

External assistance

Assistance provided by the EU to third world countries (e. g. non - EU member state countries) is called external. This assistance is provided through so called external cooperation instruments. Nowadays EU external assistance accounts for 10 % of Official Development Assistance (ODA), which together with assistance from individual EU member states accounts for 55 % of ODA. Official Development Assistance includes International Cooperation Assistance (ICA), humanitarian aid, credits and external debt repayment on preferential terms to developing countries or countries with transitional economies by foreign countries or international organizations (donors) for the successful implementation of socio-economic changes in these countries.

The EU is the world's biggest international assistance donor. More than 160 countries, territories and regional organizations are partners of the EU. More than 2/3 of the EU external assistance is provided for free.

The main type of assistance provided to Belarus is International Cooperation Assistance, consisting of know-how, consulting, expert evaluations, training, business plans and investments. More than EUR 216 million has been provided to Belarus under the EU TACIS Programme in 1991-2006, which represents 40 % of all the ICA provided to Belarus by international donors.

External assistance instruments

At present (01.01.2007-31.12.2013), nine EU external assistance instruments are operating, four of them are geographic, e.g. covering different geographic regions in the world:

- 1. The Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA)** covers candidate countries and potential candidate countries for accession to the EU;
- 2. The Economic Cooperation Instrument (ECI)** is used for cooperation with industrialised and high-income countries;
- 3. The European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)** covers countries and territories neighbouring the EU (Azerbaijan, Algeria, Armenia, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Moldova, Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Russian Federation, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine);
- 4. The Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)** covers countries which don't participate in the ENPI or the IPA. The Five remaining instruments are:
- 5. The Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (NSCI)** for the support of nuclear safety in third countries;
- 6. The Instrument for Stability (IS)** – for preventing and responding to situations of crisis in third world countries; this instrument also provides financing for civil research activities in the International Science and Technology Centre (ISTC);
- 7. The Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA)** – for stabilizing the financial situation and establishing the market economy in third world countries;
- 8. The Humanitarian Aid Instrument (HAI)** – for providing humanitarian aid to people in third world countries who have become victims of natural disasters and wars;
- 9. The Instrument for Promoting Democracy and Human Rights** for supporting civil society in countries throughout the world including Belarus (see the schematic inside the flyer).

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The European Union is made up of 27 member states who have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms.

The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders.

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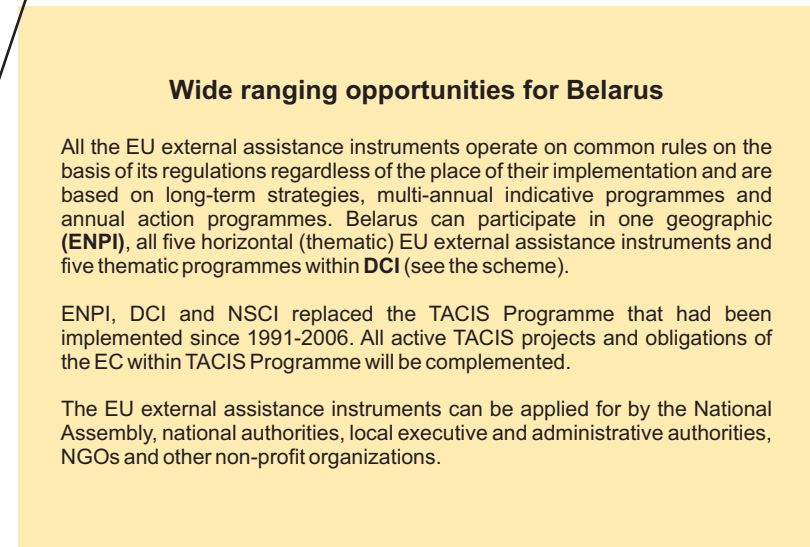
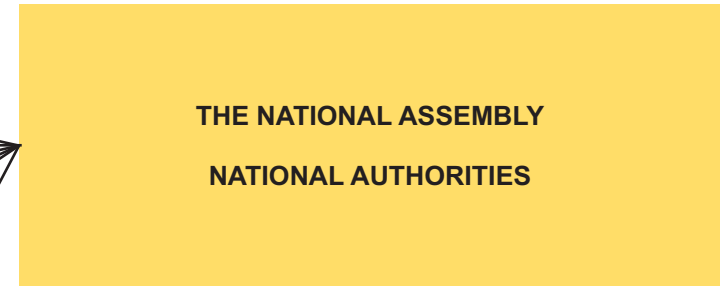
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE EU EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE INSTRUMENTS FOR BELARUS

Horizontal (thematic) instruments

EU External Assistance Instruments for 2007-2013



Potential applicants



Geographic instruments

Thematic programmes

