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Activity description	Fund	Donor	Implementing agent	Budget Account	Funds planned (USD)	Funds utilized (USD)	All periods target achieved, %	Variance, USD	Overall project assessment of implemented activities (brief description)	
Component 1. LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL APPROXIMATION, AND CAPACITY BUILDING										
Output 1. Water management legislation in Belarus progressively approximated with the EU regulations										
1.1.	Comparative analysis of present national water legislation in Belarus with relevant EU regulations	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants	15 700	14 950	95,22%	-750	Activity is completed in 2012. Concept on approximation of Belarusian and European legislation in the field of water management was prepared and approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Protection (MNREP). Report containing comparative analysis of present Belarusian water legislation with relevant EU regulations was completed and was approved by the MNREP.
1.2.	Formulating proposals for improvement of legal and institutional framework for water management in Belarus	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants	3 475	3 371	97,01%	-104	Activity is completed in 2012. Report with proposals for improvement of legislation in the field of water management in line with the EU directives was prepared and approved by the MNREP. A list of technical normative acts to be developed was defined. These documents formulate new practice on quality assessment of surface waters on the basis of hydro-biological, hydro-chemical and hydro-morphological indicators.
1.3.	Organizing round tables on legal and institutional framework for water management in Belarus	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travels / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	9 420	9 987	106,02%	567,27	Activity is completed in 2012. (i) Meeting of a round table format was organized in March 2012. More than 60 participants took part in the round table including 16 key decision-makers (representatives of the MNREP and MHME, other ministries), EU Delegation to Minsk, Embassies, the UNDP, organizations and institutions working in the field of water management, NGOs. Conclusions of the comparative analysis as well as proposals for improvement of legislation in the field of water management were presented at the first round table. Results of the first round table were duly incorporated into the further development of new technical normative documents. (ii) Second round table was held on November 28. First drafts of 5 technical normative documents (formulating new practice on quality assessment of surface waters on the basis of hydro-biological, hydro-chemical and hydro-morphological indicators) were presented and discussed. About 50 participants took part in the round table, including 9 decision makers (representatives of the MNREP, regional committees of natural resources, etc.). Minutes of the round tables were duly prepared and signed.
1.4.	Drafting primary and secondary legal acts lacking for proper water management in Belarus	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants	56 950	60 112	105,55%	3 162	Activity is completed in 2014. 1. Final drafts of 13 new regulatory acts or amendments to the existing ones were prepared and submitted to the MNREP: (i) Technical code of common practice (TCP) "Environmental protection and nature management. Analytical control and monitoring. The rules for definition of the ecological (hydrobiological) status of limnetic ecosystems"; (ii) TCP "Environmental protection and nature management. Analytical control and monitoring. The rules for definition of the ecological (hydrobiological) status of river ecosystems"; (iii) TCP "Environmental protection and nature management. Analytical control and monitoring. The rules for definition of chemical (hydrochemical) status of lake ecosystems"; (iv) TCP "Environmental protection and nature management. Analytical control and monitoring. The rules for definition of chemical (hydrochemical) status of river ecosystems"; (v) State standard "Environmental protection and nature use. Analytical control and monitoring. Guidance standard on determining the degree of modification of river hydromorphology"; (vi) Amendment No. 1 to the TCP 17.06-08-2012 (02120) "Environmental protection and nature use. Hydrosphere. Order of definition of norms of allowable discharge of chemicals and other substances in sewage waters"; (vii) TCP "Environmental protection and nature management. Analytical control and monitoring. The rules of observations of the surface waters at accidental pollution"; (viii) TCP "Environmental protection and nature management. Analytical control and monitoring. Requirements for laboratories performing analytical control and monitoring of surface and sewage water"; (ix) State standard "Environmental protection and nature use. Analytical control and monitoring. Water quality. Determination of mercury. Method using atomic fluorescence spectrometry"; TCP "Environmental Protection and Nature Use. Hydrosphere. Standards of maximum permissible concentration of chemical and other substances in water of superficial water objects"; (xi) Resolution of the Council of Ministers "On approval of regulations on composition and function of river basin councils"; (xii) TCP "Environmental protection and nature use. Hydrosphere. Rules of development of river basin management plan". (xiii) TCP "Environmental protection and nature management. Analytical control and monitoring. Analytical control and monitoring. The order of attribution of surface water object to the classes of ecological conditions (status) " 2. 12 manuals on applications of the stated above new regulatory acts and amendments to the existing ones were prepared and agreed with the MNREP. 3. Replication strategy for further improvement of the legislation in the field of water management and approximation with the EU legislation was prepared and agreed with the MNREP and the UNDP.

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1.5.	Organizing water management training workshop	30079	10159	000995	71205 international consultants / 71305 - local consultants / 71600 -local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	31 844	23 176	72,78%	-8 668	Activity is completed in 2013. (i) 27 specialists and 20 decision-makers were trained at the workshop "Improvement of legislation of the Republic of Belarus in the field of water management" that was organized at the end of May 2013 in Brest. List of participants included representatives of the MNREP, Brest authorities, educational institutions, regional committee of natural resources, other stakeholders. New regulatory acts developed within the project and amendments to the existing regulatory acts were presented at the workshop. Recommendations for further improvement of legislation of Belarus in the field of water management and approximation with the EU legislation were developed by the participants of the workshop and duly presented to the MNREP. Minutes of the workshop were duly prepared and signed. (ii) In 2012 water management workshop was organized on May 22-24, 2012 in Grodno. The topic of the workshop was discussion of the proposed amendments to the water management regulations and standards. More than 50 specialists took part in the workshop including 20 decision-makers and about 30 representatives from the MNREP, its regional departments, specialized institutions functioning in the water management sector. Minutes of the training workshop are duly prepared and signed.
1.6.	Organizing a study tour in the area of water management	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71600 - international travel	33 425	32 641	97,65%	-784	Activity is completed in 2013. (i) 6 specialists from the MNREP, special institutions working in the field of water management, regional committees of nature resources were trained at the study tour that was organized to France in March 2013. The study tour was devoted to learning of experience of river basin management and functioning of river basin councils. Trained specialists were involved at further project activities in the field of water management. (ii) In 2012, 5 specialists were trained at the study tour that was organized to Slovakia on July 24-27, 2012. The purpose of the tour was to study practical experience on identification of ecological and chemical status of the surface waters. (iii) First study tour was organized in October 2011 for one official to learn the practice of water management in Kazakhstan. <i>Note: two study tours were organized additionally due to the savings of funds.</i>
TOTAL OUTPUT 1:						150 814	144 237	95,64%	-6 577	
Output 2. EU waste management regulations and practices analyzed and integrated into the Belarusian legal system										
2.1.	Critical analysis and evaluation of the actual data on MSW production and MSW treatment for the whole waste stream and main waste types	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants	3 745	3 000	80,11%	-745	Activity is completed in 2012. Report containing critical analysis and evaluation of the actual data on MSW production and MSW treatment for the whole waste stream and main waste types was prepared, duly discussed and approved by the MNREP and Ministry of Housing and Municipal Economy (MHME).
2.2.	Elaborating guidelines for assessment and projection of MSW production and MSW treatment for the whole waste stream and main waste types	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants	3 860	2 500	64,77%	-1 360	Activity is completed in 2012. Similar European guidelines were carefully studied. Draft guidelines for the assessment and projection of MSW production and MSW treatment for the whole waste stream and main waste types were developed, and discussed with the MNREP and MHME. Draft guidelines were tested in the pilot cities (Mosty and Kobrin). Upon results of the testing, final draft of guidelines was prepared. Guidelines were approved by the MNREP and MHME. The MNREP and MHME distributed the guidelines among regional departments of the Ministries (regional committees of natural resources and regional municipal and housing services organizations).
2.3.	Formulating the MSW management strategy for MSW production and MSW treatment	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants	5 380	4 575	85,04%	-805	Activity is completed in 2013. (i) Based on the results of implementation of pilot projects on municipal solid waste (MSW) management in 2 regions (Mosty and Kobrin) and on the strategies on MSW management that were prepared for the pilot regions, framework concept on MSW management at national level was prepared and agreed by the MNREP and MHME. This concept is a good basis for preparation of MSW management strategy at country level. (ii) In 2012 MSW management strategies for the MSW production and treatment for the pilot regions are prepared for each of the regions (Mosty and Kobrin). The strategies contain action plan on improvement of MSW management system in the pilot regions. Before finalization, draft strategies were placed in the web-sites of Mosty and Kobrin local authorities and local MHSOs for possible comments from the NGOs and local population. Provisions of the strategies developed for the pilot regions were discussed at the training workshop that was organized in Minsk in June 2012. MSW management strategies are approved by the MNREP, MHME, local municipal and housing services organizations in Mosty and Kobrin and local executive committees of Mosty and Kobrin. (Official letters and approved strategies are available). (iii) Report on the MSW management policy targets at different levels of implementation is prepared and approved by the MNREP and the MHME. (Official letter from the MHME is available, the MNREP signed appropriate report).
2.4.	Formulating proposals for improvement of legal and institutional framework for MSW management in Belarus	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants	2 590	1 500	57,92%	-1 090	Activity is completed in 2012. Report containing feasibility study on the application of regulatory and economic instruments in the field of MSW management policy, including tariffs, institutional aspects, information flow was prepared and approved by the MNREP. The report is based on the analysis of the best European practices. The report was developed with due regard to the results of the activities 2.2 and 2.3. Based on the mentioned report, concept for improvement of Belarusian legislation in the field of MSW management was prepared and approved by the MNREP and MHME. The Concept contains justification and proposals on amendment of national legislation with concrete list of lacking normative documents and normative documents to be amended. According to Belarusian legislation ToR for amendment or development new normative legislative documents is not required. (Official letter from the MNREP and protocol of joint meeting with the MNREP and MHME on consideration of the proposals are available).
2.5.	Organizing round tables on legal and institutional framework for MSW management in Belarus	30079	10159	000995	71600-local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	12 357	11 757	95,15%	-600	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) All the results achieved in the field of improvement of municipal solid waste (MSW) management legislation were presented and discussed at the round table that was organized on May 13, 2014 in Minsk. In total 53 specialists and practitioners, including 12 decision-makers, took part in the discussions, including representatives of the involved Ministries, institutions working in the field of MSW management and NGOs. Recommendations for further improvement of the legislation in the field of MSW were elaborated and reflected in the minutes of the meeting and submitted to the MNREP. (ii) More than 50 specialists, including 14 decision makers, took part and were trained at the round table that was organized on November 15, 2013. Decision-makers include representatives of state authorities, MNREP, regional committees of natural resources. Other participants included representatives of NGOs, private companies, municipal and housing services organizations of Mosty and Kobrin, etc. Normative documents in the field of waste management developed within the project, involving new technical code of common practice containing general rules of MSW management were presented and discussed at the round table. NGOs running MSW management projects were also given an opportunity to present their results and achievements. (iii) Round table on legal and institutional framework for MSW management in Belarus was organized in March 2012 in Minsk. 60 people took part in the round table, including 12 key decision-makers (representatives of the MNREP, MHME, regional committees of the natural resources), and a little bit less than 50 representatives from NGOs, local municipal and housing services organizations, etc. Concept and draft proposals for improvement of Belarusian legislation in the field of MSW management were discussed.

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2.6. Drafting legal acts in the field of MSW management in Belarus	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants	13 500	12 624	93,51%	-876	Activity is completed in 2014. Based on the proposals on amendment of national legislation (activity 2.4 above), the following 9 draft legal acts in the field of the MSW management were prepared, duly discussed and agreed with the key stakeholders and submitted to the MNREP and MHME for official duty approval: (i) draft Resolution of the Ministry of Municipal and Housing Economy of the Republic of Belarus "on approval of a list of municipal waste"; (ii) draft Resolution of the Ministry of Municipal and Housing Economy "On amendments and additions to the Resolution of the Ministry of Municipal and Housing Economy of the Republic of Belarus dated April 17, 2009 No. 19 and on cancellation of Resolution of the Ministry of Municipal and Housing economy of the Republic of Belarus dated July 30, 2033 No. 26"; (iii) draft Resolution of the Ministry of Natural resources and Environment Protection of the Republic of Belarus and Ministry of Municipal and Housing Economy of the Republic of Belarus "On approval of Rules on municipal solid waste management"; (iv) draft law of the Republic of Belarus "On amendments and additions to the Law of the Republic of Belarus "On waste management"; (v) draft law of the Republic of Belarus "On amendments and additions to the Law of the Republic of Belarus "On protection of rights of consumers of municipal and housing services"; (vi) draft Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus "On amendments and additions to the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus dated January 27, 2009 No. 99"; (vii) draft Decree of the President "On amendments and additions to some Decrees of the President of the Republic of Belarus"; (viii) Instructions on the organization of collection, separation by types, incineration and/ or utilization of waste of goods and package". (Note: these instructions were already approved by the resolution of the MinEnv); (ix) Draft technical code of common practice "Environmental Protection and Nature Use. Wastes. Rules of Municipal Wastes Management".
2.7. Preparing training materials on MSW management strategy and curriculum for technical training workshops	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 74210 - printing and publications	4 905	4 715	96,12%	-190	Activity is completed in 2014. The following training materials were published and widely disseminated among the stakeholders all over the Republic including during regional workshops on MSW management strategies: (i) 300 hard copies of guidelines for the assessment and projection of MSW production and MSW treatment for the whole waste stream and main waste types; (ii) 100 hard copies of MSW management strategies for the MSW production and treatment for the pilot regions; (iii) 100 hard copies of materials on best EU practices in the field of MSW management. 260 DVD disks containing the above mentioned materials and a lot of additional materials on MSW management, including special videos, MSW management strategies, etc. were disseminated in 2012-2014, including during 6 regional seminars organized in Grodno (August 2012), in Kobrin (December 2012), in Minsk (July 2013), in Bobrujsk (August 2013), in Gomel (October 2013), and in Vitebsk (December 2013). The disks were also disseminated among the stakeholders during 4 regional workshops on MSW management strategies, final round table (activity 2.5. above) and final workshop on implementation of the 2rd. component that were organized in 2014.
2.8. Organizing study tours devoted to operation of the recommended MSW management options in the EU	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants / 71600 - international travel	60 125	59 049	98,21%	-1 076	Activity is completed in 2013. (i) 18 specialists were trained at the study tour organized to Estonia and Lithuania in April 2013, including representatives of local authorities from Mosty and Kobrin, municipal and housing services organizations from Mosty and Kobrin, regional committees of natural resources, MNREP, etc. Such aspects of the MSW management as separate waste collection, landfilling, production of biogas, landfill management, processing of green and bio waste were studied. (ii) In 2012 14 specialists were trained in the course of the study tour to Sweden that was organized in March 2012. Trained specialists include representatives from the MNREP, MHME, regional committee of natural resources, local municipal and housing services organization from Mosty and Kobrin, NGOs. During the study tour the best practices on the MSW management were studied, including separate waste collection by households, sorting, landfilling, waste treatment, production of biogas, incineration. Special attention was also given to the experience on organization of work with people, pupils, e.g. implementation of PR-campaign, actions, etc.
2.9. Organizing training workshops on MSW management strategy.	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants / 71600 -local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	28 801	27 663	96,05%	-1 138	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) About 165 practitioners and workers in the field of MSW management were trained in the course of 4 regional workshops for municipal and housing services organizations from the rest 4 regions of Belarus: 1st. workshop was organized in Kobrin on March 26-28, 2014 for municipal enterprises of Gomel region, 46 specialists were trained in total; the 2nd. workshop was organized in Mosty on April 2-4, 2014 for municipal enterprises of Vitebsk region and 42 specialists were trained in total; the 3rd. workshop was organized in Kobrin on April 21-23, 2014 for municipal enterprises of Mogiliov region and 37 specialists were trained; the 4th. workshop was organized in Mosty on May 14-16, 2014 for municipal enterprises of Minsk region and 43 specialists were trained. During the regional seminars professionals from a 4 regions of Belarus had a possibility to observe what was done in Mosty and Kobrin on the field and understand results achieved. (ii) More than 200 practitioners and workers in the field of MSW management were trained in the course of six regional workshops that were organized for the municipal and housing services organizations of the regions: in Grodno (August 2012), in Brest (December 2012), in Minsk (July 2013), in Bobrujsk (August 213), in Gomel (October 2013), and in Vitebsk (December 2013). The audience included representatives of municipal and housing services organizations of the regions and regional committees of natural resources. (iii) Training workshop "MSW management strategy: international experience and national practice" was organized in Minsk in June 2012. Provisions of the MSW management strategies developed for the pilot regions within the project as well as international experience were presented. More than 50 specialists took part in the workshop including decision makers from the MNREP, MHME, local MHSOs (about 10 people), experts involved in the MSW management, international experts, representatives from NGOs.
TOTAL OUTPUT 2:					135 263	127 384	94,17%	-7 879	
Output 3. Biodiversity conservation legislation improved, based on comparative analysis with EU regulations									
3.1. Formulating proposals for improvement of legal and institutional framework for biodiversity conservation in Belarus	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants	20 925	18 075	86,38%	-2 850	Activity is completed in 2012. Comparative analysis of legislation of Belarus and the EU in the field of biodiversity conservation was prepared. Appropriate report was approved by the MNREP.

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3.2.	Organizing round tables on legal and institutional framework for biodiversity conservation in Belarus	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 71600 -local travel / 72105 -contractual svcs (companies)	12 958	8 230	63,51%	-4 728	Activity is completed in 2013. (i) 2 additional round tables on legal and institutional framework for biodiversity conservation in Belarus and usage of Internet organized biodiversity database, that was developed within the project, for further improvement of biodiversity legislation were organized in March 2013 and November 2013. More than 40 specialists were trained on usage the database as an instrument for practical observation over migration of species and amendment of biodiversity legislation. In 2012, 2 round tables were organized: (ii) First round table on legal and institutional framework for biodiversity conservation was organized in Berezinsky biosphere reserve in June 2012. Findings of the comparative study (activity 3.1 above) were discussed during the round table. About 40 specialists took part in the round table, including 10 decision makers, as well as representatives of institutions and NGOs working in the field of legislation and biodiversity conservation, National Academy of Sciences. (iii) Second round table was organized in November 2012. Proposed amendments to the legislation of Belarus in the field of biodiversity conservation, and namely joining to Bern Convention were discussed. About 40 people took part in the round table, including 9 decision makers (representatives of the MNREP, Government, etc.) and representatives of National Academy of Sciences, nature reserves, NGOs, etc.
3.3.	Preparing proposals on the improvement of the legal system in the field of biodiversity conservation in Belarus.	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants	17 995	19 025	105,72%	1 030	Activity is completed in 2013. (i) Draft Decree of the President of Belarus on joining to Bern Convention was prepared by the project experts; the Decree was officially adopted in February 2013 and Belarus joined Bern Convention. While preparing draft legislative act, the necessity to make official Russian translation of the Convention was raised. The project found resources and made official translation of Bern Convention into Russian that is now used in all the further actions. (ii) Based on the special request of the MNREP the first report of the country on implementation of Bern Convention was prepared by project experts and submitted to the MNREP for further actions. (iii) Final draft of technical code of common practice containing requirements to identification and protection of typical and rare habitat and landscapes was completed and submitted to the MNREP. (iii) Final draft technical code of common practice "Environment protection and nature use. Territories. Rules for development and establishment of green routes and their parts- ecological trails, including on the specially protected nature territories" was duly prepared in accordance with the legislation of Belarus and submitted to the MNREP. Special manual on how to use developed new technical code of common practice was developed and also submitted to the MNREP. (iv) Proposals on improvement of the legal system and amendments to the existing legislative documents in the field of biodiversity conservation related to the joining of Belarus to Bern Convention were prepared and approved by the MNREP in 2012.
3.4.	Organizing training workshops concerning biodiversity protection strategy	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants / 71600 - international and local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	30 876	58 341	188,95%	27 465	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) More than 45 officials, professionals and specialists, including 13 decision-makers, were trained at the third training workshop on implementation of biodiversity protection strategy in Belarus and development of habitat banking activities, including representatives of government bodies, institutes of the National Academy of Sciences, EU, UNDP, Nature Reserves, NGOs. The workshop was organized on May 5-7, 2014 in Pripyatskij Reserve in collaboration with the APB "BirdLife Belarus" and RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, UK). (ii) 43 specialists and practitioners and 11 decision-makers were trained at the 2nd. workshop that was organized in the National Park "Braslau Lakes" on July 4-6, 2013. List of participants covered representatives of different stakeholders, including representatives of President's authority, National academy of science, MNREP, land management organizations, educational institutions of Belarus, managers for nature reserves from all over Belarus, NGOs, etc. Problems related to identification and protection of rare and typical habitats and landscapes were raised and discussed at the seminar as well as new regulatory acts that were developed within the project were presented. 3 international experts presented experience on protection of habitats and landscapes in their country, and namely in Lithuania, Latvia and Poland. (iii) 27 specialists and 11 decision-makers were trained in the course of the first workshop that was organized in Berezinski biosphere reserve in March 2013. Participants included representatives of the President's authority, MNREP, state inspection for protection of wild flora and fauna, nature reserves of the country, National academy of sciences of Belarus, NGOs, etc. Issues on further improvement of legislation in the field of biodiversity conservation were discussed. Experience of Lithuania in improvement and implementation of biodiversity conservation legislation was presented by the international expert.
3.5.	Organizing study tours concerning biodiversity protection strategy	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71600 - international travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	106 932	110 922	103,73%	3 990	Activity is completed in 2013. (i) 18 specialists and practitioners were trained in Austria on implementation of hunting legislation, protection of wild birds, organization of hunting in different seasons of the year, marketing of sports hunting and fishing, etc., at the special study tour organized in September 2013 to Austria. Trained specialists included representatives of the MNREP, Ministry of Forestry, Belarusian society of hunters and fishermen, Presidents' authority, NGOs, regional committee of natural resources and environment protection. (ii) 2 study tour were organized in 2012: Study tour to Slovakia was organized in June 2012 to learn legislative regulation of ecotourism and agro tourism development at the specially protected nature territories, where 14 specialists were trained including representatives of the key Ministries, National Academy of sciences, NGO. Second study tour was organized in July 2012 to Romania to learn experience on conservation and management of wetlands. 16 specialists were trained including heads of nature reserves, MNREP, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus.
TOTAL OUTPUT 3:						189 686	214 592	113,13%	24 906	
Output 4. Proposals to integration of EU procedures and practices in ecological certification of products into Belarusian legislation made										
4.1.	Preparing proposals on the progressive approximation of Belarus legislation with the EU legislation in the area of ecological certification	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants	12 410	8 162	65,77%	-4 248	Activity is completed in 2014. Reports containing (i) description of the main tasks, goals and activities of the "Global ecolabelling network"; and (ii) recommendations and conclusions of the study on possibilities of joining of Belarus to the organization "Global ecolabelling network" were submitted to the MNREP for the further actions in 2014; Concept on integration of EU procedures and practices on ecological certification of products into the Belarusian legislation was prepared and approved by the MNREP in 2011. The Concept defines requirements to the analysis of Belarusian legislation. Based on the approved Concept, report on the results of comparative analysis of legislation and practices of Belarus and the EU in the field of eco-labeling of products and packages was prepared and approved by the MNREP in 2012. Based on comparative analysis, report containing proposals on improvement of existing technical normative documents and standards of Belarus and development of new ones in the field of ecological certification, with due regard to EU legislation and best practices, was prepared, discussed and approved by the MNREP in 2012.

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4.2. Organizing round tables on enhancement of the national (TLF) for ecological certification in Belarus.	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	9 300	9 258	99,55%	-42	Activity is completed in 2012. (i) First round table on legislative support and practices of ecological certification development in Belarus in accordance with the EU practices was organized in March 2012 in Minsk. 60 specialists participated in the round table. 15 key decision-makers (representatives of the MNREP, Gosstandard (State Accreditation body), Ministry of Industry, other Ministries) as well as representatives of interested stakeholders, NGOs, mass media took part at the round table. Results achieved under the project and analysis of legislation were presented at the round table. Recommendations of the round table were used in the process of development of proposals on improvement of existing legislative acts of Belarus in the field of ecological certification. (ii) The second round table "Improvement of ecolabelling system in Belarus" was organized on July 12, 2012 in Minsk. Technical normative documents and standards to be developed and amended as well as proposals on the development of new ones were discussed. More than 40 people, including 5 decision makers, representatives of the stakeholders, NGOs, producers of goods that can be certified took part in the round table.
4.3. Drafting lacking technical regulations (or introducing changes in the current technical regulations) in the field of ecological certification in Belarus.	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 71205 - international consultants / 71600 - international travel	65 782	70 676	107,44%	4 894	Activity is completed in 2014. 1. The following final drafts of 7 technical normative documents were developed and submitted to the MNREP for further actions in 2013: (i) State standard "Environmental protection and nature use. Ecological criteria for furniture and floor coverings from wood and wooden materials"; (ii) Amendment to the standard STB 1733-2007 "Environmental protection and nature use. Ecological criteria for synthetic detergents" establishing ecological criteria for detergents; (iii) State standard "Environmental protection and nature use. Ecological criteria for cosmetic hygienic cleaning products, hair care products"; (iv) Technical code of common practice "National confirmation of conformity system of the Republic of Belarus. Environmental certification of products"; (v) Amendment No.1 to the technical code of common practice 5.1.08-2012 "National system of confirmation of the Republic of Belarus. Labels. Description and order of application"; (vi) State standard "Environmental Protection and Nature Use. Environmental criteria to accommodation and placement services"; (vii) Technical code of common practice "National conformation of conformity system of the Republic of Belarus. Environmental certification of accommodation and placement services". 2. Five manuals on application of the stated above documents were prepared and submitted to the MNREP. 3. Replication Strategy on further development of ecological certification of products was prepared and approved by the MNREP and the UNDP. 4. 8 specialists (including representatives of special audit organization, experts of enterprises-producers of goods and providers of accommodation services) were trained at the study tour to Sweden that was organized in June 2013. The study tour was devoted to learning of practical aspects of certification of accommodation services provided by hotels. 5. In 2014 preparatory works for practical usage of new documents developed within the project and practical ecological certification of goods and services and promotion of ecological certification was ensured through: (i) Training program for experts-auditors on ecological certification of accommodation services was developed based on the guidelines prepared by the project in 2013. Training program was officially submitted to the specialized training institution in the country to be used for further training of expert-auditors; (ii) Training program of experts-auditors on ecological certification of goods was developed based on the guidelines prepared by the project in 2013. Training program was officially submitted to the specialized training institution in the country to be used for further training of expert-auditors; (iii) 8 experts-auditors were trained on ecological certification of goods and accommodation services (by 2 National and 2 International experts from Lithuania and Estonia) in April 2014; (iv) Local documentation for potential body on ecological certification of goods and services in accordance with the requirements of National certification system was developed and submitted to the MNREP, including regulations on certification body, regulations on board of the certification body, guidelines on quality of the certification body on ecological certification of goods and ecological body on ecological certification of services, etc.; (v) Promotional materials on ecological certification of goods and accommodation services, including 4 special brochures (on "green" procurements; for consumers; for producers of goods; for providers of accommodation services) were published in amount of 950 copies and widely disseminated among enterprises-producers of goods that can be potentially certified, hotels and camp sites providing accommodation services, regional departments of the MNREP and Ministry of Sports and Tourism, NGOs; (vi) Report containing promotional strategy on ecological certification of goods and accommodation services for different target groups was developed and submitted to the MNREP for the further actions. <i>Note: A lot of additional activities were implemented in the field of ecological certification, in particular related to promotion of ecological certification, organization of study tour in 2013, development of training programs and training of a potential auditors.</i>
4.4. Organizing a training workshop concerning ecological certification in Belarus	000995	30079	10159	71205 - international consultants / 71600 - international and local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	31 802	28 367	89,20%	-3 435	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) 35 practitioners and 10 decision-makers were trained at the first workshop that was organized on February 26, 2013. Participants list of the event included representatives from the MNREP, NGOs, enterprises-producers of goods and providers of services. Newly developed within the project documents on ecological certification of goods and order of the certification were presented and discussed at the seminar. Experience of Russia and Lithuania in ecological certification of goods was duly presented. (ii) 30 specialists and 10 decision-makers were trained at the second workshop that was organized in June 2013 in Minsk. The workshop was devoted to study of ecological certification of accommodation services provided by hotels and camp sites. Experience of Ukraine, Norway and Lithuania was presented at the workshop by the international experts. (iii) 36 specialists and 16 decision-makers were trained on "green" procurements practice at the 3rd. workshop that was organized in April 2014 in Minsk. International experts from Lithuania, Ukraine and Estonia presented experience of "Green" procurements in their countries and use it as an instrument for promotion of ecological certification. List of invited specialists included representatives of the MNREP, potential organizations - producers of products and providing accommodation services that can be certified.
Component closing workshop	000995	30079	10159	71600 - local travels / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	5 789	5 599	96,71%	-190	Activity is completed in 2013. 1st. component closing workshop was organized in November 2013 with total number of 55 stakeholders invited from all the regions of Belarus. Results achieved by the project on improvement of legislation in 4 fields: water management, ecological certification, biodiversity conservation, MSW management, recommendations for further steps in these areas were formulated and provided for the MNREP.
TOTAL OUTPUT 4:					119 294	116 463	97,63%	-2 831	
TOTAL Component 1:					600 846	608 275	101,24%	7 428	
Component 2. PILOT PROJECTS									
Output 5. More elements of full MSW management cycle put into operation in Mosty and Kobrin									

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5.1	Conducting a study in support of MSW management in Mosty and Kobrin	30079	10159	00995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	15 260	26 018	170,50%	10 758	Activity is completed in 2012. Study in support of MSW management in Mosty and Kobrin was conducted. Current situation on MSW volume that is produced, sorted and treated in Mosty and Kobrin as well as collection frequencies, available recycling infrastructure, systems, logistics were studied. Results of the study with proposals on effective MSW management cycles in Mosty and Kobrin were incorporated into the MSW management strategies for the pilot regions. The strategies were approved by the MNREP, MHME, local MHSOs and executive committees of Mosty and Kobrin (see activity 2.3 above). Study to reveal preferences of citizens in private houses in Mosty to accept biowaste compostainers and to identify the number of biowaste compostainers needed was completed. Results of the study were incorporated into the report on the results of the competition of local initiatives (activity 5.2).
5.2	Organizing a competition of local initiatives to develop technical solutions and preliminary project proposals for the MSW landfills in Mosty and Kobrin.	30079	10159	00995	/ 71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel	1 310	945	72,14%	-365	Activity is completed in 2012. Competition of local initiatives to develop technical solutions for the MSW landfills design in Mosty and Kobrin was completed. Civil societies, NGOs, individuals, other interested stakeholders were attracted to submit their proposals on design of landfills in the mentioned cities. Appropriate report describing results of the competition of local initiatives is attached to the report on conceptual landfill design (activity 5.3 below), (report was approved by the MNREP).
5.3	Designing the MSW landfill in Mosty and Kobrin.	30079	10159	00995	/ 71305 - local consultants / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	73 900	92 859	125,66%	18 959	Activity is completed in 2013. (i) Engineering design documentation for constructing of new landfill for Kobrin and reconstruction of the existing landfill in Mosty was prepared and given to the state expertise in 2013. Positive conclusions of the state expertise were obtained. In the process of development of engineering design documentation for construction of new landfill for Kobrin, special procedure of public hearings and environmental impact assessment was followed in accordance with the requirements of legislation of Belarus. (ii) Report on conceptual landfill design along with proposals of intensified landfill sites development for Mosty and Kobrin with due regard to the best EU regulations and practices was prepared and approved by the MNREP and MHSOs in 2012. Proposals of intensified landfill sites development contain creation of landfill layers, formation of landfill shape, location of composting site in the landfill territory, recommendations on the organization of system of landfill de-gasification, disposal of methane and waste water treatment.
5.4	Developing specification of MSW management equipment and organizing the bidding process.	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel	15 380	11 598	75,41%	-3 782	Activity is completed in 2013. (i) In 2013 specifications for the procurement of additional MSW management equipment were duly developed and agreed with the MNREP and local municipal and housing services organizations. Namely, specifications for the following equipment were prepared: bioreactor; 3 press-containers for Mosty; 4 additional trucks for Kobrin; loaders to work at the sorting stations in Mosty and Kobrin; compost turner for Mosty; screen crusher for Mosty. However, due to the limited amount of the suppliers, bioreactor was not procured, but instead a compost turner and a screen crusher were procured to work with the compost. All the specifications were reviewed by national and/or international experts. Lists of spare parts for the equipment procured within the project for Mosty and Kobrin were prepared and duly agreed by the MNREP and local municipal and housing services organizations. (ii) In 2012 specifications for bulldozers, trucks, 12 types of containers (including containers for separate collection of different types of waste, for collection of bulk waste, biowaste compostainers, as well as containers of different volumes, containers for collection of biodegradable waste), sorting plants, presses, dozer, crusher and set of containers for collection of hazardous waste were fully prepared and duly approved by the MNREP and local MHSOs. All the specifications were developed by local specialists in collaboration with the international expert and with involvement of the MNREP and local MHSOs. Positive conclusions of international experts (where it is required) are available.
5.5	Ensuring procurement and installation of MSW management equipment in Mosty and Kobrin.	30079/04000	10159/00012	000995	71305 - local / 71600 - local travel / consultants / 72210 - equipment / 72215 - transportation equipment / 72200 - spare parts	2 880 582	2 869 587	99,62%	-10 995	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) In 2014 the following equipment was delivered and put into operation: 148 zinc coated refuse containers of 1.1 cubic meters for separate collection of paper, plastic and glass waste; 250 containers of 0.75 cubic meters for separate collection of plastic and glass waste; 31 open and closed containers of 12 cubic meters. (ii) In 2013 procurement of the following equipment was ensured, delivered and put into operation: crusher for Mosty; dozer for Mosty; 2 loaders to work at the sorting stations in Mosty and Kobrin; 2 presses and 2 perforators to work at the sorting stations in Mosty and Kobrin; 2 sorting lines for Mosty and Kobrin; 3 press-containers for Mosty; 4 additional trucks for garbage transportation for Kobrin; screener crusher bucket. (iii) Spare parts (tires for refuse collection vehicles, oil, sensor for refuse collection vehicles, oil and air filters, spare parts for lift truck loaders, refuse collection vehicles, etc.) for the procured equipment were duly purchased and delivered to the pilot cities in 2013 and 2014. (iv) The following equipment and machinery was procured in 2012 and were put into operation and installed in Mosty and Kobrin pilot areas: 2 bulldozers to work at the landfills in Mosty and Kobrin; 12 trucks for waste transportation; containers of 0.75 cubic meters of 4 types (containers for separate collection of paper, glass, plastic and mixed waste) in amount of 600 pcs; 276 zinc coated containers of 1.1 cubic meters for separate collection of plastic, paper and glass waste (3 types); biocompostainers of 600 liters in the amount of 920 pcs.; 80 open and closed containers of 12 cubic meters for mixed waste and 20 containers of 8 cubic meters for bulk waste; 3 sets of containers for collection of hazardous waste; 200 biocontainers. (v) Engineering design documentation for installation of sorting plants in Mosty and Kobrin was developed in 2012. Positive conclusions of state expertise were received. Based on the developed engineering documentation, sorting lines were duly procured and put into operation in 2013.
5.6	Ensuring smooth operation of the pilot projects' MSW management systems.	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71600 - international travel	55 626	41 515	74,63%	-14 111	Activity is completed in 2014. Assistance in smooth operation of the improved MSW management systems in two pilot regions was ensured through: (i) 20 operators on MSW management in pilot regions (Mosty and Kobrin) were trained through organization of 2 trainings (in April and June 2014) with involvement of international expert from Lithuania. In particular, the specialists were trained on the following aspects: introduction of mechanism of expanded responsibility of producers and importers, collection of hazardous waste (including electric and electronic equipment), bio waste management, proper exploitation of equipment and machinery. (ii) In 2013 international expert from Latvia was recruited and provided two on-site trainings on MSW management for 30 local operators and managers. Trainings covered all the issues of MSW management, from separate waste collection to duly operation of the machinery; (iii) In 2013, 9 operators from Mosty and Kobrin were trained on practical aspects of MSW management in European countries and due usage of the MSW management equipment, especially equipment that is quite new to Belarus such as biocompostainers, compost tuner. The trainings were organized to Latvia (July 2013) and to Lithuania (October 2013) with involvement of international experts.

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5.7	Ensuring the monitoring of the pilot projects' MSW management systems.	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel	34 910	28 067	80,40%	-6 843	Activity is completed in 2014. Monitoring of the pilot projects' MSW management systems was ensured through: (i) In 2014 monitoring visits to the pilot cities (Mosty and Kobrin) were made on quarterly (1st. and 2nd. quarters of 2014) basis by specially recruited local and international experts with the purpose to evaluate the efficiency of the measures on improvement of MSW management systems in the pilot cities. In total 2 visits were made by local and international experts. 2 reports based on the results of the monitoring in 2 quarters of 2014 were duly prepared by each of the experts (international and local). The reports were agreed with the MNREP and local municipal and housing services organizations. Reports contain analysis of the activities done on improvement of the MSW management systems in the pilot regions, efficiency of equipment operation and recommendations for future actions. (ii) In 2013 monitoring visits to the pilot cities (Mosty and Kobrin) were made on quarterly basis by specially recruited local and international experts with the purpose to evaluate the efficiency of the measures on improvement of MSW management systems in the pilot cities. 4 reports based on the results of the monitoring in 4 quarters of 2013 were duly prepared by the international expert and 4 reports were prepared by the local expert. The reports on the results of the monitoring were agreed with the MNREP and local municipal and housing services organizations. Reports contain analysis of the activities done on improvement of the MSW management systems in the pilot regions, efficiency of equipment operation and recommendations for future actions.
5.8	Conducting comparative study on MSW management before and after implementation of pilot projects.	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel	22 740	26 493	116,50%	3 753	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) In 2014 a study on efficiency of MSW management in Mosty and Kobrin, after implementation of pilot projects, was conducted on the basis of the developed indicators of effectiveness of MSW management system (indicators of effectiveness were prepared by the project in 2012). Report on the results of the study, including recommendations for further development of the MSW management systems in the pilot towns, was prepared, discussed with stakeholders and submitted to the MNREP and local MHSOs for follow up actions. (ii) In 2014 a study on Mosty and Kobrin landfills biogas potential after implementation of pilot projects was conducted. Report containing results of assessment of Mosty and Kobrin landfills biogas potential was prepared by local expert, discussed with stakeholders and submitted to the local MHSOs for follow up actions. (iii) In 2014 a study of the locals' opinion on improvement of the elements of MSW management system in Mosty and Kobrin after implementation of pilot activities was conducted. Report containing results of study of the locals' opinion on improvement MSW management system was prepared by local expert, discussed with stakeholders and submitted to the local MHSOs for follow up actions. (iv) In 2013 report containing study on efficiency of the pilot projects in Mosty and Kobrin (related to the first improved elements of the MSW management system: separate waste collection and transportation) was prepared by the project experts, agreed and submitted to the MNREP. The study is based on the indicators of effectiveness of MSW management systems that were specially developed within the project to compare the situation before and after implementation of the pilot projects. Report also contains recommendations for further improvement of MSW management systems in Mosty and Kobrin.
5.9	Demonstrating the results of operation of the pilot projects' MSW management systems.	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel	2 572	1 572	61,12%	-1 000	Activity is completed in 2014. 4 reports for the pilot cities on efficiency and feasibility of the improved elements of the MSW management systems were prepared in 2013 and 2014 and approved by the MNREP and local MHSOs. (i) Report demonstrating the results of improvement of the following 4 elements of MSW management system in Kobrin pilot site was prepared in 2014 and approved by the MNREP and local municipal and housing services organization: - separate collection and transportation of waste; - bulk waste separate collection and management; - sorting; - landfill management. (ii) Report demonstrating the results of improvement of the following 8 elements of MSW management system in Mosty pilot site was prepared in 2014 and approved by the MNREP and local municipal and housing services organization: - separate collection and transportation of waste; - sorting; - separate collection and transportation of biowaste; - composting of biowaste; - prevention of biowaste; - separate collection of hazardous waste; - bulk waste collection and management; - landfill management. (iii) Report demonstrating the results of improvement of the following 2 elements of MSW management system in Kobrin pilot site was prepared in 2013 and approved by the MNREP and local municipal and housing services organization: - separate collection of waste and transportation; - landfilling. (iv) Report demonstrating the results of improvement of the following 6 elements of MSW management system in Mosty pilot site was prepared in 2013 and approved by the MNREP and local municipal and housing services organization: - separate waste collection and transportation; - separate collection of biowaste and transportation; - composting of biowaste; - separate collection of hazardous waste; - bulk waste collection and management; - landfill management.
TOTAL OUTPUT 5:						3 102 280	3 098 654	99,88%	-3 626	
Output 6. New set of activities for Yelnya Reserve Management.										
6.1.	Developing a new set of activities for the Yelnya Reserve Management Plan	30079	10159	000995	/ 71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	18 025	13 944	77,36%	-4 081	Activity is completed in 2012. Revised management plan was completed, discussed with local Miory and Sharkaushchyna authorities, society of fishermen and hunters, Disna forest enterprise, other local stakeholders, the public, and agreed with the MNREP and approved by Miory and Sharkaushchyna executive committees. The main areas that were revised: development of eco-tourism, biodiversity conservation, proposals for restoration of the hydrological regime, sustainable use of berries resources. Report on hydro- geological and hydrological peculiarities and current status of water regulating devices at Yelnya raised bog and report on analysis of implementation of biodiversity and ecotourism sections of Yelnya Management Plan were prepared by the experts, discussed and approved by the MNREP. Business plan on use of berries resources at Yelnya raised bog was prepared and agreed by Miory executive committee and administration of Yelnya reserve. Amendments to the management plan are based on the recommendations of the mentioned reports and business plan on use of berries.

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6.2. Organizing the bidding process for equipment for Yelnya Reserve Management Plan implementation	30079	10159	000995	71600 - local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies) / 72399 - materials and goods	134 604	135 777	100,87%	1 173	Activity is completed in 2014. All the specifications for the following equipment mentioned below were duly prepared, agreed with the MNREP and Yelnya Reserve administration: (i) two recorders for bird cameras, 3 info terminals in 2014; (ii) ten bicycles for tourists, twenty pairs of snowshoes, two bird listening devices, two birdhouses with cameras, 10 large containers for aquatic insects investigations, thirty small containers for aquatic insects investigations, 60 tool kits: large insect nets, aquarium nets, tweezers, loupes; furniture, video and audio equipment, and 2 info terminals for the visit centre in 2013; (iii) waterproof coveralls warm, waterproof coveralls light, working clothes, level working station, GPSs, water level gauges, swamp buggy, tents, binoculars, cross-country vehicle, radio stations, playing terminals, flashlights, skies, knapsacks, thermoses, cameras, telescopes in 2012. Bids for the procurement of the stated equipment were organized, contracts concluded, and all the equipment was duly delivered. <i>Note: originally, pursuant to the ProDoc, only procurement of waterproof coveralls warm, waterproof coveralls light, working clothes, level working station, GPSs, water level gauges, swamp buggy was foreseen. All the other equipment procured in 2012-2014 was purchased due to the savings of the funds and based on the due agreement of the Project Steering Committee.</i>
6.3. Ensuring equipment installation for Yelnya Reserve Management Plan implementation	30079	10159	00995	71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	4 505	3 515	78,02%	-990	Activity is completed in 2014. All the procured equipment (stated in 6.2 above) was duly transferred to Yelnya administration. Furniture, audio and video equipment was installed in Yelnya visit centre. 3 info terminals were procured and installed in the schools of Miory and Sharkaushchyna. Other accessories (washing means, waste bins, biocompostainer, clocks, fire extinguishers, locks, etc.) and stationary were procured for Yelnya visit centre on permanent basis in order to ensure duly functioning of the visit centre. Water level gauges were installed at Yelnya raised bog. Information on the points of installments of the gauges is given in appropriate report of the expert on hydrology
6.4. Implementing the pilot project activities according to the new Yelnya Reserve Management Plan: monitoring of surface and groundwater level	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	5 704	5 140	90,10%	-565	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) Monitoring report on water level fluctuations was prepared after 6 months of observations and duly submitted and approved by the MNREP and agreed with Yelnya Reserve administration in the middle of 2013. (ii) Final monitoring report on water level data (including data on 6 months of observations in 2014) was prepared and approved by the MNREP in 2014. (iii) Recommendations for further improvement of hydrological regime of Yelnya raised bog were prepared and agreed by the MNREP in 2014.
6.5. Implementing the pilot project activities according to the new Yelnya Reserve Management Plan: ecotourism routes	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	209 907	209 823	99,96%	-84	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) Ecological route in Yelnya Reserve including 1500-meters long wooden path, 7 displays and wooden infrastructure (pavilions, waste bin, toilet, repaired tower for observations over the birds, observation sites) for tourists on the edge of the bog were constructed. Ecological route was officially launched on July 25, 2014. The ecological route is visited by the tourists on permanent basis starting from middle of 2013. Monitoring over functioning of the constructed ecotrail was ensured. (ii) In 2014 recommendations for improvements of ecotrail functioning were developed and included into the guidelines developed under activity 6.9. of the project. (iii) Five touristic products for Yelnya reserve were developed (e.g. beaver watching; black grouse watching; special tour for the pupils; tour on winter watching of the elks; and bicycle and pedestrian tour "Unforgettable Yelnya"). Miory district is described as touristic destination. The appropriate report was prepared by local expert in 2014 and duly agreed with the MNREP and given for Yelnya Reserve administration for use. (iv) Full data on breeding pairs of cranes was prepared, proposals for Spring excursions for observation of lekking Black and Willow Grouses were proposed by local expert in 2014. Appropriate report was prepared and agreed with the MNREP. All the information is given to Yelnya Reserve administration for follow up actions. (v) Research of flora and fauna of Yelnya reserve and study of tourists potential of Yelnya were completed in 2013. Reports containing the following information were prepared by the project experts and duly agreed with the MNREP: - report containing assessment of population and conditions of the protected and indicative species of birds and plants and protective obligations and passports for protected species of flora and fauna (115 protective passports and obligations in total, including 72 for protected plants and 43 for protected animals); - analysis of migration of cranes and geese in autumn and spring; - report containing recommendations on development of ecotourism in Belarus including in and around raised bogs (prepared by the international expert); - report of specially recruited entomologist with recommendations on observation over insects and description of possible excursions aimed at observation of insects in different seasons. Recommendations included into the above mentioned report are duly used while organizing excursions over the bog for various target groups. (vi) In 2012 possible locations of ecotourism routes were studied by the project, local and international experts in collaboration with Yelnya Reserve administration. The best option for ecoroute construction was defined. The ecoroute location, including length, width were duly agreed with the owner of the land (Disna forest enterprise) and Yelnya administration. (vii) Report containing recommendations on allocation and equipping of ecological routes at Yelnya raised bog, interpretation plan of the nature of the reserve, proposals on organization and development of ecotourism including experience of European countries was prepared, discussed with local authorities, administration of Yelnya reserve and approved by the MNREP in 2012. (viii) Engineering design documentation for the ecoroute was developed in 2012. On the basis of the developed documentation construction of ecoroute was started in 2013. <i>Note: Construction of the ecoroute was delayed. Originally it was planned to complete construction of ecoroute in the middle of 2013. But first contract for construction of ecoroute (that was concluded in January 2013) failed and was terminated because of the fault of the sub-contractor. Second contract for construction of ecoroute was concluded in August 2013.</i>

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6.6. Implementing the pilot project activities according to the new Yelnya Reserve Management Plan: a visit center	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	77 934	69 527	89,21%	-8 407	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) In 2014 effective functioning of the established visit centre, that was launched in 2013, was ensured. Recommendations for improvements of ecocenter functioning and ecotourism development were prepared and included into the guidelines developed under activity 6.9. of the project. Information support of ecocenter and ecotourism was ensured through issue and dissemination of posters in amount of 1000 copies. (ii) Ecotourism and marketing strategy for Yelnya Reserve was developed by a project expert in 2014. Appropriate report was agreed with the MNREP and submitted also to Yelnya Reserve administration for follow up actions. (iii) Web page of Yelnya Reserve was functioning and updated on the permanent basis in 2013 and 2014 (all the time from its launching). The web-page is situated at the web page of Vitebsk regional committee of natural resources (iv) 2 video films and a commercial about the beauty of Yelnya and its uniqueness were produced and broadcasted locally in 2013-2014: film on attractiveness of Yelnya bog for the cranes was produced, and commercial and film on uniqueness and beauty of Yelnya bog. (v) Additional decorations to those made in 2013, a model of Yelnya bog and tourism map of the region, were produced and installed in visit centre in Miory in 2014. New woolen birds and woolen magnets were produced to exhibit local bird species. (vi) In 2013 ecological visit centre in Miory (4 rooms) was renovated (inside and outside) and equipped with video and audio equipment, picturesque stands. Furniture was produced and installed in the visit centre. Besides, some decorations (on ecological topics) of the floor, on the windows were made, special woolen birds (as alternative to stuffed birds) were produced and installed in the centre. Visit centre was officially opened on September 28, 2013 with participation of broad range of the project stakeholders and mass media. Library for the visit centre was procured and duly delivered. (vii) In 2012 a number of meetings with the local authorities of Miory on establishment of visit/ ecological center in Miory were organized. As a result local authorities decided to allocate premises (4 rooms in the same building where Yelnya Reserve administration is located) for establishment of the visit centre, where the visit centre was established in 2013. (viii) Report containing proposals on design of visit center and adjacent territory as well as functions and goals of the visit center was prepared and approved by the MNREP at the preparatory stage for establishment of visit centre in 2012.
6.7. Capacity building of staff: trainings	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71600 - international travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	139 960	128 165	91,57%	-11 795	Activity is completed in 2013. (i) In total 32 specialists and practitioners were trained during organization of 2 specialized trainings to Finland (June, 2013, 16 specialists trained) and to Sweden (August 2013, 16 specialists trained). Training to Finland covered such issues as wetlands management and biodiversity conservation experience. The second training to Sweden was more focused on experience of ecotourism development and application of the best European practices. State officials, representatives from the MNREP, its regional departments, managers and staff of nature reserves from all over Belarus, specialists from NGOs took part in the trainings. (ii) In 2012, 2 specialized trainings were organized. Specialized training to learn experience on ecotourism organization at the specially protected nature territories and on the wetlands was organized on July 16-21, 2012 to Scotland. 11 specialists were trained on the best ecotourism development practices, including staff of the nature reserves, representatives from the MNREP, NGO. Second training to Latvia was organized on September 10- 15, 2012. The purpose of the training was: to study peculiarities of the biodiversity protection of the raised bogs; to learn experience of the EU countries in the field of wetlands management and their protection; to study hydrology of the raised bogs; to explore possibilities of tourism and recreation without damage to the biodiversity; to learn public participation in the nature protection activities and propaganda of the nature protection activities. 18 specialists were trained, including representatives of nature reserves, Yelnya administration, and decision- makers.
6.8. Capacity building of staff: guidelines on the best eco-tourism practices	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies) / 74210 - publications and printing	7 939	4 041	50,90%	-3 898	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) The guidelines on the best eco-tourism practices in EU and Belarus were prepared and approved by MNREP. The guidelines were developed with local expert with EU experience in the field of ecotourism. (ii) 200 copies of guidelines were printed and distributed, including among the staff of protected areas of Belarus.
6.9. Capacity building of staff: Yelnya report	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	4 300	0	0,00%	-4 300	Activity is completed in 2014. Report demonstrating eco-tourism practices based on the experience of Yelnya pilot project with recommendations on further needed actions with due regard to the best local and European practice was prepared, discussed with the stakeholders and approved by the MNREP. The report was published in amount of 20 copies and distributed among interested stakeholders.
6.10. Capacity building of staff: workshops	30079	10159	000995	71600 - local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	11 470	10 407	90,73%	-1 063	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) 3 additional training workshops were organized for local people, with involvement of people with disabilities, in 2014. The workshops stimulated building of local capacity on ecotourism development: - 17 local people were trained for trekking wild animals with tourists in winter by a project expert through organization of specialized workshop. The workshop was held on March 15, 2014; - 25 local people (mostly women), including people with disabilities, were trained by project expert on production of woolen birds and woolen magnets for sale in the reserve to tourists. The specialized workshop on this, including presentation of other ecotourism development practice, was organized on March 25- 26, 2014. The woolen birds is an alternative to usage of stuffed animals and birds; - more than 15 local people were trained on guiding excursions in the visit center of Yelnya Reserve. Experienced local expert on development of marketing strategy was involved into the training. (ii) In 2013, 68 specialists enhanced their knowledge on management of hydrological regime on the basis of Yelnya bog during the first workshop (30 specialists trained) and were presented practice of ecotourism development in Yelnya reserve in the course of the second workshop (38 specialists trained). First workshop was organized in June 2013 and the second workshop was held in September 2013. Specialists from National academy of sciences, nature reserves from all over Belarus (Braslau reserve, Berezinski reserve, etc.), NGOs, MNREP, local Yelnya staff, authorities and representatives of Miory inspection of nature resources were invited to the stated workshop. Results achieved within the project in study of hydrological regime of Yelnya and activities on ecotourism development were demonstrated. International expert from the UK was involved in presenting of ecotourism practice in Europe in the course of the second workshop.
Component closing workshop	30079	10159	000995	71600 - local travels / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	5 665	6 060	106,97%	395	Activity is completed in 2014. Component closing workshop was organized on May 23, 2014 with involvement of stakeholders. In total about 50 practitioners and specialists took part, including project partners, managers of the specially protected nature territories, representatives of the municipal and housing services organizations from all the regions of the Republic, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Municipal and Housing Economy, Academy of Sciences, etc. The main results achieved in the process of implementation of pilot projects on MSW management in Mosty and Kobrin, and on ecotourism development at Yelnya raised bog are presented and discussed. Recommendations on follow up actions are developed and submitted to the MNREP.
TOTAL OUTPUT 6:					614 347	580 338	94,46%	-34 009	
TOTAL Component 2:					3 722 293	3 685 052	99,00%	-37 241	
Component 3. EDUCATION, AWARENESS-RAISING AND DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES									
Output 7. Establishing a local Aarhus (pilot) center completed									

Activity description		Fund	Donor	Implementing agent	Budget Account	Funds planned (USD)	Funds utilized (USD)	All periods target achieved, %	Variance, USD	Overall project assessment of implemented activities (brief description)
7.1	Conducting a feasibility study for establishment of Aarhus centers at oblast level	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel	4 709	5 230	111,06%	521	Activity is completed in 2012. Competition among three targeted oblasts (regions) of Belarus (Vitebsk, Grodno, and Brest) for establishment of oblast Aarhus center was organized. Based on the applications received, feasibility study including recommendations for location and scope of work of the regional Aarhus center was done. Based on the results of the feasibility study, a decision was made to establish regional Aarhus center on the basis of Grodno regional committee of natural resources and environmental protection. Report on feasibility study was agreed by Grodno regional committee and approved by the MNREP. Positive conclusion of international expert on Aarhus center's establishment was received.
7.2	Establishing a local Aarhus center	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants / 71600 - international and local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies) / 72220 - furniture / 72510 - publication of books and magazines / 72420 - communication charges / 72505 - supplies / 73120 - utilities	58 769	61 165	104,08%	2 396	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) Regional Aarhus center in Grodno was established in 2012. The office space for regional Aarhus center was allocated by Grodno regional committee of natural resources. Repair of the oblast Aarhus centre was done in 2012. The premises where the centre is situated were fully equipped for duly function of the Centre's staff. Apart from Coordinator of Aarhus Centre, legal advisor was recruited by the project to work in the Aarhus Centre. (ii) Official opening of regional Aarhus center in Grodno was organized in November 2012. Representatives of the MNREP, UNDP, EU delegation to Belarus, representatives of local authorities, Grodno regional committee of natural resources, NGOs, mass media, international experts took part in the event. (iii) Separate web-page of Aarhus center at the web-site of Grodno regional committee of natural resources was developed and functioned in Russian and English. The web-page was upgraded till end of February 2014, including creation of new blocks and putting more information, establishment of data base of consultations and environmental court cases. (iv) Library of the Centre was procured and actively used and includes 200 sources of national and international literature. 190 books were put into electronic format. On the web-page of the Centre electronic catalogue of the library was posted. 10 sets of books in electronic format were recorded on DVDs in order to be further given to all the regional committees of natural resources and environment protection. (v) Appropriate information stands for the Centre and for all the inspections of natural resources of Grodno region (in total 28 stands) were produced and installed in 2012-2013. (vi) Sustainable function of the Centre was ensured in 2012- 2014 through: - 16 trainings on implementation of ecological rights and implementation of Aarhus Convention in its 3 main fields were provided for the students of high schools and universities of Grodno, representatives of state authorities, teachers of schools and gymnasiums, staff of the libraries. In total about 190 persons were trained; - 49 specialists were trained on form of access to ecological information, inventory of production waste and compensation of damage to nature through organization of 3 lectures. List of trained specialists includes officials from the committee of natural resources, regional executive committee, factories of Grodno, managers of enterprises working in agricultural filed. - 11 meetings with the officials and 7 meetings with the public and NGOs to discuss cooperation between the Centre and the stakeholders on insurance of ecological rights of the public and resolution of ecological problems of the regions were organized; - 4 information meetings were organized at the factories of Grodno region for their staff, as a result 176 people improved their knowledge on implementation of Aarhus Convention and activities of the Centre; - Assistance in organization and participation in 10 public hearings within environmental impact assessment was ensured. Web-page of the centre was used as an information platform for putting reports on environmental impact assessment; - 220 requests and inquiries from people were received, considered and answered. The majority of the requests were related to the ecological problems in Grodno and Grodno region and asking for ecological information. - 8 information hours were organized for pupils of the schools and students of the high schools and institutes of Grodno. 240 young people were trained in total; - 2 ecological actions were organized with a broad range of stakeholders: on June 5, 2013, action on cleaning of banks of Kotra was organized and on September 22, 2013 event "World cleaning 2013. Let's do it" was organized in collaboration with Grodno regional committee of natural resources. 116 persons took part in both events, including students and NGOs. The events were good covered in mass media. Staff of the Aarhus Centre participated in other PR events organized within the project (e.g. cleaning of territory in Mosty, Grodno region, in April 2013). (vii) The following large workshops were organized: - in 2014, 3 workshops covering the following topics, with 59 people trained in total, were organized: "Modification on GMO to Aarhus Convention", "Protocol on pollutant release and transfer register as effective instrument for implementation of Aarhus Convention", "Functioning of Grodno Aarhus Centre on consideration of requests from individuals and legal entities"; - in 2013, 3 large workshops were organized. First workshop "Participation of public in environmental decision-making (based on example of organization of territory of Grodno city)", where about 30 specialists were trained. 45 specialists were trained at the second workshop "Implementation of Convention on access to information, participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters (Aarhus Convention): study of practical experience" that was organized on October 29, 2013. International expert from Ukraine presented experience of functioning of similar centers in European and CIS countries. And about 25 practitioners and specialists enhanced their knowledge on implementation of environmental rights at the third seminar "Access to justice in environmental matters". (viii) Information about functioning of Aarhus centre was disseminated on permanent basis through Grodno and Republican mass media, project site and web-page of Grodno Aarhus centre (located at the web-site of Grodno regional committee of nature resources and environment protection). Information about activities of Aarhus centre was widely disseminated through project web-site, Grodno Aarhus centre web-page, mass-media at local and international level. Video reel on Aarhus Convention and the work of regional Aarhus centre in Belarus was produced, posted on the project web-site, on the web-page of Aarhus centre and broadcasted at Grodno TV. (ix) International expert from Ukraine assessed functioning of the Centre, also through organization meetings with different involved stakeholders, and submitted report with recommendation on improvement of efficiency of functioning of the centre. The recommendations were submitted to the MNREP in 2013. (x) Aarhus centre is included into Grodno department of Gidromet from August 12, 2014 (next date after project completion) and special position for coordinator of the centre is granted. Training of the staff of Grodno department of Gidromet on Aarhus Convention and functioning of Aarhus centre was ensured. 3 lectures on the following topics were organized in March- April, 2014: "Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (the Aarhus Convention)", "Access to Environmental Information", and "Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making". Per 15 participants - workers of Gidromet were trained in each of the lectures. Documentation for functioning of Aarhus center after the project completion was duly prepared and agreed with Grodno department of Gidromet, including regulations on the works of the centre, terms of reference for coordinator of the centre, working plan.

Activity description	Fund	Donor	Implementing agent	Budget Account	Funds planned (USD)	Funds utilized (USD)	All periods target achieved, %	Variance, USD	Overall project assessment of implemented activities (brief description)	
7.3	Training the local Center's staff	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	30 590	31 126	101,75%	536	Activity is completed in 2014. Training of the staff of Aarhus Centre was ensured via: (i) Education program on training of coordinator of Grodno regional Aarhus centre was developed by highly qualified lawyer from Grodno State University in 2013. The program covered lectures on special aspects of environmental legislation, dissemination of environmental information and access to the environmental decision-making by the public. Also coordinator of Grodno Aarhus centre visited a number of lectures in Grodno university and successfully passed verification tests. (ii) Training programme for the staff of Aarhus centers (Minsk center and regional Aarhus center in Grodno), representatives of the local authorities, Infocentres for sustainable development (that have been established within the EU funded project that was completed end of 2010), staff of Grodno regional committee of natural resources, students of Grodno university was developed by high qualified project experts in 2012. 3 training sessions foreseen in the programme were organized in 2012. The training programme also included individual training programme for the coordinator of the regional Grodno Aarhus center as well. The programme contained list of lectures, context of lectures and tests in the field of ecological rights. The Coordinator of regional Aarhus center passed the individual training and tests. (iii) Coordinator of Aarhus Centre participated in relevant seminars at local and international level, specialized trainings, was consulted by the lawyers of Grodno university and by the legal advisor in Grodno Aarhus centre and by coordinator of the Republican Aarhus centre. (iv) Special methodical guidelines on Aarhus Convention training for different target groups were developed by experienced lawyer and disseminated among all regional committees of natural resources and environment protection and via special NGOs network. The guidelines include: interactive lecture on the provisions of Aarhus Convention; module trainings for the public on 3 key elements of Aarhus Convention (dissemination of environmental information, participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters); module trainings for the state authorities. (v) Consultations and training on juridical issues were provided to the Coordinator of regional Aarhus centre on daily basis by specially recruited legal advisor of the centre from end 2012 and till the project end.
7.4	Study tour for the staff of the Aarhus Centers	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71600 - international and local travel	33 342	32 206	96,59%	-1 135	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) 8 participants from MNREP and its regional structures, staff of Aarhus centers of Belarus, NGO were trained during the study tour. Study tour to learn experience of practical implementation of Aarhus Convention and functioning of specialized centers for dissemination of environmental information was organized to Denmark on March 10-15, 2014. (ii) Study tour for the staff of the Aarhus Centers of Belarus (Minsk center and newly established regional Aarhus center in Grodno) was organized in May 2012 to Kazakhstan. 5 persons took part in the study tour: apart from 2 staff of the Aarhus centers, representative of the MNREP and lawyer working on implementation of Aarhus Convention in Belarus were included. Experience of functioning of Aarhus centers, involvement of different stakeholders, work with the public, dissemination of ecological information, involvement of state authorities were studied. This experience was taken into account in the process of establishment and organization of work of regional Aarhus center in Grodno. <i>Note: due to the savings of funds within the project study tour in 2014 was organized additionally.</i>
TOTAL OUTPUT 7:						127 410	129 728	101,82%	-2 318	
Output 8. Awareness-raising campaign implemented										
8.1	Expanding the network of Green Schools	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71600 - international and local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	98 719	105 151	106,52%	6 432	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) Green Schools network was expanded. 47 schools from the pilot project regions and Shkarskaya region and from other regions of Belarus are awarded diplomas and recognized as "green" schools (34 schools in 2013, and 13 schools in 2014). The other 60 schools are officially registered as potential participants of "Green Schools" program and started their work. (ii) More than 100 professionals and teachers were demonstrated results on the development and running of "Green Schools" program in the project pilot regions and the best achieved practice at the special PR event organized by the project within the frames of the Republican workshop on running of "green schools" program for the schools from all over the republic that was organized by the Academy of Postdiploma Education (organization that is responsible for running of the programme after the project end). The event was organized on June 17, 2014. (iii) Participation of the project staff in the meetings of the Steering committee established to coordinate work under the Green Schools programme was ensured (2 meetings of the Steering committee were held from the time of its establishment in November 2013). At the meetings of the Steering committee experience on implementation of the program achieved within the project was presented, decisions on the awarding of diplomas to the schools were made, future actions and steps on running of the "green schools" program were defined with due regard to the studied international experience, possibility for Belarusian network of "green" schools to join international network of ecoschools were considered. (iv) 16 teachers, representatives of the MNREP and Ministry of Education, Academy of Postdiploma Education and other key stakeholders were trained on approaches and methods used in Portugal for development and promotion of "Green Schools" program at the study tour. In the course of the tour possibility for Belarus network of "Green Schools" to join international ecoschools network, that is run by Federation of Ecological Education, was studied and discussed. The study tour was organized with involvement of international expert on May 24-31, 2014. (v) Regulations on implementation of Green Schools program were prepared and approved by the MNREP and Ministry of Education in 2013. Regulations contain provisions on establishment and functioning of the Steering committee of the program. Steering Committee was established. (vi) Optional educational course "Green Schools" for 1-9 classes was officially approved by the specialized institution of the Ministry of Education. (The course was developed by the project experts in collaboration with the Ministry of Education). Special information letters to all the regional educational departments on possibility of introduction of the optional course were sent by the Ministry of Education. (vii) Exchange of experience between participants of the Green Schools program from the project pilot regions, including Shkarskaya, was ensured through organization of the following workshops and training of teachers and other involved professionals in 2013: - 25 teachers and other professionals took part in the first training on exchange of Green Schools experience between the pilot regions organized in Mosty in July 2013. Participants of the training and 35 pupils were demonstrated improvements of MSW management system, based on the modern European approaches, during excursion to the sorting station organized within the training; - 30 teachers and other practitioners took part in the second training to exchange experience on implementation of Green Schools program held in Miory in August 2013. Participants of the training and 45 pupils enhanced their knowledge on conservation of Yelnya raised bog and ecotourism development (incl. visit centre establishment and construction of ecotrail), that is done by the project, during field trip organized within the training; - 29 teachers and other professionals took part in the third training on exchange of experience of Green Schools program implementation that was organized in October 2013 in Kobrin. Participants of the training and 24 pupils were demonstrated the results of improvement. (ix) Equipment to facilitate implementation of mainly biodiversity direction of the Green Schools program (1 photo camera and 2 binoculars) was procured, delivered and transferred to the most active schools from the pilot project regions, including Shkarskaya region.
8.2	Developing additional demonstration materials for Green Schools	30079	10159	000995	72105 - contractual svcs (companies) / 74210 - publications and printing	7 772	4 997	64,29%	-2 775	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) Guidelines on implementation of the Green Schools programme for 1-9 classes were developed within the project based on the experience of running the program in the project pilot areas. (ii) Testing of guidelines was ensured through publication of the first 50 copies of the guidelines in 2013. The guidelines were disseminated among first 34 "green" schools that were awarded diplomas in 2013. (iii) Based on the results of the testing of the guidelines, there were revised in 2014, and published in amount of 200 copies. The guidelines were disseminated all over the Republic.

Activity description	Fund	Donor	Implementing agent	Budget Account	Funds planned (USD)	Funds utilized (USD)	All periods target achieved, %	Variance, USD	Overall project assessment of implemented activities (brief description)
8.3 Green Schools training workshops	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	83 018	79 676	95,97%	-3 342	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) 11 regional workshops in the 3 pilot areas (Mosty, Kobrin and Miory) were organized for 3 days each (in December 2011 in Mosty- 22 attendees; in February 2012 in Kobrin - 35 participants; in April 2012 in Miory- 30 participants; in May 2012 in Mosty- 28 participants; in October 2012 in Kobrin - 40 participants; in December 2012 in Miory and Sharkaushchyna - 45 attendees; in February 2013 in Mosty -35 attendees; in March 2013 in Kobrin - 35 participants; in April 2014 in Kobrin- 68 specialists; in April 2014 in Mosty - 70 attendees; in May 2014 in Miory - 75). In total 483 teachers and other practitioners were trained; (ii) 9 smaller training workshops, 2 days each, were organized in the targeted cities with more than 270 attendees trained (26- in the first workshop, 25 - in the second; 22 - in the third; 20 - in the fourth; 25- in the fifth workshop; 30 - in the sixth workshop; 15 - in the seventh; 48 - in the eighth, and 60 - in the ninth); (iii) 6 one-day training workshops were organized in the pilot towns, involving more than 120 participants in total (17 participants - in the first workshop, 20- in the second, 17- in the third, 25- in the fourth, 25- in the fifth workshop, 22- in the sixth workshop). The attendees were trained on all the 5 areas of the Green Schools programme: biodiversity protection, water efficiency, energy efficiency, waste management, work with community. In the course of the trainings, promotion of Green Schools program to the new regions was organized. Teachers were trained on usage of the Internet oriented biodiversity mapping database developed by the project.
8.4 Green Schools network monitoring	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies) / 71600 - local travel	26 678	25 364	95,08%	-1 314	Activity is completed in 2014. 40 monitoring visits were organized from the project start to the pilot regions (Mosty, Kobrin, Miory and Sharkaushchyna) and to the regional departments of education (in Grodno, Brest and Vitebsk). During the monitoring visits, the work was done in all the schools of pilot regions that wish to participate in the "Green Schools" programme under all 5 directions of the programme: biodiversity conservation; energy efficiency; water monitoring; waste management; work with community. As a result reports of 47 schools from the pilot regions (including Sharkaushchyna) and other regions of the Republic covering implementation of all 5 directions of the program were approved by the Steering Committee of the "Green Schools" program as they fully meet requirements of Regulations on implementation of "Green Schools" program. These schools were awarded diplomas evidencing that they are "green". Discussions on making the schools participating in the program as pilot sites for the other schools of the regions were held with the departments of education in Grodno, Brest and Vitebsk. During the monitoring mission, guidance to the teachers on use of the Internet oriented biodiversity database that was developed within the project (activity 8.6 of the project) was provided.
8.5 Draft legal act "On endorsing Regulation about an access to information, general public participation in decision-making and access to justice on environmental issues"	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants	14 250	13 520	94,88%	-730	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) Concept on amendments to the legislation of the Republic of Belarus on implementation of the Aarhus Convention was prepared by the local expert and approved by MNREP in 2012. The concept contains proposals on amendment of concrete legislative documents. In the process of development of the concept it was found out that it is not possible to draft a single legal act regulating implementation of Aarhus convention. Amendments to a number of the existing legislative documents are needed. (ii) Drafts of the Law of the Republic of Belarus "On amendments to some laws of the Republic of Belarus on environmental protection issues and public participation in environmental decision-making" and Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus on approval of Regulations on organization of public hearings of important environmental decisions and their proclamation were developed in 2013 and discussed with the stakeholders. (iii) On the basis of the comments from the stakeholders, drafts of the stated two normative documents were revised, re-worked, agreed with the stakeholders, including NGOs, finalized and submitted to the MNREP for follow up actions in due order in 2014. (iv) Before finalization, draft legal documents were presented and discussed at the roundtable that was organized on March 21, 2014. Recommendations of the round table were considered while finalizing the documents. More than 25 people took part at the round table, including representative of the MNREP, regional committees of nature resources, other Ministries of Belarus, NGOs.
8.6 Biodiversity database.	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants / 71600 - local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies) / 71600 - local travel	64 300	63 257	98,38%	-1 043	Activity is completed in 2014. (i) The database was transferred to APB (Birdlife Belarus) at the end of the project in 2014. Trainings of the specialists who are responsible for operation of the database after the project completion (specialists of APB (Birdlife Belarus) was conducted by the project staff. (ii) In 2013-2014 maintenance of the Internet-oriented biodiversity database (florafauna.by) was ensured. (iii) Assistance in identifying of photographed plants and animals was provided on the permanent basis by specially recruited local experts (botanist and zoologist) within 2012-2014. Their tasks also included collection of historical information on biodiversity and put it into the database. Thus, historical data on biodiversity was prepared, digitized and uploaded into to the database. (iv) Promotion of the database was ensured through organization of special presentation events on March 3, 2014 and on May 20, 2014 and also during the special PR event on promotion of "green" schools organized on June 17, 2014. The database was also presented to the broad range of stakeholders at the round tables related to establishment of legal framework for biodiversity conservation that took place in March 2013 and November 2013. Representatives of mass media, National Academy of Sciences, MNREP, other UNDP projects, and teachers from all over the Republic were invited to take part in the presentations. (v) Biodiversity database (florafauna.by) was officially launched in March 2013. (vi) 7 ecological learning games and tests were prepared and uploaded at the project web-site and the database in 2013. The games and tests were given to Yelnya reserve for further use for the visitors. (vii) Identification guide of vertebrates, including birds of Belarus, amphibian and reptiles in electronic form was developed in 2013. The guide is located at the biodiversity data base (Guide.florafauna.by). (viii) Concept on development of Belarusian Internet oriented biodiversity database was developed and approved by the MNREP in 2012. The database was developed by specially recruited IT company in 2012- beginning 2013.
8.7 Study of social and economic benefits from the potential biofuel production in the Chernobyl-affected areas, as well as dissemination of essential information	04000	00012	000995	72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	109 340	109 340	100,00%	0	Activity is completed in 2012. Activity was performed by the UNEP. At the first stage draft report on the results of the study of social and economic benefits from the potential biofuel production in the Chernobyl- affected areas was prepared. Conclusions of the report were discussed with the key Ministries involved into the biofuel production and working on the Chernobyl- affected areas in Belarus during the one week mission of the UNEP experts to Belarus. Also one day seminar for the key stakeholders was organized. Recommendations of this seminar were taken into account in the process of preparation of the final draft of the report. Final draft of the study was prepared and disseminated among the key stakeholders in Belarus for the comments. The comments received were sent to the UNEP and considered in the process of finalization of the work. Final report including results of the study was submitted to the MNREP. Report contains recommendations to use contaminated lands as well as other marginal land for production of biofuel.
TOTAL OUTPUT 8:					404 078	401 305	99,31%	2 772	

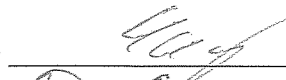


Output 9. EU visibility and project's information coverage insured by a website.

Activity description	Fund	Donor	Implementing agent	Budget Account	Funds planned (USD)	Funds utilized (USD)	All periods target achieved, %	Variance, USD	Overall project assessment of implemented activities (brief description)
9.1 Implementing project results dissemination campaign: publications	30079	10159	000995	74210 - printing and publications / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	30 046	30 065	100,06%	19	<p>Activity is completed in 2014.</p> <p>Information on project activities and results was widely disseminated through different means stated below:</p> <p>(i) Information campaigns on the MSW management in Mosty and Kobrin were conducted. Information campaigns included usage of different instruments such as: meetings with the local people of different age (including those living in the private houses and villages), lessons and other events with involvement of pupils, dissemination of computer games on separate waste collection, working with local cinemas on rotation of video films on separate waste collection before the films, including of waste management topic into the "Green Schools" seminars, etc.</p> <p>6 big events within the frames of the information campaigns were organized in Mosty and Kobrin: on May 3, 2012 (in Mosty) and on May 21, 2012 (in Kobrin), on April 22, 2013 (in Mosty) and in Kobrin (in May 2013), on March 20, 2014 (in Mosty) and on April 22, 2014 (in Kobrin). The events were organized involving pupils, teachers, representatives of local authorities, local environmental institutions, etc.</p> <p>In Mosty (May 3, 2012) interactive lessons on separate waste collection were organized in 7 schools.</p> <p>In Kobrin (May 21, 2012) a competition on collection of plastic bottles among pupils from 9 schools of the city was organized. The pupils of the school (that won the competition) were awarded special prizes.</p> <p>Event on cleaning the city of Mosty was organized on April 22, 2013 in Mosty with the support of local citizens, mass media and NGOs. In May 2013 the pupils were lectured on waste management during specially organized field trip.</p> <p>In March 2014 event with pupils on production of special paper boxes for collection of batteries was organized. In April 2014 an action on painting of containers was organized with pupils.</p> <p>(ii) The following materials were published and widely disseminated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - leaflets on waste management in amount of 1700 copies (incl. 1000 leaflets in 2012, 600 in 2013 and 100 in 2014); - posters on waste management in amount of 200 copies (incl. 100 copies in 2012 and 100 copies in 2013); - leaflets on biodiversity protection in amount of 300 copies in 2012; - leaflets on conservation of Yelnya bog in amount of 550 copies in 2013; - posters on Yelnya Reserve in amount of 1100 copies (incl. 100 in 2013, and 1000 in 2014); - leaflets on water management in amount of 200 copies in 2012; - leaflets on ecological certification in amount of 1350 copies (incl. 400 copies 2012, and 950 copies in 2014); - leaflets on Aarhus Convention and establishment of regional Aarhus center in amount of 2600 copies (incl. 300 copies in 2011, 800 copies in 2012, 500 copies in 2013 and 1000 copies in 2014); - leaflets on "Crane and Cranberries" festival in amount of 500 copies and posters on the festival in amount of 50 copies in 2012; - final project report in English and Russian in amount of 200 copies in 2014; - book "Rare Habitats of Belarus" in English in amount of 100 copies in 2014; - best ecotourism practice report in amount of 200 copies in 2014; <p>The information about the project activities and results was also disseminated through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - issue and distribution of 60 press-releases (incl. 2 press releases in 2011, 25 press-releases in 2012, 29 press-releases in 2013, and 4 press-releases in 2014); - 299 articles in Internet resources (incl. 23 articles in 2011, 120 articles in 2012, 103 articles in 2013 and 53 articles in 2014); - 165 articles in mass media (incl. 6 articles in 2011, 78 articles in 2012, 67 articles in 2013 and 14 articles in 2014); - 61 radio interviews (incl. 2 in 2011, 34 interviews in 2012, 21 interviews in 2013 and 4 interviews in 2014); - 42 TV interviews (incl. 1 in 2011, 14 TV interviews in 2012, 24 interviews in 2013 and 3 ones in 2014); - special edition of Eco Journal «Mir Zhyvotnyh "(2000 supplementary copies of a magazine) was issued in cooperation with the other environmental projects in 2011; - issue of Grodno newspaper "Hrodzenskaya Prauda" in amount of 16000 copies with one page dedicated to the work of Grodno Aarhus centre in April 2013. <p>(iii) 2 large ecological PR actions were organized with involvement of Aarhus centre with broad range of stakeholders: on June 5, 2013, action on cleaning of banks of Kotra was organized and on September 22, 2013 event "World cleaning 2013. Let's do it" was organized in collaboration with Grodno regional committee of natural resources. 116 persons took part in both events, including students and NGOs</p> <p>(iv) 4 field events were organized in Miory: on February 2, 2012 devoted to the International Wetlands day, and on April 2, 2012 devoted to the International Birds Day, on February 1, 2013 and February 6, 2014 dedicated to International wetlands days.</p> <p>The events were organized in collaboration with Yelnya Reserve administration, local committee of natural resources, local administration, local department of education and local pupils.</p> <p>On February 2, 2012, open lesson on the importance of biodiversity conservation and protection of peatbogs was organized. 146 participants took part in the event, including 120 pupils.</p> <p>On April 2, 2012, bird-boxes and houses for bats were assembled by the participants and hanged on the trees. More than 50 participants took part in the action including 35 pupils.</p> <p>On February 1, 2013 open lessons dedicated to conservation of Yelnya bog were organized in 6 schools of Miory and Sharkaushchyna regions for more than 120 pupils.</p> <p>On February 6, 2014, ecological event with theater performance, questions and answers, ecological games was organized in Miory for local pupils and pupils from Sharkaushchyna. More than 50 pupils took part in the event.</p> <p>(v) 3 small video films were prepared about the project activities: on events organized in Miory on February 2, 2012 and on April 2, 2012; on competition on collection of plastics bottles in Kobrin in May, 2012. 2 video films about uniqueness of Yelnya bog and attractiveness of the bog for the cranes were produced in Russian, Belarusian and English.</p> <p>(vi) Special documentary on improved municipal solid waste management system in Mosty in the result of the project activities was produced by Belarusian TV company within the program "Terra Incognita, Belarus Unknown". The film was shown on the central canal Belarus 1. Based on the concluded license agreement, all the rights to the documentary belong to the UNDP. The documentary was given to the key project stakeholders for future continuous use of this film.</p> <p>(vii) In collaboration with Miory local authorities, MNREP and NGO "Birdlife- Belarus" two "Crane and Cranberries" Festivals were organized in Miory in September 2012 and September 2013. Key project partners, representatives of Embassies, NGOs, Ministry of Sports and Tourism, tourist companies, local pupils and teachers took part in the event. Representatives from 30-35 mass media provided information support to the event.</p> <p>(viii) 4 events on official transfer of procured equipment on MSW management to Kobrin municipal and housing service organization and Mosty municipal and housing services organizations were organized in November 2012 (transfer of the first batch of equipment to Kobrin MHSO), in December 2012 (transfer of the first batch of MSW equipment to Mosty MHSO), in November 2013 (transfer of equipment to work at the sorting station to Mosty MHSO), and in December 2013 (transfer of equipment to work at the sorting station to Kobrin MHSO). A lot of stakeholders and mass media took part in the events.</p> <p>(ix) 2 video films and video reel on Yelnya and video reel on functioning of Aarhus Centres in Belarus were produced and rotated at local and central canals.</p>
9.2 Implementing project results dissemination campaign: project website	30079	10159	000995	72440 - connectivity charges	2 460	3 402	138,31%	942	<p>(i) Project web-site was finalized, officially registered and launched (www.greenlogic.by) in Russian and English in the beginning of 2012.</p> <p>(ii) Project web-site was updated on regular basis in Russian and English. The project web-site contained forum on Green Schools programme that was used by the Green Schools programme teachers and participants as a tool for experience exchange. Information about the to the UNDP projects was put at the web-site upon request.</p> <p>There are hyperlinks to the MNREP's, the UNDP's and the EU Delegation's to Minsk web-sites.</p> <p>(iii) The project web-site will be further used by the new EU/UNDP project on green economy that it to be launched by the end of 2014.</p>

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9.3					0	0	0,00%	0	Effective maintenance of the project web-site was ensured. The web-site was actively used as a tool for dissemination of project results and to the information among stakeholders. The project web site included pages on the project components. The project news, analysis, draft reports for comments from the stakeholders under all the project directions, final reports, concepts developed, results of the seminars and round tables, presentations about the project, etc. were placed at the web site and could be downloaded. Photo- and video materials related to all the project activities were placed at the web-site and could be also downloaded.
	30079	10159	000995	71600 - local travels / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	5 665	8 982	158,55%	3 317	Component closing workshop was organized on June 6, 2014 in Minsk with involvement of broad range of stakeholders. The main results on implementation of "Green schools" program, development of biodiversity mapping database, establishment and functioning of regional Aarhus center in Grodno, amendments to the legislation of Belarus on implementation of Aarhus Convention, etc. were presented and discussed with participation of not less than 60 stakeholders. Recommendations for future actions in the respective fields were discussed and submitted to the MNREP.
TOTAL OUTPUT 9:					32 506	33 468	102,96%	-961	
TOTAL Component 3					569 659	573 483	100,67%	-3 824	
Component 4. PROJECT MANAGEMENT									
Output 10. Effective project management and monitoring ensured.									
10.1					12 140	5 958	49,08%	-6 182	Activity is completed in 2011. The project was duly registered in Belarus in 2011. Kick-off meeting was organized on October 27, 2011.
	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants / 71600 - international and local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)					
10.2									Monitoring over implementation of all the project activities was ensured.
	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants	54 960	48 448	88,15%	-6 512	(i) Final evaluation of the project was carried out in February - June 2014. Final report with the results of the final evaluation was prepared. In general project implementation was assessed as good. Recommendations for future projects are included into the final project evaluation report (ii) Final report was agreed with the main project partners and transferred to the MNREP, UNDP and EU.
	30079	10159	000995	71205 - international consultants / 71305 - local consultants / 71600 - international and local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	26 578	19 853	74,70%	-6 725	Project was completed in accordance with the UNDP rules and procedures. Final workshop was organized where results of the project achieved under all the directions were presented. The workshop was held on July 30, 2014. About 80 specialists, professionals, local and international experts took part in the final project workshop.
	30079	10159	000995	71600 - local travel	10 539	6 744	63,99%	-3 795	7 meetings of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) were organized: on September 16, 2011; on February 6, 2012; on July 23, 2012; on February 5, 2013; on August 27, 2013; on January 30, 2014 and on July 31, 2014. Minutes of the meetings were duly prepared and signed. Members of the PSC were addressed when necessary and involved at the monitoring over activities especially on the districts.
	30079	10159	000995	71600 - local travel / 72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	55 956	45 021	80,46%	-10 936	Regular trips of the project implementation unit staff and project experts were organized to monitor over all the project activities.
	30079	10159	000995	72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	3 449	3 153	91,44%	-295	(i) 48 meetings of experts were organized on the following issues: water management; improvement of MSW management legislation; biodiversity conservation legislation; development of Internet oriented biodiversity database; ecological certification development; amendments to Belarusian legislation to meet requirements of Aarhus Convention; implementation of pilot MSW management projects in Kobrin and Mosty; implementation of Yelnya pilot project. Recommendations of these meetings were taken into account in the process of further project implementation; ii) In case of necessity special ad-hoc working groups were organized to find better solutions of the issues raised. Recommendations of these meetings are taken into account in the process of further project implementation;
10.3									All the PIU staff was recruited. The project permanent staff included 16 persons, including 4 in the regions. For the total period of project implementation 124 experts were involved and contracted, including 92 locals and 32 international experts. Premises (3 rooms) for the central office in Minsk were allocated free of charge by the MNREP (National Implementation Agency) in Hydrometeorological Centre. The project made renovation of the allocated premises. 2 regional offices were established in Mosty and in Kobrin. Rooms for the regional offices were allocated free of charge by MHSOs in premises belonging to them. Agreements on offices allocation were signed between MHSOs and the UNDP. The regional offices were closed at the end of June 2014. Repair and equipping of Aarhus center was completed. Agreement on office allocation was signed between the UNDP and Grodno oblast committee of natural resources. Office equipment and furniture was procured for the central office in Minsk, regional offices in Mosty and Kobrin and for regional Aarhus centre. Server for placing of internet oriented biodiversity database was procured. Project activities were implemented without substantial delays. Revisions to the budget were made if and when necessary with due agreement with the UNDP and the donor (EU). All equipment procured within the project was duly transferred to the beneficiaries in accordance with rules and procedure of the UNDP and requirements of Belarusian legislation. Office equipment and furniture at the end of the project was transferred to the MNREP.
	30079	10159	000995	71405 - SC individuals	781 971	769 300	98,38%	-12 672	Project staff worked in accordance with ProDoc and ADWPs. Hiring of experts for all directions of the project was carried out in accordance with the established procedures.

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Project offices functioning									Effective functioning of project offices in Minsk, Kobrin, Mosty was ensured. Project IT equipment, furniture and accessories were kept in due condition and renewed if needed to ensure effective work of PIU. All project offices were supplied with the stationary and consumables. At the end of June 2014 project offices in Mosty and Kobrin were duly closed. Project office in Minsk was closed on August 11, 2014.
Premises renovation	30079	10159	000995	72105 - contractual svcs (companies)	38 000	36 525	96,12%	-1 475	
Procurement of vehicles	30079	10159	000995	72215 - transportation equipment	35 000	28 750	82,14%	-6 250	
Procurement of furniture and office accessories	30079	10159	000995	72220 - furniture	11 050	2 395	21,68%	-8 655	
IT equipment	30079	10159	000995	72800 - IT equipment	35 000	34 517	98,62%	-483	
Translator's, physician's and photographer's services	30079	10159	000995	71305 - local consultants	16 481	15 847	96,15%	-634	
Insurance project's assets (vehicles and equipment)	30079	10159	000995	74505 - insurance	9 544	9 731	101,96%	187	
Consumables, office supplies	30079	10159	000995	72505 - supplies	17 600	17 025	96,73%	-575	
Connectivity charges (phones, internet)	30079	10159	000995	72420 - connectivity charges	12 087	12 390	102,50%	303	
Utilities	30079/04000	10159/00012	000995	73120 - premises maintenance	14 012	12 161	86,79%	-1 851	
Fuel	30079	10159	000995	72311 - fuel	24 063	23 464	97,51%	-599	
Atlas use, bank and postal charges, sundry expenses	30079	10159	000995	74510 - bank charges	12 468	14 420	115,66%	1 953	
UNDP CO Staff Support (finance, procurement, admin, HR.)	30079	10159	000995	73505 - Reimbursement to UNDP for Support services	69 740	69 740	100,00%	0	
Visibility actions	30079	10159	000995	74200 - audio visual and print production	39 416	38 470	97,60%	-947	Visibility assistance of awareness-raising campaigns and events conducted under the project was ensured: (i) Visibility materials were produced for key project seminars and events. Additional visibility items were produced for Yelnya Reserve and Grodno Aarhus centre for dissemination among stakeholders, visitors in their day-to-day work. (ii) Visibility items included: tablets, pens, bags, paper folders, bookmarks, key rings, flickers, calendars, magnets, T-shirts, caps, jackets, puzzles, photo frames, USBs, scarfs, umbrellas, datebooks, stickers, flashlights, pencil boxes, knapsacks, etc. (iii) All the visibility items correspond to the visibility requirements of the EU and UNDP, and have logos of the EU, UNDP and MNREP.P114
TOTAL OUTPUT 10:					1 280 054	1 213 912	94,83%	66 142	
PROJECT SUBTOTAL ALL PERIOD:					6 172 851	6 080 722	98,51%	92 130	
UNDP Administrative Fee (GMS-7%)	30079	10159	000995	75100 - facilities and administration	418 842	413 805	98,80%	5 037	
PROJECT TOTAL ALL PERIOD					6 591 693	6 500 323	98,61%	91 370	

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