

<b>Funding source</b>	<b>The World Bank Group Country Partnership Strategy for Belarus, 2013–2017 (1)</b> <b>BELARUS NATIONAL QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUSINESS REGULATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NQI&amp;BR) (2014-2017)</b>
<b>Targeted countries</b>	Belarus
<b>Programme objectives</b>	The Project Development Objectives are: a) to support business operations reform, focusing on a reduction of regulatory costs and burdens, permits, inspections, and business formalities, and encourage private sector growth by upgrading MSME policy and improving implementation at the national and municipal levels; and b) to increase the international competitiveness of Belarus' businesses by reducing the compliance costs associated with the requirements and services administered by the NQI system and by improving trade logistics.
<b>Programme description</b>	IFC is implementing the National Quality Infrastructure and Business Regulation Improvement Project in Belarus to help the country improve its business and investment climate. The main project components are focusing on: a) the improvement of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprise (MSME) policies and a lowering of the barriers to growth, including a reduction in the implementation gap at the national and subnational levels; and b) the competitiveness, growth, and diversification of exports. Working to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) and trade logistics, the project will prioritise food production and the trucking/logistics sectors. It is expected that the sector-driven reforms will complement and catalyse broader private sector growth, trade, and domestic and foreign direct investments in the Belarusian economy. The World Bank Group Country Partnership Strategy for Belarus guides World Bank and International Finance Corporation (IFC) support to Belarus from 2013 to 2017.
<b>Website and additional links</b>	<a href="http://www.worldbank.org/">http://www.worldbank.org/</a> <a href="http://www.worldbank.org/content/dam/Worldbank/document/Belarus-Snapshot.pdf">http://www.worldbank.org/content/dam/Worldbank/document/Belarus-Snapshot.pdf</a>
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing
<b>Overall budget</b>	N/A
<b>Maximum budget per candidate</b>	N/A
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<b>Who can candidate?</b>	Key Partners: Ministry of Economy, State Standardization Committee, and State Customs Committee.
<b>What are the requirements for applying?</b>	N/A
<b>Type of activity funded</b>	Development projects, infrastructure projects, investment projects, analytical and technical assistance
<b>Link with ICT</b>	Does the programme includes ICT indirectly
<b>Other useful information</b>	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.
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