



“Cooperation for local communities development and citizen participation in local self-government”



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Belarusian legislation

- **Constitution of the Republic of Belarus, art. 117**
“Local government and self-government is implemented by citizens through local Councils of deputies, territorial civil self-government bodies, local referendums, assemblies and and other forms of direct participation in public and civil issues”
- **The Law “On local government and self-government”**
defines forms of direct participation of citizens: local assembly, local referendum, citizen initiative for problem solution, citizen participation through financing and (or) reimbursing budget costs related to aims decided by citizen.
- **Other laws and regulations** (appeals by citizens, public hearings, polls).



Six purposes for personal motivation

1. **Feeling of duty: “I have to”** (when thought about observing, but not participating causes a feel of shame).
2. **Importance: “I need”** (I need to do something, because it is important for me).
3. **Ability: “I can”** (person is sure that his/her input can change something)
4. **Demand: “I am needed”** (person needs to feel needed for someone)
5. **Effectiveness: “It works”** (clear objectives and methods to achieve goals for aim achievement)
6. **Prominence: “It gives me something”** (social communication, pleasant time with friends, new contacts with interesting people, personal interest).

Amnå, E. (2010): New Forms of Civil Participation, Baden Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft.



Classification of forms of citizen participation in the implementation of local self-government

- **Forms of direct democracy**
 - Citizen participation in local elections (including nomination of a candidate for deputy and recall of the elected deputies of Local Council);
 - Local referendum;
 - Local assembly.
- **Forms of public participation in local government**
 - Territorial public self- government;
 - Citizen participation in the financing and (or) compensation for the budget expenses on purposes specified by citizens (self-taxation of citizens);
 - Citizen initiative to promote decision-making at a Council of Deputies (law-making initiative);
 - Local Assembly;
 - The initiative to call session of the local Council of Deputies;
 - The initiative of citizens in organizing the meeting with deputies of local councils and the right to demand its activity report.
- **Forms of public opinion identification**
 - Public discussions (hearings);
 - Citizens appeals;
 - Opinion polls.



Citizen's participation in decision-making process at local level (Cooperation ALDA – NGO “Lev Sapieha Foundation”)

Brief title of the project	ACSOBE	REACT	TANDEM-I	SPREAD-I	TANDEM-II	SPREAD-II	TANDEM-III	TOTAL
Full title of the project	ACTing SOcial and Cultural Rights in BElarus	REinforcing ACTions of Capacity Building for Civil Society	Cooperation for Citizen Participation and Community Development in Belarus	Sustainable Partnership for REinforceme nt of Active Developmen t in Belarus	Cooperation for Citizen Participation and Community Development in Belarus	Sustainable Partnership for REinforceme nt of Active Developmen t in Belarus	Cooperation for Citizen Participation and Community Development in Belarus	7 projects (financing by EU)
The number of applications received	22	19	82	15	54	44	24	291
The number of selected projects	12	11	10	10	16	18	10	87
Finance EUR	36 000	39 000	60 000	9 000	120 000	54 000	70 000	388 000
Period of project realization	March 2006-September 2008	April 2009-August 2010	September 2011-April 2013	November 2012-June 2014	November 2013-April 2015	July 2014-June 2017	April 2016-June 2017	March 2006 -present time



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Funding

(re-granting, TANDEM-I; TANDEM-II TANDEM-III)

Name of project	Project applications, pcs.			Available funding, EUR ----- Number of projects pcs.			The requested amount, EUR ----- Available funding, EUR			Total project cost, EUR ----- Co-funding ----- Per project		
	TANDEM -I	TANDEM -II	TANDEM -III	TANDEM -I	TANDEM -II	TANDEM -III	TANDEM -I	TANDEM -II	TANDEM -III	TANDEM -I	TANDEM -II	TANDEM -III
Class A «Partnership projects» (10 000Euro)	33	21	8	20 000 ----- 2	80 000 ----- 8	40 000 ----- 4	182127 ----- 20 000	194 030 ----- 80 000	83 262 ----- 40 000	250 555 ----- 68 428 ----- 2 074	247 988 ----- 53 958 ----- 2 569	106 877 ----- 23 615 ----- 2 952
Class B «Community initiatives» (5 000 Euro)	49	33	16	40 000 ----- 8	40 000 ----- 8	30 000 ----- 6	264 123 ----- 40 000	164 673 ----- 40 000	79 210 ----- 30 000	317 332 ----- 53 209 ----- 1 085	225 438 ----- 60 765 ----- 1 841	96 560 ----- 17 310 ----- 1 082
TOTAL:	82	54	24	10	16	10	446 250	358 703	162 472	567887	473426	203437



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TANDEM-III

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ALDA
European Association
for Local Democracy

Thematic Directions of the Project Applications

Thematic Directions	The amount project applications (160)
Culture, language, regional studies, education	27
Youth and children	24
Regional and sustainable development	19
Local government and self-government	16
Orphaned children, people with disabilities	16
Agroecotourism, ecology	15
Communal property management	12
Business initiatives	11
Sport and healthy lifestyle	8
Elderly, social and medical support	8
Protection of citizens' rights	4



Development of infrastructure for cooperation among local authorities, citizens and civil associations

- **Legislation:** to change forms of civil participation in legislation (to remove bureaucratic obstacles, to exclude forms of legislation that don't work, to develop and expand scope of legislation forms that work (ex., self-taxation of citizens, civil budgets), to include new forms (ex., opinion polls);
- **Establishment of dialogue opportunities** (joint consultative and expert groups for solving problems on local level);
- **Implementation of fairness and transparency principles** (visiting Council meetings, informing about problems, upcoming decisions, local assemblies and meetings with citizens conduction).



Development of infrastructure for cooperation among local authorities, citizens and civil associations (continuation)

- **Fostering a climate of trust** (escape from politicization of civil initiatives, involving citizens in decision making process, promotion of civil activists, etc.).
- **Informational and educational activities** for increasing civil participation in decision making process on local level, **increasing the level of dialogue culture.**
- **Promotion of best practices** of civil participation on local level.



Thank you for attention!

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