

Funding source	The World Bank Group Country Partnership Strategy for Belarus, 2013–2017 (5) BIOMASS DISTRICT HEATING PROJECT (07/14 – 12/19)
Targeted countries	Belarus
Programme objectives	The Project Development Objective is to scale up the efficient use of renewable biomass in heat and electricity generation in selected towns of Belarus.
Programme description	The project finances the replacement of existing gas and oil boilers by biomass boilers, the provision of wood chipping equipment and biomass fuel storage facilities, the installation of individual building-level heat substations with temperature control, and the upgrading of district heating networks. The project also helps participating utilities to communicate more proactively with their customers, including on existing grievance redress mechanisms and feedback analysis, to enhance service delivery and facilitate a shift from volume-based to energy content-based biomass pricing. The World Bank Group Country Partnership Strategy for Belarus guides World Bank and International Finance Corporation (IFC) support to Belarus from 2013 to 2017.
Website and additional links	http://www.worldbank.org/ http://www.worldbank.org/content/dam/Worldbank/document/Belarus-Snapshot.pdf
Status	Ongoing
Overall budget	N/A
Maximum budget per candidate	N/A
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Who can candidate?	Key Partners: Energy Efficiency Department of the State Standardization Committee, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Housing, and 13 participating district heating utilities: Grodno oblast: Volkovysk; Brest oblast: Ivanovo, Baranovichi, and Bereza; Gomel oblast: Zarechie, Kalinkovichi, and Zjabrovka; Minsk oblast: Starye Dorogi, Kholopenichi, and Cherven; and Mogilov oblast: Kadino, Cherikov, and Veremeiki.
What are the requirements for applying?	N/A
Type of activity funded	Development projects, infrastructure projects, investment projects, analytical and technical assistance
Link with ICT	Does the programme include ICT indirectly
Other useful information	The World Bank is a catalyst of global knowledge and best practices in the development of ICTs. A South-South knowledge exchange between the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Belarus, "Together to the InfoSociety," facilitated by the World Bank in June 2014, provided a platform to discuss Korea's ICT experience in such sectors as health, land registration, and cyber security, as well as Belarus ICT sector development.