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1	Lack of qualified specialists in specific environmental related fields (such as implementation of Aarhus convention)	October 2011	Problem	Lack of qualified specialists lead to delay with implementation of activities related to Aarhus convention. Qualified specialists with good knowledge of practices of Aarhus convention implementation were needed in order to improve environmental legislation in this field properly. Priority = 1	<p>1.The project consulted experienced lawyers and proposed to amend respective project result and prepare amendments to number of legal acts instead of preparing only one legal act regulating implementation of Aarhus convention as was initially envisaged under the project. This facilitated the process;</p> <p>2.The project has conducted a comprehensive market research of the related labour market. The vast target audience of the potentially suitable candidates has been determined within the scientific and professional community. The information about the vacancy was widely disseminated in the related scientific and professional networks. The required consultant was recruited;</p> <p>3.Final drafts of the Law of the Republic of Belarus "On amendments to some laws of the Republic of Belarus on public participation in</p>	Project Manager	Project Manager	June 2014	Resolved

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2	Lack of communication with environmental NGO involved in the implementation of the UNDP projects or other international projects	January 2012	Problem	Poor cooperation and exchange of information with NGOs, especially at local level. Improper involvement of NGOs into the project implementation process. Priority = 2	1. The project initiated joint meetings with NGOs and EU to exchange information and results of implementation of international projects and to study possibilities of NGOs participation in this process in 2012; 2. The project produced list of the leading environmental NGOs that have experience and participate in the international projects, including financed by the EU; 3. The project invited NGOs to the implementation of appropriate activities; 4. The project widely disseminated information about the project events, results and draft reports among NGOs, including through special NGOs e-mail network.	Project Manager	Project Manager	June 2014	Resolved
3	Lack of knowledge on implementation of Aarhus Convention and organization of	February 2012	Problem	Coordinator of Grodno regional Aarhus centre to be established within the project was recruited. There was a problem to find a person to	1. Large training programs on ecological legislation, implementation of Aarhus convention, organization of work of Aarhus centre were	Project Manager	Project Manager	June 2014	Resolved

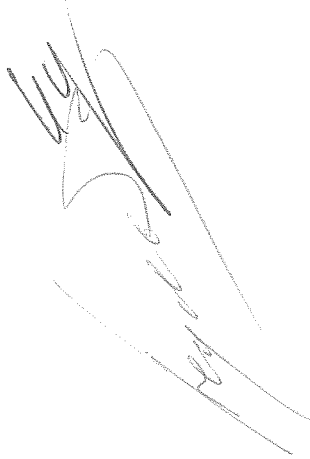
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	work of Aarhus centres			work in Grodno Aarhus centre with good knowledge of Aarhus Convention and organization of work of Aarhus centers in general. Knowledge of the recruited coordinator of the regional Aarhus centre on the mentioned issues was not very good, and this gap needed to be eliminated before official opening of Grodno regional Aarhus centre (planned in October 2012). Priority = 2	developed by high qualified lawyers in 2012 and in 2013. Within the 2012 training program 3 specialized seminars not only for the coordinator of regional Grodno Aarhus centre, but also for the staff of Minsk Aarhus centre and representatives of 4 info centres on sustainable development organized within the previous EU funded project were organized. Within the training programs the coordinator of regional Aarhus Centre underwent the individual courses in Grodno University in 2012 and in 2013; 2. Special study tours to learn experience of work of Aarhus centres were organized in April – May 2012 to Kazakhstan and in March 2014 to Denmark for the staff of Aarhus centres of Belarus; 3. Starting from October 2012 and till the project end lawyer was recruited to work in Grodno regional Aarhus centre. The lawyer assisted coordinator of Grodno Aarhus centre in resolving of juridical issues; 4. Coordinator of Grodno Aarhus regional centre was learning on daily basis through organizing daily work of the centre.				
4	Procurement of specialized waste	March 2012	Problem	Procurement of specialized machinery (trucks), equipment	1. Local project partners from Mosty and Kobrin (local	Project Manager,	Project Manager	June 2014	Solved

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5	Lack of suppliers of specialized waste management machinery and equipment	November 2012	Problem	(containers for separate waste collection of different types, etc.), and sorting lines was envisaged within the project. Some of this equipment (e.g. biocompostainers) is unique for Belarus. Development of technical specifications was complicated, required clear clarifications from engineers. Demands of the end-users (local municipal and housing services organizations) needed to be taken into account. Priority = 1	municipal and housing services organizations) were involved at all the stages of development of technical specifications; 2. International and local experts were recruited and directly participated in the preparation of technical specifications throughout the whole process of procurements; 3. Final drafts of technical specifications were agreed with the specialists from the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Housing and Municipal Economy; 4. All the originally planned waste management equipment as well as additional equipment (that could be purchased due to the savings of the funds) was procured in 2012-2013.	UNDP	Project Manager	June 2014	Solved
					1. Careful marketing research was done by the project before and in the process of every tender; 2. 7 trucks, delivery of which was pending, were delivered in February- March 2013; 3. Due to the delay with the delivery, the trucks underwent custom clearances in May- June 2013. From this time they are used by pilot municipal and housing services organizations for transportation of 12 cubic meters containers. Delay in	Project Manager			

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6	Delay in construction of ecotrail at Yelnya raised bog	May 2013	Problem	<p>rather known in other CIS countries by never delivered to Belarus before. Due to the logistics problems of the mentioned company actual delivery of 7 trucks was delayed for more than 2 months. Delay resulted in problems with transportation of large containers of 12 cubic meters that were procured and delivered to pilot project regions.</p> <p>Priority = 1</p> <p>In January 2013 contract for the construction of ecotrail at Yelnya raised bog was concluded with the land reclamation company "Yazenskoe PMS" with due time of completion of the works till end of June 2013. However, the contractor did not ensure quality of the construction works, duly impregnation of timber, usage of wooden materials of definite thickness, etc. Due to the control from the project, all these defaults were found out and the contractor guaranteed removal of the problems. However, the contractor refused to continue construction works of the ecotrail due to the economic reasons. This caused a delay in completion of the construction (completion was expected in November 2013)</p>	<p>usage of trucks and large containers was not dramatic and did not influence too much at the whole improved systems of municipal solid waste management in the pilot regions, because due to the sever winter conditions in 2013, new sites for the containers to put large 12 cubic meters containers were constructed only in the 2nd quarter 2013 and there was no opportunity to use 12 cubic meters containers till May 2013.</p> <p>1.Contract with the land reclamation enterprise "Yazenskoe PMS" was terminated;</p> <p>2.New bidding for continuation of construction was organized in the shortest time. New contract for continuation of construction was concluded. Construction of ecotrail was continued from September 2013;</p> <p>3.The project continued control over construction of ecotrail, including by the project staff and experts, through authors supervision and with involvement of local project partners in Miory, Yelnya Nature Reserve;</p> <p>4.The project actively promoted ecotourism possibilities at Yelnya. When part of the wooden decking of the ecotrail was ready, tourists could be taken to the</p>	Project Manager, Yelnya Nature Reserve	Project Manager	June 2014	Resolved

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7	Insufficient involvement of local authorities and courts of Grodno region into activities of Grodno regional Aarhus centre	September 2013	Problem	Grodno regional Aarhus centre was opened in November 2012. Function of Aarhus centre concentrates in three main fields: dissemination of ecological information, ensure public participation in environmental decision-making and access to justice on environmental issues. Aarhus centre should be a special bridge between state authorities and public and NGOs. Thus, Aarhus centre must actively work with state authorities and receive ecological information from them and enhance them to insure public participation in environmental decision-making, as well as courts of Grodno region should be involved into the activities of the centre. However, local authorities did not cooperate actively with the centre and it was a problem sometimes to receive information from them. The courts also didn't express a lot of interest in the work of Aarhus centre. The public and NGOs, on contrary, were satisfied with the centre's functioning.	ecotrail; 5. Construction of ecotrail is being completed (completion is planned to end of July 2014).	Project Manager	Project Manager	June 2014	Solving

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				Priority = 3	<p>different matters was established. This capacity must be used to provide assistance, where necessary, for local authorities;</p> <p>5. Web-page of Grodno regional Aarhus centre is more actively used like an instrument for providing consultations, putting announcements on public hearings organised also by state authorities, dissemination of news, allocation of database of environmental cases, etc.;</p> <p>6. All the mentioned above tools and instruments should be actively used by the Centre after the project end and be intensified.</p>				



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