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BELARUSIAN ENERGY AND ECOLOGY FORUM OPENS IN MINSK

The 22nd edition of the Belarusian Energy and Ecology Forum is opening in Minsk on 10 October, BeITA has learned.

The main events will take place at the Football Indoor Center in Minsk. The forum includes the 22nd International Specialized Exhibition Energy. Ecology. Energy Saving. Electro (Energy Expo' 2017), the exhibitions: Oil&Gas Technologies, ExpoLHGT, Atomexpo-Belarus, Water and Air Technologies, ExpoCITY and the 22nd Belarusian Energy and Ecology Congress.

The business program of the forum includes over 20 events: a plenary session, forums, conferences, workshops, roundtables, presentations by participating companies, where domestic and foreign experts will share the latest technological solutions in energy, petrochemistry, energy saving and ecology. During the featured events the participants will discuss matters of energy security, environmental and economic aspects of nuclear energy, innovative and energy efficient solutions in the housing sector, the strategy of the digital transformation of energy and petrochemistry sectors, sustainable environmental development of cities and green economy.

The roundtable dedicated to the prospects and problems of the development of electric transport will be held for the first time during the forum. The participants will discuss the world tendencies of the electric transport development, the Belarusian electric vehicles market,

economic mechanisms to stimulate the use of electric vehicles, development of charging points and service infrastructure, environmental aspects, regulatory support and other matters.

During the roundtable on development prospects of nuclear energy, the Belarusian and foreign experts will discuss nuclear energy safety, environmental and social aspects of the construction of a nuclear power plant, dynamics of public opinion on nuclear energy in Belarus and raising public awareness of environmental safety during the construction and operation of a nuclear power plant.

The EnergyExpo exhibition traditionally draws attention of leading world's and domestic producers of equipment, materials and technology for the energy sector, ecology, energy saving and electrical engineering. The exhibition is one of the largest in the CIS and Baltic countries in its field. This year's edition of the forum has brought together representatives of some 300 companies from 16 countries (Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Austria, Germany, France, Italy, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, Finland, China and the USA). Partaking in the forum are the leading Belarusian organizations and such world-famous names as Siemens, ABB, FILTER, IEC, Schneider, Dow Chemical, HEAG and EATON. The forum will be running till 13 October.

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INNOVATIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS DEMONSTRATED AT ENERGY EXPO

Minsk hosts Energy Expo exhibition of technology and equipment as part of 22nd Belarusian Energy and Ecology Forum – featuring an electric car, energysaving plants and LED technology

By Victor Kharkov Developments in the spheres of energy, ecology, energy saving and electrical engineering have been presented by Belarusian and foreign producers, including energy-saving devices and those for air purification, as well as electric cars.

What have Belarusian developers been achieving in the spheres of energy and ecology? The major exhibit was an experimental model of a Belarusian electric car. This environmentally-friendly vehicle – silent, and without air pollution – is to launch into production in Belarus in 2018. Electric buses are already running on Minsk streets, and there are plans for an electric bike, scooter and gyro-scooter, helping make our cities cleaner and quieter. On show, also, was a model of a mobile vacuum cleaner, able to be carried into courtyards, and designed to work under any weather conditions. A prototype is to be presented later this year.



The National Academy of Sciences has been exploring LED technology to grow various crops, in greenhouses, using optimal lighting regimes for each plant, to aid growth. The exhibition also presented a model of a biogas complex to produce electricity, for use by agricultural enterprises, as well as housing and communal organisations.

The Institute of Power Engineering, of the Academy of Sciences, demonstrated its charcoal-production device (perfect for the pharmaceutical, metallurgy, food and chemical industries). Using wood waste, it is environmentally-friendly and is able to create charcoal quickly.

Oil-absorbing materials based on peat were on display, designed to collect oil spilled on any surface and 'hold it', to eliminate emergency spills on water, soil, industrial sites and equipment. Also demonstrated were absorbents for wastewater treatment, using heavy and nonferrous metal ions to clean gas emissions from toxic substances.

University achievements were demonstrated at the exhibition, with the Belarusian University of Informatics and Radioelectronics showing its software-controlled power source and an energy-saving automatic charger, for any type of battery. Meanwhile, the Belarusian State University presented a hightemperature three-zone thermal imager and ultrasonic counters for gas, liquid and thermal energy. Its Turbosphere attracted the most attention among energy-saving devices, allowing efficient use of gas pressure drops in the gas-transport system.

Air purification at enterprises is another important environmental issue, as Energy Expo recognised, presenting a biochemical absorption device. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection brought samples of the latest Belarusian minerals to be mined: amber and basalt, alongside products made from basalt tuffs: glass, threads and ceramics.

Famous world brands – such as Siemens, ABB, Schneider, and Dow Chemical – presented their achievements, with the exhibition welcoming guests from sixteen countries, including China, the USA, Germany, Russia and Poland.

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19.10.2017

INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON WATER RESOURCES OPENS IN MINSK

International cooperation helps promote eco-innovations, introduce sustainable development principles and ensure environmental safety, Belarus' Vice Prime Minister Mikhail Rusy said at the plenary session of the 5th international forum Water Resources and Climate, BelTA has learned.

"The forum stems from the importance of the water resources condition and the need to promote its efficient use and protect them from depletion and contamination in changing climate conditions. We understand that it is impossible to introduce the sustainable development principles, promote eco-innovations and ensure environmental safety without close international cooperation and without involving scientists. Efforts made by the world community reflect a desire to solve water resources problems at the global level," Mikhail Rusy said.

He noted that the state policy is aimed at strengthening the rights of citizens to a healthy environment. It also draws special attention to the environmental area within the program on Belarus' social and economic development for 2016-2020. "Today Belarus has 15 laws regulating legal relations in environmental protection. Our country is party to 20 international conventions in the sphere. Moreover, we have concluded more than 40 international agreements over the last decade. We have a principle that



if we become party to a convention and take on obligations, we strictly adhere to it," the vice prime minister stressed.

The international forum Water Resources and Climate is taking place at the Belarusian State Technological University on 5-6 October. The experts are discussing such themes as sustainable use of water resources in changing climate conditions, modern approaches towards the protection of water resources from contamination, water treatment technologies, cross-border cooperation in protection and use of trans-border water objects, hydropower engineering and the use of the recreational potential of Belarus' water objects. Taking part in the event are representatives of Belarusian government bodies, national and international governmental and non-governmental organizations and foundations, scientific and educational institutions in Belarus and abroad and business community. Experts from Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Norway and other countries are attending the event. The forum has been organized by the Belarusian Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Belarusian State Technological University and the Central Research Institute for Integrated Water Resources Management.

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5.10.2017

BELARUS, POLAND TO TEAM UP IN PROTECTION OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS



Belarus and Poland plan to sign an agreement on cooperation in the protection and rational use of transboundary waters, BelTA learned from the website of the Belarusian Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

The ministry played host to a meeting of the Belarusian-Polish working group on water resources. The parties discussed the draft agreement between the governments of Belarus and Poland on cooperation in the protection and rational use of transboundary waters, the procedure of its coordination and signing. The parties also considered issues of updating flood threat and risk maps on the Belarusian-Polish border.

Taking part in the meeting were representatives of Belarus' Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Belarus' Central Research Institute of Multipurpose Use of Water Resources of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the State Border Committee, and also representatives of the Polish Department of Planning and Water Resources of the Water Resources Division and the Flood and Drought Modeling Center of the Institute of Meteorology and Water Management.

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24.10.2017

BELARUS, UKRAINE DISCUSS JOINT INLAND WATERWAY PROJECT

Belarusian Ambassador to Ukraine Igor Sokol and Director General of the Nibulon joint venture Aleksei Vadatursky discussed the implementation of a promising Belarus-Ukraine project to use inland waterways on the Dnieper River, BelTA learned from the press service of the Belarusian embassy in Ukraine.

In particular, the sides talked about the river stretch between the population center Nizhniye Zhary (Bragin District) and Kiev Hydroelectric Power Plant.

In July 2017, Ambassador Igor Sokol commented on the progress in the implementation of a project to build a cargo port on the Dnieper River in an interview with BelTA. "The port is situated in Belarus. However, we need to dredge some reaches of the river in Ukraine to make path for the port. The negotiations are underway; the specialists are working on it. There is a Belarusian investor ready to build the port but first we need to do a feasibility study for a 23-kilometer-long reach. The head of state has given relevant instructions," the ambassador underlined. He emphasized that water transport is in high demand in other European countries. "This is quite a low-cost transport and a promising line of business," the ambassador added.

Nibulon exports grain crops. The company comprises a network of elevators accepting and storing grain, a terminal for transshipment and

storage of grain crops, a shipbuilding and ship repair plant, and a shipping company which operates non-self-propelled and towing river vessels.

The embassy noted that Igor Sokol visited the joint-stock company Motor Sich. He met with the company's president Vyacheslav Boguslayev and Vladimir Semenov, member of the Board of Directors, Director for Corporate Rights and Investment Projects. The sides discussed the promising avenues of cooperation between Motor Sich and Belarusian companies, including Orsha Aircraft Repair Plant.

The Belarusian diplomat also took part in the second international investment forum InCo Forum 2017: Cooperation Between Communities and Business in Zaporozhye. The forum focused on the implementation of international experience, attracting investment, developing cooperation between communities and providers of goods and services. The forum comprised exhibitions dedicated to the amalgamated territorial communities, energy saving and construction, small and medium-sized business. As part of the event, Ambassador Igor Sokol had a working meeting with Zaporozhye Oblast Governor Konstantin Bryl. The sides touched upon the promising avenues of Zaporozhye Oblast-Belarus cooperation, primarily in economy, science, and industry.

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BELARUS TO INTENSIFY COOPERATION WITH SWEDEN ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Belarus plans to intensify cooperation with Sweden on environmental matters, BelTA learned from the website of the Belarusian Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

On 23 October the ministry played host to a meeting between Belarus' Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Andrei Khudyk and Ambassador of Sweden to Belarus Kristina Johannesson. The parties discussed the Belarusian-Swedish cooperation in environmental protection and promising areas of its development.

Andrei Khudyk expressed readiness to strengthen and expand cooperation with Sweden in various areas of environmental activities. The focus was on Sweden's waste management regulations, the prevention of the burial of secondary material resources, the construction of plants to process household waste. Belarus is ready to share its experience in preserving biological and landscape diversity.

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FOREST OF BELARUS-ARMENIA FRIENDSHIP TO BE PLANTED IN ARMENIA IN 2018

The Forest of Belarus-Armenia 2018, BelTA learned from the press service

"The relevant agreement was reached mental Belarusian-Armenian commission on forest will be planted in Armenia. Specialists the site during a visit of the Belarusian delegation said.

"Belarus is ready to provide its planting technological assistance," stressed Belarus'

Armenia's Agriculture Minister Ignaty interested in Belarus' technological capacities. portance, for us it is of environmental significance would also like to launch projects on the provide heat to our villages," he said.

The 13th meeting of the intergovernmental Belarusian-Armenian commission on trade and economic cooperation was held in Minsk on 20 October. The next meeting will take place in Armenia in 2018.



Friendship will be planted in Armenia in vice of the Belarusian Forestry Ministry.

during the 13th meeting of the intergovernmental trade and economic cooperation. The new of the two countries are expected to decide on gation to Armenia in late October," the press

stock free of charge and provide any necessary Forestry Minister Mikhail Amelyanovich.

Arakelyan noted for his part that Armenia is "If for Belarus forestry is of economic importance. It is the issue of preserving forests. We duction of pellets and other materials to pro-

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23.10.2017

BELARUS' BEST FORESTRY PRACTICES TO BE PRESENTED IN POLAND

Belarus' best forestry practices will be presented in Poland, BelTA learned from the press service of the Belarusian Forestry Ministry.

On October 9 Belarus' Forestry Minister Mikhail Amelyanovich will attend the international meeting "Las2017. Forests, Our Common Good: Enhancing Sustainable Development in Light of the Paris Agreement" which will take place in Warsaw and will gather leaders of the forest departments of European countries - UN members. Experts will discuss the topical issues on the international agenda in forestry. One of the key matters is enhancing sustainable development in the light of the Paris agreement on climate change.

It is expected that during the meeting Mikhail Amelyanovich will lay out Belarus' achievements in forestry, will talk about the domestic experience of combating the drying out of forests, managing natural disasters in forests. Negotiations on achieving the sustainable development goals in forestry have been scheduled.

In recent years, the Belarusian Forestry Ministry has greatly stepped up mutually beneficial cooperation with relevant international organizations. Among them is the UN Economic Commission for Europe, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Bank, the Global Environment Facility and others.

The press service noted that the participation of the Belarusian forestry minister in such a high-level meeting reaffirms the commitment of Belarus to the principles of conservation, sustainable development and sustainable forest management, will help strengthen the capacity of international cooperation and raise investments in the forestry sector.

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9.10.2017

BELARUS, UKRAINE SUGGEST CROSS-BORDER STRATEGY TO COUNTER FOREST TREE DISEASES



Belarus and Ukraine offer to work out a cross-border strategy to counter forest pests and forest tree diseases, reads a joint statement of the Belarusian Forestry Ministry and the Ukrainian State Forest Resources Agency, BelTA learned from the press service of the Forestry Ministry.

The statement draws attention to the fact that the climate change process has affected the state of forest resources. Belarus and Ukraine point to the need to devise a strategy to counter forest pests and forest tree diseases in the context of cross-border interaction and to take measures to prevent and counter outbreaks of pests and forest tree diseases. The sides also initiate the consideration of the deterioration of the sanitary state of forests caused by climate change at the next session of the Committee on Forestry of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The document was signed by Belarusian Deputy Forestry Minister Leonid Demyanik and Deputy Chairman of the Ukrainian State Forest Resources Agency Vladimir Bondar.

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BELARUS TO CARRY OUT SUSTAINABLE POPS MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The international technical assistance project "Sustainable management of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) and chemical substances" will be carried out in Belarus, BelTA learned from Yelena Meleshkova, spokesperson for the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Ministry.

The project is aimed at destroying stockpiles of obsolete pesticides and equipment containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in an environmentally safe way. According to the project, a number of essential practical measures will be undertaken to reduce and mitigate the effect of POPs on the environment. In particular, all the storage facilities with obsolete pesticides will be cleaned up. As of today, there are some 2,000 tonnes of such waste stored there, along with 2,300 tonnes of Class 1 PCB-containing equipment and waste. The project is estimated at around \$8.5 million.

The project has been worked out by the Belarusian Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Ministry and the UNDP in Belarus. It will lay the groundwork for further cooperation between Belarus, the UNDP, and the Global Environment Facility in addressing the problem of POPs and observing the Stockholm Convention.



Belarus joined the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants in 2004 and since then has been consistently fulfilling the obligations assumed. Thanks to joining the convention, Belarus has been granted access to international financial and technical resources allocated by the global community to solve the problem of POPs.

Belarusian Deputy Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Minister Alexander Korbut underlined at the project's presentation that Belarus has undertaken a whole set of measures to manage POPs. In particular, it has formed a legal framework regulating the management of POPs and taken stock of POPs. Belarus has ensured that obsolete PCB-containing pesticides, equipment, and waste are re-packed, and their ecologically safe storage is secured. The third National Implementation Plan under the Stockholm Convention was adopted in Belarus in 2007 under the coordination of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Ministry. The project receives considerable financial resources from budgets of different levels.

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PLANS TO IMPLEMENT CHEMICAL SAFETY PROJECT IN BELARUS, UKRAINE

A project in the area of chemical safety will be implemented in Belarus and Ukraine, BeITA learned from Elizabet Paunovic, Head of the World Health Organization European Center for Environment and Health (WHO/ECEH).

Elizabet Paunovic said: "We are going to launch a project involving Belarus and Ukraine. It is a project in the area of chemical safety."

Irina Zastenskaya, a WHO/ECEH technical officer for chemical safety, explained that the project will involve creating a network of experts to take care of chemical safety in Belarus and Ukraine under the WHO aegis. Plans have been made to analyze the situation with the population morbidity rate, environmental pollution, and products involving chemicals. The project is supposed to begin in December but the main action will start in January. The project will last for one year. The national applied science center for medical technologies, informatization, management and healthcare economy and the applied science center for hygiene will be the agencies to implement the project in Belarus.

An international science and practice conference is scheduled to take place in Minsk on 26-28 October. Top officials of the Federal Medical and Biological Agency of Russia, the World Health Organization European Center for Environment and Health (WHO/ECEH), leading hygiene researchers from Russia, Latvia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Germany, Italy, and Moldova are taking part in the conference.

The conference is timed to the 90th anniversary since the applied science center for hygiene was established in Belarus. Today the center is a well-developed organization with a high scientific potential and modern physical infrastructure. Its specialists study various environmental factors to evaluate their effect on human health. The specialists work out healthcare recommendations. The sanitary norms and rules they have developed, their hygiene standards and methods for studying environmental factors represent the foundation of hygiene regulations in Belarus. The expertise of the center's specialists has been recognized abroad. Many of the specialists work as international experts and represent Belarus in international organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and other ones.

Director of the applied science center for hygiene Sergei Sychik noted that preventive healthcare specialists have to do more and more work every day. "We live in an age of ever changing conditions due to the advance of new technologies, the growing role of global environmental processes, the emergence of new evidence pointing to the unfavorable effects that the already researched environmental factors have and the effects a combination of such factors has," he noted.

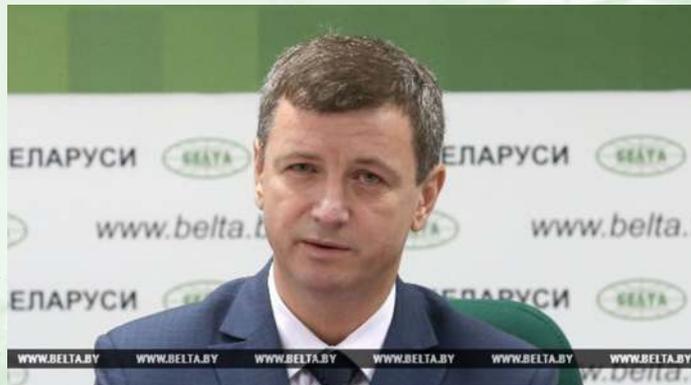
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BELARUS TO KEEP DEVELOPING RENEWABLE ENERGY AFTER NUCLEAR POWER PLANT GOES ONLINE

The Belarusian Energy Ministry will keep developing renewable energy after Belarus' nuclear power plant goes online as it advocates the harmonious development of all the energy sources, BeITA learned from Sergei Greben, Head of the Department of Energy Efficiency, Ecology and Science of the Belarusian Energy Ministry.

"I am not saying that the renewable energy development program will be stopped. I am talking about harmonious development of all the energy sources as we have the modernized gas capacities which have had a great impact on the country including energy tariff reduction," Sergei Greben said.

He highlighted the specific features of wind and solar energy installations, particularly, their dependence on weather conditions. "They do not produce much electricity now, but after the launch of the nuclear power plant by 2020, the electric power capacity will significantly increase. We can say that it would be almost unregulated electric power as all the installations based on renewable energy can produce energy if sun and wind are available and this electric power should be somehow absorbed.



Other power plants are also working during this stage, and therefore we have to stop our energy-efficient power plants. That is why we need to harmoniously develop all the types of energy sources but not to stop some," Sergei Greben said.

He added that after the nuclear power plant is commissioned, the structure of the Belarusian energy system will be the same. The output capacity is growing and will grow by means of renewable energy. Sergei Greben gave the following data: at the beginning of 2017, the total output capacity of all the installations based on renewable energy was 153MW and now it is 262MW. "By the end of 2020, their

capacity will be 950MW, which is comparable to one more power unit of the Belarusian nuclear power plant. We need to regulate the operation of these installations as their capacity is large and to establish them in such a way that they work according to the energy system schedule of the country," he said.

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MINSK TO HOST INTERNATIONAL ELECTRIC TRANSPORT EXPO ETRANS IN 2018

The international electric transport expo ETRANS will take place in Minsk on 2-4 October 2018, BeITA learned from the organizers.

It will be the first time Belarus has welcomed the expo. The expo will offer a venue for discussing initiatives for developing and investing in new-generation transport solutions, for sharing the best practices and technologies, for signing business contacts.

The expo is supposed to popularize the idea of environmentally friendly and frugal transportation. It will also determine development trends on the market of electric transportation and infrastructure.

The expo will feature leading distributors and manufacturers of environmentally safe and innovative transport solutions, including personal transportation and mass transit systems. Infrastructure equipment such as accumulators, chargers, service station equipment will be in the spotlight as well as smart transport technologies and electronics.

The international electric transportation expo will be held simultaneously with the Belarusian Transport Week in 2018.

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ELECTRIC BUSES FOR EUROPEAN GAMES

By Alexander Pimenov : Belkommunmash plans to supply at least 60 electric buses to Minsk for 2nd European Games in 2019, notes Belkommunmash's Department for Marketing and Sales in Belarus and Russia

"There're plans that purchases of electric buses to replenish Minsk's public transport fleet in anticipation of the 2019 European Games are supposed to begin next year. The enterprise intends to sell 60 electric buses in 2018. A certain number of electric buses may be also shipped in H1 2019," note representatives of Belkommunmash.

At present, Belkommunmash offers an articulated electric bus E433, which can carry 153 passengers. Twenty innovative vehicles are already being used for two routes in Minsk. The company has also designed a short electric bus E420, which can carry 90 people. Electric buses like that will become available in Minsk by the 2019 European Games.

The advantages of electric buses include a low environmental footprint, manoeuvrability, and increased comfort. Just like a trolleybus an electric bus is powered by electricity. Instead of overhead power lines its electricity is stored in ultra-condensers. An electric bus takes five minutes to charge to full at a terminus in order to travel for 13km. It uses 14 percent less electricity in comparison with a trolleybus. The bus offers space for wheelchair users with a fixation system and a driver notification system. The bus floor gets lowered on approaching a bus stop. Moreover, there are power sockets and USB sockets for charging gadgets inside the passenger compartment.

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Road improvement in focus



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FORTY-SIX BELARUSIAN POPULATED AREAS TAKE PART IN EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK

Forty-six Belarusian populated areas took part in the European Mobility Week 2017, BELTA learned from the UNDP News Center.

The results of the European Mobility Week which took place on 16-22 September under the motto "Clean, shared and intelligent mobility. Sharing gets you further" have been summed up. The United Nations Development Program was an information coordinator of the campaign.

According to the UNDP News Center, Belarus officially took part in the European Mobility Week for the third time. The campaign is gaining popularity. In 2015, partaking in it were Minsk, Polotsk, and Novopolotsk. There were 19 participants from Belarus in 2017. Forty-six populated areas joined the campaign this year. The European Mobility Week had a record number of participants in 2017: 2,470 towns and villages of 50 countries.

These populated areas hosted public discussions of town mobility, bike rides, and ar-



angement of bike parking places. There were air noise pollution surveys, joint campaigns with traffic police, contests and concerts. The campaign was crowned by a traditional event, Car-Free Day.

According to experts, the quality of life by one third depends on mobility conditions. This pertains to the current state of the transport system, its reliability, safety for people and environment. Therefore, a systematic approach to the development of towns and regions is so important. This approach relies on the integrated territorial and transport planning. This is the main objective of the project to promote green planning in small and medium-sized towns of Belarus. It is implemented by the United Nations Development Program in association with the Global Environment Facility and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Ministry.

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PLANS FOR NEW BIKE ROUTES IN NOVOGRUDOK DISTRICT TO BOOST TOURISM

New cycling routes in Novogrudok District will run through the places associated with King Mindouh and poet Adam Mitskevich, BELTA learned from Deputy Chairman of the National Tourist and Sport Union Sergei Koleda.



Four new tourist cycling routes in Novogrudok District will run through the most important historical sites.

"The routes have been developed in cooperation with specialists of the National Tourist and Sport Union. We considered a number of criteria for the routes. First of all, the route should be interesting, accessible for cyclists with different levels of training, convenient for traveling. It also should showcase the beauty of the region and local sights," noted Sergei Koleda.

A two-kilometer ring-type trail will be named King Mindouh. Another, 12-kilometer, track titled as Grazyna's Heart will take tourists to the places associated with Adam Mitskevich. The two routes will kick off from the tourist and information center in Novogrudok.

The 30km tour "Lithuanian Chronicles" will follow the area's historical "pearls": Lubcha Castle and Lauryshava Monastery. Tourists will also be able to visit the WWII related places: a partisans' camp, a museum and a sightseeing platform.

The new cycling tracks are developed in line with the local initiative Developing Tourism in Novogrudok Together, which is part of the UNDP project Support to Local Development in the Republic of Belarus, and are financed by the European Union. The initiative is implemented by the Novogrudok charity foundation We are Our City. A website, which is currently under development, will provide the information about the tourist potential of Novogrudok District.

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CITY OF MOSTAR TO HOST INTERNATIONAL "GREEN DESIGN BIENNALE"

The City of Mostar will host the international conference entitled "Green Design Biennale", which will last until October 7. It will gather representatives from 12 countries around the world.

The conference is organized in cooperation with the Horizon 2020 "Buildings as Material Banks" project and SGDF, and aims to align a large number of mutually related aspects of sustainable design of cities, facilities and products.

Within this year's Biennale, lectures, symposiums, expert roundtables, international workshops with students, international exhibitions, promotion of construction of the Green Design Center will be held, as well as exhibitions and promotions of organic food production.

The event will gather guests from 12 countries around the world. Japan, the Netherlands, Germany, Croatia, Serbia, Belgium, England, Bosnia and Herzegovina are among them.

President of the Sarajevo Green Design Foundation, Elma Durmisevic has said on Wednesday at a press conference held in Mostar that this is the third international Green Design, which is traditionally held in Bosnia and Herzegovina in autumn.

She has underlined that the program will begin with the promotion of a European project, which they agreed with the City of Mostar, i.e. construction of a Green Design Center in the South Camp, which is an integral part of the "Buildings as Material Banks" project.

The project is aimed at exploring new ways of construction, which will support the circular economy, develop new construction methods and enable flexible construction, - Durmisevic said.

She added that the Biennale was conceived as a platform for sharing experiences, ideas and offering inspiration to young engineers.

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