

The European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument

For the period 2007-2013 the majority of international assistance for Belarus is being delivered through the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) as part of the Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and Eastern Partnership Initiative.

The ENPI countries are: Azerbaijan, Algeria, Armenia, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Russian Federation, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine.

The ENPI comprises the following programmes:

- National – for each participating country;
- Regional (East and South) – for two or more partner countries;
- Cross-Border Cooperation (CBC) – for cooperation between EU member states and neighbouring countries;
- Interregional – for cooperation between East and South regional programmes;
- Thematic programmes.

Belarus can participate in the following ENPI programmes:

- National;
- Regional - East (together with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine);
- CBC («Baltic Sea Region», «Latvia-Lithuania-Belarus», «Poland-Belarus-Ukraine»);
- Interregional (TEMPUS, Erasmus-Mundus, TAIEX, CIUDAD – Cooperation in Urban Development and Dialogue);
- Thematic programmes («Investing in People», «Migration and Asylum», «Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources including energy», «Non-State Actors and Local Authorities», «Food Security»)(see the schematic over leaf).

Participants

The participants of the ENPI programmes for Belarus are: the National Assembly, national authorities (ministries and state committees), local executive and administrative authorities, NGOs and other non-profit organizations.

National and East Regional Programmes. National and East Regional Programmes. Projects implemented through National and East Regional programmes are based on terms of reference, have a value of more than EUR 1 million and often have an investment or demonstration (pilot project) component. The beneficiaries of such projects are mainly national authorities. Currently a sector-project approach is used by the Commission services when preparing the Annual Action Plan of the ENPI National Programme. This approach concentrates EC assistance in a specific sector of the economy agreed with the Belarusian Government and supports the implementation of the social-economic development programme of the Republic of Belarus. EC identification and technical missions, in dialogue with the Belarusian line ministries and civil society organizations, select a sector of assistance. Prior to EC programming mission visits the stakeholders can submit their proposals regarding the selection of the sector for assistance to the National Coordinating Unit (NCU). The projects are implemented by consulting companies selected by the European Commission (EC) following tender and grant award procedures.

The CBC, Interregional (except TAIEX) and Thematic programmes are «partner projects», where partner organisations jointly develop and implement projects. The project idea should be submitted in a specifically designed application form not later than a specified deadline. Applications usually are submitted by the lead applicants. As a rule these type of projects require co-financing. The selection of projects is carried out on a competitive basis by independent committees. You can find more details on the application procedures on the programmes' websites (see the schematic over leaf).

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European Commission (EC) is the EU's executive body.



The coordination of international technical assistance programmes and projects in Belarus as well as consultations on their preparation is carried out by Coordinating Unit of Belarus for the European Union's TACIS Programme (TACIS CU)

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The European Union's TACIS Programme for Belarus

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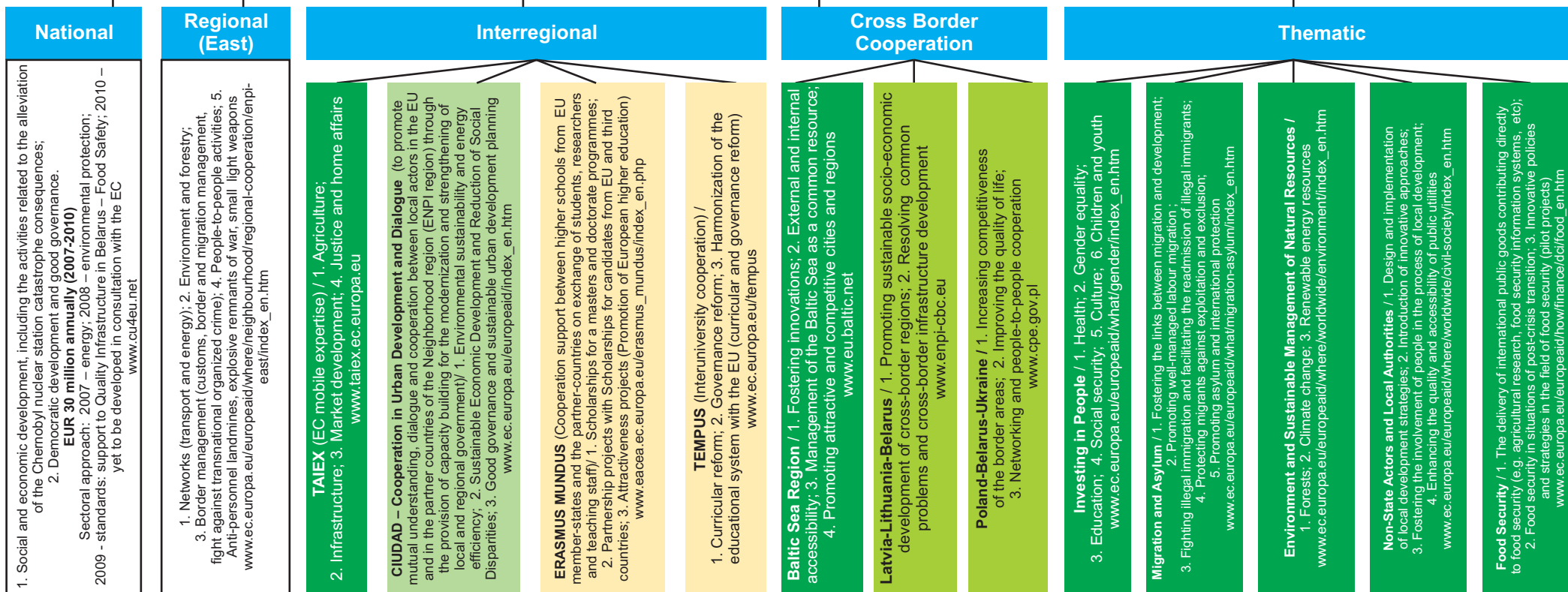


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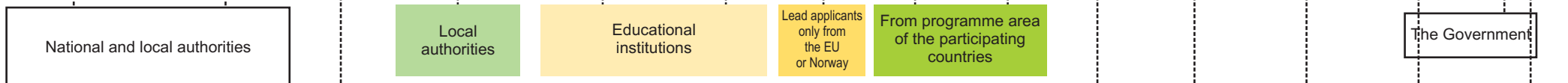
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ENPI

PROGRAMMES / priorities (web-sites)



POTENTIAL APPLICANTS



National and local authorities, scientific and research institutions, educational institutions, funds, associations, chambers of commerce, NGOs and other non-profit organizations

BENEFICIARIES

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