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**BELARUS.**

**International rankings**



### ***Belarus ranks 38th in the World Bank “Doing Business 2018”***

In 2018, the Republic of Belarus has reduced the distance to frontier by half a point. In the World Bank’s Doing Business 2018 report the index is **75,06** points (last year it was 74,51 points).

The higher the distance to frontier index is, the better entrepreneurial environment and more secure legal bodies a country has.

Belarus traditionally holds 5th position in Registering Property.

Belarus is among top-30 countries with the best conditions for doing business according to the following criteria:

- Getting Construction Permits (22nd place)
- Enforcing Contracts (24th place)
- Getting Electricity (25th place)
- Trading across Borders (30th place)
- Starting Business (30th place)

The conditions for doing business were improved on the following indicators:

- Protecting Minority Investors - 40th place (+2points)
- Resolving Insolvency - 68th place (+1 point)
- Getting Credit - 90th place (+11 points)
- Paying Taxes - 96th place (+3 points)



## ***Belarus holds 96th position in the Paying taxes 2018 ranking***

According to the results of the tax system global research conducted by a group of the **World Bank** and **PricewaterhouseCoopers**, Belarus ranks **96th** out of 190 countries in the **Paying taxes 2018** ranking.



The number of tax payments in Belarus amounts to **7**. In the European Union this figure is 12, in Eastern Europe and Central Asia – 16,2. The average rate in the world – **24**.

## ***Belarus is among the top-20 countries with the best e-government services***

Belarus has made it to the **top-20** countries with the most comfortable and advanced e-government services. The research was conducted by the software development company **Artezio**, which explored and evaluated state online



services in different countries. According to the results, Belarus ranks **18th**.

Artezio specialists analyzed the **United Nations E-Government Development Database (UNeGovDD)**, a tool which provides information on the e-government development of the UN member-states.

When assessing the quality of the e-government services, the analysts took into account availability of a single entry point (web portal), the possibility to get online services, the simplicity of information search and identity verification.

Among the top-5 countries with the best e-government services are Great Britain, Australia, South Korea, Singapore and Finland.

*Belarus is included in the group of low-risk travel destinations on the Travel Risk Map published by International SOS, the world's largest medical and travel security services firm*

The map can be found on the [web-site of the company](#).

Countries on the map are marked with different colors depending on the rate of risk.

The most dangerous countries to visit are marked in red. Among them are Syria, Libya, Afghanistan, Mali, South Sudan, Yemen, and Somalia.



Green color is applied to the safest for travelers countries. They are Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Iceland.

Belarus, as almost all the EU countries, including Poland, Lithuania and Latvia, is colored in yellow, a color code applied to the low-risk destinations. In Ukraine and Russia the risk rate is average, though in the war zone in the Donetsk and Lugansk regions it is extreme.



## ***Belarus holds 7th position in the global ranking of the countries with the cheapest broadband Internet access***

Belarus takes **7th** place in the global ranking of the countries with the cheapest broadband Internet access, according to the research conducted by the independent market research consultancy **BDRC Continental** and UK-based provider **Cable.co.uk**.



The experts analyzed over 3,351 broadband packages in 196 countries between August and October in 2017. For each country, they calculated the average monthly fee for broadband internet access and converted it to US dollars. In Belarus they analyzed offers from 24 providers. The average monthly fee for a broadband package was \$12.77 (slightly more than 25 Belarusian rubles). In the global ranking, our country took **7th place**.

## ***Belarus ranks 95th out of 145 countries on the Legatum Prosperity Index, which estimates the quality of life in a country***

When compared to last year results, Belarus **has moved up 3 positions**. The rating includes 9 basic categories – economy, education, healthcare, personal freedom, security, business opportunities, management, and social capital – for each



category a country gets points. The sum of points defines the position of a country in the rating. The rating is based on the population survey. Belarus holds the highest **43rd** position on the quality of education.

## ***Belarus has one of the lowest child mortality rates***

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has published the report entitled “**Worlds Apart: Reproductive Health and Rights in an Age of Inequality**” which represents the correlation between economic inequality and inequalities in the protection of maternal, neonatal and reproductive health.

According to the report, in Belarus the percentage of women holding top management positions is **45**.



It is higher than in most countries covered by the report, including the highly developed ones.

In 2015, the maternal mortality rate in Belarus was 4 deaths per 100 000 births. It is **the lowest index** in the CIS region. The global index is 216 deaths per 100 000 births, whilst in Eastern Europe and Central Asia this figure is 25 deaths per 100 000 births.

Belarus has one of the lowest under-five mortality rates - 4 deaths per 100 000 children. Compared to the 1990, child mortality has **decreased almost by 4 times** (It had been 15 deaths per 1000 children).

According to this index, Belarus ranks **164th** place in the world and shares it with Austria, Australia, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Ireland, Portugal, Montenegro and Switzerland.

Belarus has the lowest under-five mortality rate among the CIS countries. It is noteworthy that Belarus is also ahead of such countries as Canada, Latvia, Lithuania, New Zealand and the U.S.

The infant mortality rate in Belarus is 3 deaths per 1000 people. Compared to the 1990, in 2015 the rate **has decreased by 4 times**. Belarus has a lower infant mortality rate than Great Britain, Latvia, Poland, Slovakia and the U.S.

## ***More than 80% of children over six are users of the Internet***

The UNICEF report “The State of the World’s Children in 2017: Children in a Digital World” represents UNICEF’s first comprehensive look at different ways digital technology is affecting children, identifying dangers as well as opportunities.



According to the report data, in Belarus **more than 80%** of children aged over six are users of the Internet. By this indicator, Belarus is ahead of all countries with income level above the average.

The percentage of people using Internet at the age of 15-24 and living in rural areas of Belarus is also **over 80%**.

## ***Belarus ranks 26th according to the European capital greenness evaluation***

Experts from the **Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF, Germany)** compared satellite Sentinel-2 images of 43



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European capitals and found out which cities of Europe have the largest number of trees and shrubs.

Experts used a special method of satellite image processing, which showed how much vegetation is in the area. Based on the results, a “green” index (NDVI) for different cities has been developed.

With the rate **0,2718**, Minsk has taken **26th** position in the ranking, ahead of such capitals as Berlin, Amsterdam, Brussels, Vienna, Paris, Moscow and Rome. The greenest city in Europe is the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, its rate is 0,678.

***Belarusian State University, BSU, made it to the top-500 best universities in the Webometrics Ranking of World Universities (WRWU), and holds 2nd place among best universities in the CIS region***

BSU ranks **487th**, moving **up 19 positions** in comparison with the previous year (506th place). WRWU ranks around 27,000 out of more than 30,000 schools worldwide. Harvard University, Stanford University, and MTI traditionally top the Webometrics Ranking.



This year, Belarusian State University has been named **2nd** in the CIS region, outran only by Lomonosov Moscow State University (235th). For the first time, it was ranked higher than St.Petersburg State University, which took 491st place.

***Belarusian State University ranked 668th among 1250 top universities in the world***

According to the **Best Global Universities Ranking** made by **U.S.News&WorldReport** agency, **Belarusian State University** ranks **668th** among 1250 top universities in the world



BSU takes **301st** place among European universities. Also BSU has been included in the subject rating in Physics and holds **238th** position there.

Best Global Universities Ranking compiled by U.S.News&WorldReport agency assesses scientific activities of universities, publication activity and citation of scientific papers, as well as the world and regional scientific reputation.

The highest indicators of Belarusian State University were demonstrated in the category of scientific publications in international collaborations placing BSU on the **22nd** place in the world.

Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University have topped the list.