observation for Belarusian students</b></p> <p>The project aims at giving young Belarusian students and NGO representatives theoretical and practical experience concerning election monitoring and related issues. EHU will organise a course on election observation to which experts on election research from the University of Bergen will be invited to give presentations. Upon completion of the course, the students will take part in election observation in Vilnius.</p>		<p>EHU, Kraziu str. 25, LT-01108 Vilnius, Lithuania Tel.: +370 5 2639650 Fax: +370 5 2639651 Email: <a href="mailto:office@ehu.lt">office@ehu.lt</a> Web: <a href="http://www.ehu-international.org">www.ehu-international.org</a></p>
<b>The Norwegian Red Cross</b>	<p><b>Strengthened role for Belarus Red Cross in civil society</b></p> <p>The purpose of this project is to strengthen civil society and to address the needs of the most vulnerable people in Belarusian society. In particular, the project will aim to involve young people in volunteer work.</p>		<p>Norwegian Red Cross PO Box 1, Grønland, NO-0133 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 05 40 00 Fax: +47 22 05 40 40 Email: <a href="mailto:nrx.center@redcross.no">nrx.center@redcross.no</a> Web: <a href="http://www.redcross.no">www.redcross.no</a></p> <p>Contact person: Karsten Solheim</p>
<b>New Energy Performance AS (NEPAS)</b>	<p><b>Training of energy and environmental experts in the Belarusian industrial and public sectors</b></p> <p>The aim is to establish a programme at the A.V. Luikov Heat and Mass Transfer Institute of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, which will cover organisation and leadership, financing, financial management, systems for renewable energy, and environmental issues in Belarusian industry. The programme will be open to people who work in the Belarusian industrial and public sectors.</p>		<p>NEPAS PO Box 137, NO-2027 Kjeller, Norway Tel.: +47 63 80 64 75 Fax: +47 63 81 29 05 Web: <a href="http://www.nepas.no">www.nepas.no</a></p> <p>Contact person: Thor Henning Gulbrandsen, <a href="mailto:gulbrandsen@nepas.no">gulbrandsen@nepas.no</a></p>

<p><b>The Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority</b></p>	<p><b>Support for health risk reduction in the Chechersk region, Belarus</b></p> <p>The goal is to improve local expertise in reducing health risks in the Chechersk region in Belarus, an area severely contaminated by the Chernobyl accident. This is to be achieved by a) improving medical examinations including measuring radionuclides in children, b) improving radiation monitoring systems, and c) improving local attitudes, through information and other activities. The project is part of UNDP's CORE programme.</p>		<p>Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority PO Box 55, NO-1332 Østerås, Norway Tel.: +47 67 16 25 00 Fax: +47 67 14 74 07 Email: <a href="mailto:postmottak@nrpa.no">postmottak@nrpa.no</a> Web: <a href="http://www.nrpa.no">www.nrpa.no</a></p> <p>Contact person: Astrid Liland, <a href="mailto:astrid.liland@nrpa.no">astrid.liland@nrpa.no</a></p>
<p><b>The Norwegian Human Rights House</b></p>	<p><b>Supporting the Belarusian human rights house in exile in Vinius</b></p> <p>The purpose of the project is to facilitate the activities of Belarusian human rights organisations and offer protection to defenders of human rights</p>		<p>Human Rights House Foundation, Tordenskiolds gate 6b, NO-0160 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22479247 <a href="mailto:mail@humanrightshouse.org">mail@humanrightshouse.org</a>;</p> <p>Contact person: Ane Tusvik Bonde</p>
<p><b>Rafto Foundation</b></p>	<p><b>Look to the future – youth conference</b></p> <p>The aim is to organise a conference for Belarusian young people who are engaged in NGOs. The conference will focus on areas such as violence, terrorism, trafficking, ecological problems, social inequality, international relations, human rights and freedom of speech. Norwegian young people will also be invited to attend. A concert will be given in connection with the conference featuring music by Grieg and Shostakovich.</p>		<p>The Rafto Foundation, Menneskerettighetenes plass 1, NO-5007 Bergen, Norway</p> <p>Contact person: Therese Jebsen</p>
<p><b>The International Centre for Democratic Transition (ICDT)</b></p>	<p><b>Task Force for the Future of Belarus</b></p> <p>The aim is to draw greater attention to the situation in Belarus and to the need for changes in the European Union policy towards the country, as the policy of isolating the Belarus regime has not achieved the desired results. The high-level task force is to analyse the situation and suggest practical steps. A report with recommendations will be presented in 2008.</p>		<p>International Centre for Democratic Transition Árvácska u. 12. 1022 Budapest, Hungary Tel.: +36 (1) 438-0820 Fax: +36 (1) 438-0821 Email: <a href="mailto:info@icdt.hu">info@icdt.hu</a> Web: <a href="http://www.icdt.hu">www.icdt.hu</a></p> <p>Contact person: Péter Kolossa, <a href="mailto:p.kolossa@icdt.hu">p.kolossa@icdt.hu</a></p>

<b>Eurasia foundation</b>	<b>Belarusian regional business training and educational programme</b>  The purpose of this project is to increase the capacity of micro and small businesses in the various regions of Belarus through training for and consultations with entrepreneurs, advocacy and networking activities and a distance learning facility.		Eurasia Foundation, 55 Velyka Vasylykivska St., Third Floor, Kyiv, Ukraine 03680  Contact person: Andrew Wilson, <a href="mailto:awilson@eurasia.kiev.ua">awilson@eurasia.kiev.ua</a> , +380 442003824
<b>OSCE Office in Minsk</b>	<b>Development of border control database system</b>  The overall goal of the project is to assist the State Border Patrol Troops Committee of the Republic of Belarus in further strengthening state border security and cross-border crime prevention capabilities.		OSCE Kärtner Ring 5-7, 1010 Vienna, Austria.  Contact person: Alexander Krez, <a href="mailto:Alexander.Krez@osce.org">Alexander.Krez@osce.org</a> , +375172723496
<b>The Council of Europe</b>	<b>Strategy for Belarus – Belarusian School of Political Studies</b>  The purpose of this project is to give young Belarusians training in democratic values and human rights. The grant will fund: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) An alumni conference to which 40-50 participants from 2007 and 2008 will be invited. This is the first step in the process of establishing a new alumni network.</li> <li>b) The first seminar in the new academic year, which will examine the political and economical situation in Belarus, and the prospects of democratic evolution in Belarus, with particular focus on the role of young leaders in this process.</li> </ol>		Council of Europe Avenue de l'Europe, 67075 Strasbourg Cedex, France Tel.: +33 (0) 3 88 41 20 00 Web: <a href="http://www.coe.int">www.coe.int</a>  Contact person: Francois Friedreich, <a href="mailto:Francois.friedreich@coe.int">Francois.friedreich@coe.int</a>
<b>Norwegian Christian Democratic Party (KRF)</b>	<b>Cooperation between Belarusian and Norwegian Christian Democrats</b>  The purpose of this project is to facilitate contact and exchange of experience between the Belarusian Christian Democratic Party (BCD) and the Norwegian Christian Democratic Party. A conference will be held in Lithuania or Belarus, and BCD will be invited to attend KRF's annual party congress.		Kristelig Folkeparti Postboks 478 Sentrum N-0105 OSLO Norway Web: <a href="http://www.krf.no">www.krf.no</a>  Contact person: Per Kristian Nielsen Tel.: +47 23 10 28 64 Mobile: +47 930 89 103 Email: <a href="mailto:per.kristian.nielsen@krf.no">per.kristian.nielsen@krf.no</a>

<p><b>The Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR), NORDEM</b></p>	<p><b>Election observation Belarus</b></p> <p>Secondment of two long-term and four short-term observers for the parliamentary elections in Belarus in September 2008. The aim is to monitor whether the elections are carried out in accordance with democratic standards.</p>	<p>NCHR, NORDEM  PO Box 6706 St. Olavs plass,  NO-0130 Oslo, Norway  Tel.: +47 22 84 20 01  Fax: +47 22 84 20 02  Email: <a href="mailto:info@nchr.uio.no">info@nchr.uio.no</a>  Web: <a href="http://www.humanrights.uio.no">www.humanrights.uio.no</a></p>
<p><b>The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Kiev</b></p>	<p><b>The Small Project Fund, 2008</b></p> <p>The Embassy's Small Project Fund provides support for local initiatives in Ukraine and Belarus</p>	<p>Royal Norwegian Embassy in Kiev  Vul. Striletska 15,  01901 Kiev, Ukraine  Tel.: +380 44 590 0470  Fax: +380 44 234 0655  Email: <a href="mailto:emb.kiev@mfa.no">emb.kiev@mfa.no</a>  Web: <a href="http://www.norway.com.ua">www.norway.com.ua</a></p>