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Introduction

On 23 May 2013, the Directorate of Political Affairs prepared at the request of the Committee of Ministers an overview of activities of the Information Point of the Council of Europe in Belarus (document DPA/Inf(2013)6).

On 18 June 2013, the Rapporteur Group on Democracy took note of this document and gave guidance to the Secretariat on the launch of the procedure for the renewal of the agreement between the Council of Europe and Belarus on the Information Point in Minsk for a two-year period.

The renewal for a two-year period of the International Technical Assistance Project entitled "Functioning of the Council of Europe Information Point in Minsk 2014-2015" was agreed with the Belarusian State University (BSU) as the main partner of the Project. It was then submitted to the Belarusian authorities in October 2013 and registered by them on 24 February 2014.

The on-going Project "Functioning of the Council of Europe Information Point in Minsk in 2014-2015" has an implementation period until 31 December 2015 and it is financed for this period by voluntary contributions of Luxembourg and Norway.

Mandate of the Information Point in 2014-2015

The aim of the Information Point is to raise awareness of government institutions, non-governmental organisations, mass media, educational establishments, students and citizens of Belarus and to provide them with information on the fundamental values, legal instruments, achievements, policies and activities of the Council of Europe, by means of:

- organisation, implementation and support of a large spectrum of Council of Europe events, including, among others, lectures, seminars, round tables, conferences, thematic competitions and exhibitions, etc.;
- translation, publication and distribution of Council of Europe information materials ;
- improvement of the functioning of the Information Point library and development and promotion of the Information point website;
- organisation and support of visits of representatives of the Council of Europe to the Republic of Belarus and of representatives of the Republic of Belarus to the Council of Europe;
- dealing with information requests from public organisations and citizens.

¹ This document has been classified restricted until examination by the Committee of Ministers.

Overall objective

The policy of engagement through the Information Point has continued in 2014-2015 and the functioning of the Information Point in Minsk during this period contributed within its mandate to raise the awareness of Belarusian society of the fundamental European values. All activities were envisaged with the aim of promoting the Council of Europe's statutory principles of respecting human rights, democracy and the rule of law amongst various groups of population and officials.

In 2013, for the first time and further to the proposal of the Council of Europe's Secretariat, the Belarusian authorities prolonged the presence of the Information Point in Minsk for two years, for 2014-2015. This development helped to better ensure the sustainability of Information Point action than during the previous one-year project. It also gave an opportunity to align the functioning of the Information Point with the Council of Europe's bi-annual programming and financial cycles.

Specific objectives

As regards its specific objectives, the Information Point proceeded with the organisation, implementation and support of various Council of Europe events in Belarus. The complete list of activities, as well as their results, appears in **Appendix I**, including the activities planned until December 2015.

Moreover, awareness-raising of the Council of Europe has been consolidated through the organisation and support of visits of Belarusian representatives to the Council of Europe (academics, students, youth, media experts, civil servants and representatives of civil society). This Information Point action gave an opportunity to students and representatives of specialised sectors to have more regular contact with the Organisation. These visits gave the opportunity to representatives of the public sector and of the authorities to have closer contact with representatives of the civil society. This was particularly evident during the preparatory stage of the visits of legal experts and Belarusian journalists to the Council of Europe.

Council of Europe materials have been disseminated at all events held in 2014-2015. Moreover, the Information Point Communication Officer participated for the first time in the web-broadcast of a live public discussion on the death penalty organised by the NGO "Office of European Expertise and Communications" on the occasion of Human Rights Day.

In 2014-2015, the Information Point continued to remain a Council of Europe transversal project involving various sectors and institutions of the Organisation. The Information Point organised and/or supported a series of visits of Council of Europe representatives to Belarus. Experts from the following Council of Europe member States contributed to the activities of the Information Point: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Poland, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom.

Among highlights and specific achievements of the Information Point action in the reporting period, special reference should be made to:

- the work of the Information Point in supporting Council of Europe-Belarusian dialogue related to the accession of Belarus to the Bologna Process;
- co-operation with the United Nations and the Belarusian authorities on "National Human Rights Institutions: Establishment and Functioning";
- assistance with the visits of representatives of the Council of Europe to Belarus;
- organisation of the CoE-OSCE/ODIHR conference on "gender equality and participation of women in public life";
- UN/Council of Europe/Raoul Wallenberg Human Rights competition (36 and 84 youngsters from all over Belarus took part in this competition respectively in 2013 and 2014);
- launch of the preparations for a Belarusian team (BSU) to participate in the 2016 René Cassin European Human Rights Competition.

During this period and for the purpose of the implementation of the activities carried out and facilitated by the Information Point in Minsk, strong interaction was maintained between the Secretariat and the Belarusian State University as the national implementation partner. Contacts with civil society, the international community in Belarus and other interlocutors have been constant and constructive.

Communication and visibility

The strategy of 2014-2015 has been oriented on four axes:

- Preparation of the new website of the Council of Europe Information Point: <http://www.coe.bsu.by/index.php/en/>;
- Organisation of a series of presentations on the Information Point in the regions, with distribution of the Council of Europe publications (Slutsk, Vitebsk, Grodno, Brest, Uzda);
- Regular and active participation in public events organised by partners (ex. NGO "Penal Reform International" on the occasion of the International Day against the Death Penalty);
- A series of study visits to the Council of Europe for Belarusian journalists with the aim of extending their knowledge about the Organisation.

The participation of Mr Makei, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus, in the Council of Europe round table "Topical issues of Belarus-Europe relations" (Minsk, 31 October 2014) gave an additional impetus to the visibility of the work of the Information Point in the Belarusian media.

Observations on project management

Information Point staff in Minsk: The Information Point continues to be hosted in the BSU premises and from the legal point of view it functions as an entity of the University. The Communication Officer and the Administrative Assistant have work contracts with the BSU.

Challenges, Lessons Learned and Follow-Up: a number of challenges of an organisational and financial order were met during the implementation period. Firstly, due to the complexity of national procedures for registration, formalities should be finalised well in advance. Secondly, due to the fact that the Information Point is not a separate legal entity and functions as an entity of the Belarusian State University, it cannot proceed - by virtue of national legislation - with a number of financial and logistical operations. This obstacle concerns in particular the organisation of larger-scale events in the regions, the participation of regional participants in Minsk-based events, the organisation of study visits to the Council of Europe for target groups not linked to the BSU, as well as technical distribution by the Information Point of the materials published inside Belarus by other entities with the financial support of the Council of Europe. As a consequence, a number of activities in 2014-2015 had to be organised logistically and financially directly from the Headquarters with limited staff resources assigned to the Project.

Appendix I

List of activities organised or facilitated in Belarus with the participation or support of the Council of Europe Information Point in Minsk (CoE-IPM)

2014

Human Rights

#	Events	Dates and venue	Outcomes
1.	Dissemination of the current version and assistance to the publication of an update of the book on the abolition of the death penalty (as a follow-up to the June 2013 conference).	January - December	Dissemination of 350 publications had been conducted in 2014. Legal procedures were verified and consultations were conducted in order to ensure that distribution can take place.
2.	Preparatory meetings in Minsk and study visit to the Council of Europe of Belarusian students, winners of the UN/CoE/Raoul Wallenberg Institute competition on human rights, gender equality and vulnerable groups (October –December 2013).	Minsk, 20-24 January Strasbourg, 27-29 January	The visit of the 9 winners of the competition took place during the winter session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. The visit gave an opportunity to young people from Belarus to become acquainted with the work of different sectors of the Organisation.
3.	Support and participation of the Communication Officer in the training organised by the Council of Europe via the Club of UNESCO on Informal Human Rights education.	Slutsk, 2-6 March	Presentation of the IPM and its activities for 30 participants was made and 70 CoE publications were distributed.
4.	One-day seminar on the ECHR for law students of BSU.	Minsk, 16 April	Organisational support was provided for the event, work of IPM had been presented for approximately 100 BSU students, 100 CoE materials had been distributed.
5.	Organisation of the Round Table on the National Human Rights institutions (in co-operation with national authorities, UNDP and relevant NGOs).	Minsk, 18 July	A financial contribution was provided, workshop materials were consolidated, approximately 100 CoE materials were distributed and the participation of 2 CoE experts and 3 members of the CoE Secretariat was facilitated.

6.	Round table "Topical issues of Belarus-Europe relations".	Minsk, 31 October	IPM organised the event, attended by 120 national participants, including Belarus's foreign minister Vladimir Makei, international experts and representatives of embassies of member States in Minsk. Media coverage was coordinated. Logistical support was provided by two members of CoE Secretariat.
7.	Participation in the Penal Reform International event on the death penalty and distribution of the relevant CoE materials and publications.	Minsk, 13-14 November	A presentation of CoE activities in Belarus was made and approximately 180 CoE publications were distributed during the event.
8.	Organisation and conduct of UNDP-CoE-Raoul Wallenberg student essay competition on promotion of knowledge and understanding of the principles of respect and protection of human rights by the Belarusian youth.	Minsk, regions, November - December	An essay competition was conducted in four areas : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rights of Persons with Disabilities - Youth Rights - Rights of Migrants - Gender Equality. Contribution to the drafting competition call, evaluation of 84 essays and organisation of an award ceremony for winners.
9.	Participation of the Communication Officer in the web-broadcasting live public discussion on the death penalty organised by the Office of European Expertise and Communications on the occasion of Human Rights Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distribution of the relevant CoE materials and publications. 	Minsk, 10 December	50 CoE relevant publications were distributed and contribution was made to the public discussion (the number of web users who followed the web-broadcasting is difficult to estimate).
10.	Participation of the Communication Officer in the meetings of the informal working group against the death penalty in Minsk	Minsk, 2014	IPM Communication Officer regularly took part in the meetings of the informal working group against the death penalty, bringing together representatives of the international community in Minsk.

Rule of Law

11.	Preparation and organisation of the visit of the Pompidou Group delegation to Belarus.	Minsk, 4-5 February	A series of meetings was organised, including a meeting with eight relevant NGOs. Where necessary, interpretation was provided.
12.	Support for training for trainees of the Institute of the Qualification of Judges, functioning on the basis of the BSU	Minsk, 15 April	Organisational support was provided for CoE Secretariat and 70 participants in the training.
13.	Support for the presentation of the CoE Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No.: 197)	Minsk, 23-24 April	Relevant Council of Europe materials were distributed.

14.	Organisation of a Round table on the “protection of the social rights: Belarusian and European experience”	Minsk, 19 June	Organisation of the round table was co-ordinated by IPM. 24 national experts took part in the round table as well as CoE Secretariat and international experts Over 60 Council of Europe materials were distributed during the event.
15.	Participation of the Communication Officer in the Round-table at the Belarus' Ministry for Foreign Affairs devoted to the first World Day against Trafficking in Persons	Minsk, 30 July	Approximately 100 relevant CoE materials were disseminated.
16.	Support to the visit of legal experts from Belarus to the CoE Secretariat.	Strasbourg, 22-26 September	The visit was co-ordinated by the IPM for 20 participants of the visit.
17.	Support to the visit of CoE representative for UNFPA conference on domestic violence for the Presentation of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence - Istanbul Convention (CETS No. 210)	Minsk, 24-25 September	Approximately 200 CoE relevant materials were disseminated and a contribution was made by the Communication Officer in the debates during several sessions.
18.	Support to CoE Training on Liability of Legal Persons for corruption offences.	Minsk, 21-22 October	Logistics support to the event and dissemination of the CoE materials was ensured.
19.	Participation of the Communication Officer in the training for legal professionals in the Institute of the Qualification of Judges, functioning of the basis of BSU	Minsk, 18 November	A financial contribution was made to the logistical organisation of the event. CoE activities in Belarus were presented and approximately 150 CoE publications, including the publication on death penalty, were distributed.

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20.	Organisation of the BSU representative's participation in the visit of Belarusian civil society representatives to the PACE session.	Strasbourg, 7-11 April	A student from the BSU Faculty of Journalism participated in the visit with the aim of becoming acquainted with the work of different sectors of the Organisation.
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21.	Presentation of the Information Point and its work in Gomel University.	Gomel, 10 April	A presentation took place in Gomel University International Relations Department and 50 CoE publications were distributed.
22.	Presentation of the Information Point and its work in Vitebsk State University.	Vitebsk, 24 April	A presentation was carried out for approximately 40 students of P. Masherov Vitebsk State University. 100 CoE materials were distributed.
23.	Opening of the competition (posters and video) "Future without war and hate".	Minsk, 12 May	Competition was formally launched in BSU with an announcement to the students of various faculties.
24.	Participation of the Communication Officer in the Pestalozzi Programme activity in Belarus and presentation of the Information Point.	Grodno, 5 May	IPM Presentation was organised for approximately 30 participants of the Programme. 80 CoE publications were distributed.
25.	Organisational support to the presentation of CoE/EU project COMUS in Belarus.	Minsk, 6 May	Logistical support was provided for CoE Secretariat, interpretation was organised by the IPM.
26.	A meeting with representatives of Belarusian media, devoted to the Council of Europe's 65th anniversary.	Minsk, 12 May	Representatives of Belarussian media were invited to the Information Point premises for presentation of its activities and the library.
27.	Presentation of the Information Point and its work in Brest University.	Brest, 28 May	Presentation for approximately 30 students of A. Pushkin Brest State University, and the distribution of 30 CoE publications was carried out.
28.	Participation of BSU representative and Communication Officer in the PACE session.	Strasbourg, 24-27 June	An associate Professor of the BSU Law Faculty became acquainted with the Council of Europe's work.
29.	Organisation of the ceremony on the presentation of the results of the competition "Future without war and hate".	Minsk, 2 July	The ceremony was organised by the IPM at the BSU Institute of Journalism, with an attendance by two representatives from the Ministry of Education.
30.	Presentation of the Information Point and its work in Uzda on the occasion of the UNESCO Clubs summer school.	Uzda, 14 July	A flashmob devoted to the CoE's 'No Hate Speech' Movement was organised and performed by approximately 100 participants of the UNESCO summer school. A presentation of the IPM and its activities took place and approximately 200 CoE materials were distributed.
31.	Support to the European Heritage Days in Belarus: participation in the opening ceremony and distribution of CoE materials.	Minsk, 18 September	IPM contributed in the opening session and disseminated approximately 50 CoE materials.
32.	Support to the visit of a civil society representatives to the PACE session.	Strasbourg, 29 September-3 October	IPM co-ordinated the visit in Minsk by providing information support and every day contact with some participants of the visit.

33.	Support to BSU internet intellectual competition on geography.	Minsk, 29 September – 24 October	IPM facilitated the competition with questions related to the Council of Europe and its member States.
34.	Translation of working materials for COMUS seminar on cultural heritage and participation of the Communication Officer in the event.	Minsk, 6-7 October	Translation of COMUS materials for the seminar was organised and financed. Contribution was made to the opening session of the seminar.
35.	Support of the visit of Belarusian journalists to the CoE on the occasion of the 27th session of the Congress.	Strasbourg, 13-14 October	IPM co-ordinated in Minsk the visit by providing information support and every day contact to 4 journalists (State radio and newspapers).
36.	Support for the visit of Belarusian journalists to the CoE.	Strasbourg, 2-5 November	Organisational, financial and substantial support was ensured for participation of 13 independent media journalists in this visit.
37.	Support for the visit of representatives from BSU leader's programme and administration to the Council of Europe for participation in the 2 nd World Forum for Democracy.	Strasbourg, 3-7 November,	A visit of 5 representatives of different BSU units and faculties was organised.
38.	Assistance to the CoE delegation for participation in the CoE-Belarus Seminar on Structural reforms in the European Higher Education Area: challenges and opportunities.	Minsk, 18 November	Logistical support was provided to the CoE delegation participating in the Seminar.
39.	Participation of the Communication Officer in the opening session of the BSU students assembly.	Minsk, 23 November	CoE action was presented to approximately 50 participants of the BSU students' assembly.
40.	Organisational support to the Seminar "Youth Policy and programmes of the Council of Europe and their relevance for Belarusian youth".	Minsk, 10-11 December	Organisational support was provided for approximately 100 participants from different organisations and regions of Belarus, as well as 2 members of the CoE Secretariat and international experts. Premises and interpretation during the event had were provided. Assistance was provided to the Ministry of Education for information support and every day contact with some participants of the Seminar.

2015 (First Half)

Human Rights

#	Events	Dates and venue	Outcomes
1.	Organisation of a visit to the CoE of a group of NGO contributors to the 2014 round table "Topical issues of Belarus Europe relations".	Strasbourg, 27-29 January	Eight representatives of Belarusian political think tanks and NGOs took part in the visit and had the opportunity to follow the PACE session, to meet journalists and counterparts from other States and to conduct bilateral meetings with the Secretariat.
2.	Organisation with BSU Faculty of Journalism of the essay competition among journalist students in Belarus "Human Rights: how mass media could help to protect them?".	Preparation: January - February Launch: 1 March End of competition: June	A competition was launched for 1 st – 5 th year students of the BSU Faculty of Journalism via public announcements, publication in students' newsletter and on the web.
3.	Preparatory meetings for CoE-OSCE/ODIHR Conference on issues of gender equality and participation of women in public life (see below).	Minsk, 13 March	Content of the future joint CoE-OSCE/ODIHR Conference was discussed with representatives of the BSU and civil society.
4.	Visit of BSU trainer on the occasion of 2015 Rene Cassin Human Rights competition (<i>visit aiming at the preparation of the Belarusian team for the competition of 2016</i>).	Strasbourg, 8-10 April	A trainee for the future BSU team (second Belarusian team in the history of the competition) followed the 2015 edition. A strategy was developed for the preparation of the team for the 2016 competition.
5.	CoE-OSCE/ODIHR Conference on issues of gender equality and participation of women in public life.	Minsk, 15-16 June	<p>A seminar was organised by IPM in co-operation with CoE and OSCE/ODIHR. All co-ordination at the national level was conducted by the IPM (ex. participants, Belarusian experts). Logistical support was provided for 5 international experts and 3 members of the CoE and the OSCE/ODIHR Secretariat as well as the opening of the event by Mr Michael Georg Link, Director of the OSCE/ODIHR.</p> <p>Approximately 60 participants received information on relevant CoE and OSCE standards and recommendations, good practices of CoE member States. A specialised gender issues training was organised by the CoE expert for national participants.</p>

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6.	Support to the T-DO (Monitoring Group of the Anti-Doping Convention) Evaluation visit to Belarus.	Minsk, 4-6 February	Translation and interpretation were provided as well as logistical support to the Ministry of Sport, the host entity for the T-DO visit.
7.	Organisation of a study visit to the Council of Europe of representatives of the press services of specific Belarusian ministries and bodies dealing with CoE issues.	Strasbourg, 10 – 11 February	A visit of 11 representatives of the press services was organised. Civil servants had an opportunity to become acquainted with the work of the CoE Directorate of Communication and to meet representatives of the MAEs working with Belarus. Representatives of the press services discussed the ways and means of better presentation to the Belarussian public of the work of specific Belarusian ministries on CoE issues.
8.	Organisation of the Seminar on “Internal and External Quality assurance challenges and opportunities” (<i>follow-up of the seminar on the Bologna process, which was co-organised by the Education Department of the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus on 18 November 2014</i>).	Minsk, 3 March	A seminar aiming at discussing Belarus’s accession to the Bologna Process was organised in co-operation with CoE Headquarters and the Ministry of Education. Logistical support was provided for 6 international experts and one member of the CoE Secretariat.
9.	Organisation of the meeting of Council of Europe’s delegation with representatives of civil society, in particular entities dealing with students’ self-government, in the framework of the bilateral meetings following the Seminar on “Internal and External Quality assurance challenges and opportunities” (item 5).	Minsk, 4 March	A meeting with representatives of five NGOs, including three independent students’ self-government organisations was organised by the IPM and their position on the prospects of Belarus’s accession to the Bologna Process was voiced.
10.	Support to the visit of Council of Europe’s delegation, including : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - organisation of the lecture by Council of Europe Director of Political Affairs at the Belarusian State University; - organisation of the interviews for the selection of the new Communication Officer of the Information Point in Minsk. 	11-12 March	A lecture was organised for approximately 100 students of BSU law, economy and international relations faculties. A new Communication Officer of the Information Point was selected. A meeting with representatives of civil society was organised.
11.	Participation of the IP Communication Officer in the event of the NGO “Liberal Club” “ <i>Minsk Track 2 Dialogue EU-Russia Shared Neighbourhood after the Ukraine Crisis: Bridging the Divide</i> ”.	Minsk, 26 – 28 March	New Communication Officer contributed to the discussions of the conference and networking was enhanced with representatives of the Belarusian civil society.

12.	Organisation of the visit to the CoE of Belarusian journalists on the occasion of the spring session of the PACE.	Strasbourg, 20 – 24 April	Five Belarusian journalists (State and independent newspapers, TV and radio) covered the session of the PACE and assistance was provided in Minsk for the organisation of their visit.
13.	Organisation of the Seminar “On the promotion of safe and healthy sport environments “Pro Safe Sport””, organised jointly by the Council of Europe and Ministry of Sport of the Republic of Belarus.	Minsk, 29 April	A seminar was organised in co-operation with CoE Headquarters and the Ministry of Sport. Logistical support was provided for 7 international experts and 3 members of the Council of Europe Secretariat.
14.	Support to the International Youth Forum “Youth against war in XXI century” organised by the Belarusian State University.	Minsk, 3 - 5 May	Financial support was provided to the organisation of the International Youth Forum “Youth against war in XXI century”, information about IPM and Council of Europe action in Belarus was distributed to approximately 200 participants of the Forum. Council of Europe materials on campaign “No Hate Speech” were also distributed.
15.	Participation of the Communication Officer of the Information Point in the charity action of the Ministry of Education devoted to the International Day for Protection of Children.	1 June	Communication Officer took part in the charity action, networking was enhanced with representatives of Belarusian civil society and prospects for future co-operation were discussed.
16.	Support of the Council of Europe’s participation in the International Media Forum in Minsk.	Minsk, 8 June	Logistical support was given for the participation of a member of the CoE Secretariat.

Activities tentatively planned for the second half of 2015

17.	Organisation of the jury for the essay competition among journalist students “Human Rights: how mass media could help to protect them?” (<i>item 2 above</i>).	Minsk, July 2015
18.	Visit of the IP Communication Officer to the Raoul Wallenberg Institute: participation in a series of RWI events, presentation of the CoE action in Belarus and discussion of possible joint activities.	Stockholm, August 2015
19.	Council of Europe’s Round Table “Death penalty and Public Opinion” - public presentation of the update of the book “Abolition of the Death Penalty in Belarus”, prepared by NGOs “Centre for Comparative Legal Studies” and “Legal Initiative”, with a support of the Council of Europe and Information Point of the Council of Europe in Minsk.	Minsk, September 2015
20.	Organisation of a specialised workshop on legal standards and conventional framework developed by the Council of Europe (with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs).	Minsk, 14-15 September 2015
21.	Support to the possible CoE participation in the launch of the 2015 European Heritage Days in Belarus on the theme “Intangible Cultural Heritage: Society, Location”.	Minsk, 26-27 September 2015

22.	Support for the CoE-Belarus meeting on a compendium cultural policy profile for Belarus (2-day visit of the Compendium editors to Minsk).	Minsk, September – October 2015
23.	Preparation of the team of BSU for 2016 Rene Cassin Competition: - Visit to Minsk by French lawyer specialist of Rene Cassin Competition; - Work of the BSU team with an advisor following the publication of the 2016 case.	Minsk, September - December 2015
24.	Meeting on the Road-Map of Bologna Process.	Minsk, September – October 2015
25.	Joint event on European Higher Education area (co-organised with Magna Charta, as a follow-up of the seminar in March 2015 and accession of Belarus to the Bologna Process).	Autumn 2015
26.	UN-CoE support to the Systematic Research Study to Assess the Added Value of Setting up a National Human Rights Institutions in Belarus (<i>as a follow up to the international workshop “National Human Rights Institutions: Establishment and Functioning”, organised in July 2014 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus, the United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office, UNDP in Belarus and the Council of Europe</i>).	September – December 2015
27.	A series of lectures on Council of Europe in general and more specifically its action in the Republic of Belarus (in BSU, Minsk and regional universities).	Minsk, regions September - December 2015
28.	Training for trainees of the Institute of the Qualification of Judges, functioning on the basis of the BSU.	Minsk, exact dates and number of training sessions to be confirmed
29.	Support to the study visit of Belarusian youth experts to the Council of Europe.	26-29 October 2015 at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg
30.	Organisation of a study visit to the Council of Europe of representatives of the legal services of specific Belarusian ministries and bodies dealing with CoE issues (<i>follow-up to item 20</i>).	Autumn 2015
31.	Organisation of a study visit of regional journalists on the occasion of the plenary session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.	Strasbourg, October 2015
32.	Organisation of the participation in the World Forum for Democracy of the winners of the students’ competition (<i>items 2 and 17</i>) and young professionals from the press services of specific Belarusian ministries and bodies dealing with CoE issues.	Strasbourg, 18-20 November 2015
33.	Support of a study visit to the Council of Europe by a group of Belarusian judges.	November – December 2015
34.	Targeted support for the possible evaluation visit of GRETA to Belarus.	Last quarter of 2015

35.	Organisation of the preparatory meeting of the "50-50" training course on democratic youth participation at regional and local level in the Republic of Belarus.	Dates and venue tbc
36.	Translation of the Council of Europe Youth Department materials and documents into Belarusian language for the educational activities in the youth field.	July – December 2015
37.	CoE-UN-Raoul Wallenberg Institute student essay competition on promotion of knowledge and understanding of principles of respect and protection of human rights by Belarusian youth.	Minsk, regions, November - December 2015
38.	Support to the organisation of a sub-regional scientific seminar in the framework of the Emerald Network, an international network of areas of special conversation interest (ASCI).	25-26 November 2015
39.	Organisation of the event promoting social rights (exact title to be confirmed with the Secretariat of European Social Charter and partners in Belarus).	Minsk, dates tbc
40.	Possible event on preventive measures against drugs in the penitentiary system.	Autumn 2015
41.	Organisation of an experts' meeting (under the PCF programme) for the preparation of the legal analysis assessing the data protection legislation in light of the relevant international and European standards.	Autumn 2015
42.	Support to the possible consultative visit on the European Sports Charter.	Autumn 2015
43.	Support to the activities under the Programme Co-operation Framework (PCF) (ex. COMUS, activities on corruption, etc.).	Minsk Number of dates (tbc) in the period July - December 2015
44.	Support to the 2-day workshop on procedural law reform on cybercrime and electronic evidence, on experience of functioning in member States of the Council of Europe of centres for the fight against cybercrime, in the framework of the Project Cybercrime@Octopus.	Minsk, dates tbc
45.	Participation of the Communication Officer in the meetings of the informal working group against the death penalty in Minsk.	Minsk, 2015