

Projects in the Republic of Belarus supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2007

Project partner	Project description	Grant in NOK	Contact details
The Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature/Friends of the Earth Norway	<p>The school programme SPARE in Belarus, 2007</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 transforming global environmental issues into practical school activities. Altogether 120 Belarusian schools are taking part in the programme. The project was started in 2004 and has received financial support since 2005.</p>	<p>199 549</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: naturvern@naturvern.no Web: www.naturvern.no Contact person: Yngvild Lorentzen, yl@naturvern.no</p>
The Norwegian PEN	<p>Delegation visit to Belarus, 2007</p> <p>The aim of the project is to maintain relations with the Belarusian Association of Journalists and the Belarusian PEN. A delegation of Norwegian writers and publishers visited Belarus in the spring of 2007. They evaluated and produced a report on developments in relation to freedom of expression and human rights.</p>	<p>50 000</p>	<p>Norwegian PEN Wergelandsveien 29, NO-0167 Oslo, Norway Tel.: + 47 22 47 92 20 Fax: +47 22 47 92 01 Email: pen@norskpen.no Web: www.norskpen.no Contact person: Carl Morten Pedersen</p>
The Council of Europe	<p>Strategy for Belarus – Belarusian School of Political Studies</p> <p>The grant is being made to the Council of Europe's scholarship programme. The grant will finance a) the participation of 25 Belarusian students in two seminars at the Ukrainian School of Political Studies, and b) the participation of 10 Belarusian students in three seminars at the School of Political Studies in Moscow.</p>	<p>690 000</p>	<p>Council of Europe Avenue de l'Europe, 67075 Strasbourg Cedex, France Tel.: +33 (0) 3 88 41 20 00 Web: www.coe.int</p>
The Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority	<p>Supporting the development of local radiation protection competence in Belarus</p> <p>The aim is to develop local radiation protection competence in the parts of Belarus that were contaminated by the Chernobyl accident, especially in the Bragin and Stolin districts, by a) establishing one or more local radioactivity monitoring stations, b) developing the competence of local monitoring personnel, and c) transferring experience of the rehabilitation of contaminated areas in Norway to the Belarusian authorities and NGOs. The project is part of the CORE programme led by UNDP.</p>	<p>811 550</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: postmottak@nrpa.no Web: www.nrpa.no Contact person: Astrid Liland, astrid.liland@nrpa.no</p>

<p>The Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority</p>	<p>Support for health risk reduction in the Chechersk region, Belarus</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 radioactive radiation measurements of children b) improving radiological monitoring systems, and c) improving the local culture in relation to this issue, through information and other activities. The project is part of the UNDP's CORE programme.</p>	<p>717 922</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: postmottak@nrpa.no Web: www.nrpa.no Contact person: Astrid Liland, astrid.liland@nrpa.no</p>
<p>New Energy Performance AS – NEPAS</p>	<p>Project development in Belarusian industry and municipalities</p> <p>The study is to identify possibilities for and barriers to energy efficiency cooperation in Belarus. This will involve transferring skills and knowledge in the areas of energy and environmental technology for industry, and establishing systems for local and regional energy planning in cooperation with Belarusian partners.</p>	<p>300 000</p>	<p>NEPAS PO Box 137, NO-2027 Kjeller, Norway Tel.: +47 63 80 64 75 Fax: +47 63 81 29 05 Web: www.nepas.no Contact person: Thor Henning Gulbrandsen, gulbrandsen@nepas.no</p>
<p>The Norwegian Helsinki Committee (NHC)</p>	<p>Programme for educational development, democracy and human rights projects in Belarus, 2007</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: www.nhc.no</p>
<p>The International Centre for Democratic Transition (ICDT)</p>	<p>Task Force for the Future of Belarus</p> <p>The aim is to attract greater attention to the situation in Belarus and to the need for changes in European Union policy towards the country, as the policy of isolating the Belarus regime has not brought 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>500 000</p>	<p>International Centre for Democratic Transition Árvácska u. 12. 1022 Budapest, Hungary Tel.: +36 (1) 438-0820 Fax: +36 (1) 438-0821 Email: info@icdt.hu Web: www.icdt.hu Contact person: Péter Kolossa, p.kolossa@icdt.hu</p>
<p>The European Humanities University in Vilnius (EHU)</p>	<p>Grants to 20 students at the European Humanities University</p> <p>The grant will finance scholarships for 20 Belarusian undergraduate students for the academic year 2007–2008, covering housing and living costs, tuition fees and EHU administration costs. It is intended that the scholarships will be continued for three further years, to enable the students to complete their degrees. The Nordic Council of Ministers administers the funds from Norway and other European donors.</p>	<p>923 087</p>	<p>EHU Kraziu str. 25, LT-01108 Vilnius, Lithuania Tel.: +370 5 2639650 Fax: +370 5 2639651 Email: office@ehu.lt Web: www.ehu-international.org</p>

<p>EBRD – European Bank for Reconstruction and Development</p>	<p>Microfinance Bank of Belarus (MFBB)</p> <p>The goal is to establish a microfinance bank, in cooperation with other investors, that specialises in providing financial services to micro and small enterprises (MSE). The bank is to achieve commercial viability as soon as possible. After being launched in Minsk, the MFBB will expand to at least two regions and six branches within three years, and more than 50 loan officers are to be trained. The estimated gross portfolio value at the end of year three is EUR 54 million. MFBB will be the only specialised microfinance institution in Belarus.</p>	<p>(EUR) 250 000</p>	<p>EBRD One Exchange Square, London EC2A 2JN, United Kingdom Tel.: +44 20 73 38 60 00 Fax: +44 20 73 38 61 00 Web: www.ebrd.com Contact person: Neil McKain, mckainn@ebrd.com</p>
<p>Norwegian People’s Aid (NPA)</p>	<p>Women Can Do It! – part 2</p> <p>The aim of the project is to increase women’s participation and impact in the political and economical processes in the Mogilev and Gomel provinces, e.g. through training course holders and holding local training courses and other events that focus on women’s rights and their abilities. The project is a follow-up to “Women Can Do It!”, which was run in the Mogilev region.</p>	<p>550 000</p>	<p>NPA PO Box 8844 Youngstorget, NO-0028 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 03 77 00 Fax: +47 22 20 08 70 Email: npaid@npaid.org Web: www.npaid.org Contact person: Asgerd Vetlejord</p>