

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON BELARUS / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 12 May 1954.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Yes (term expires in 2021)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:** none
4. **The Director-General's visits to the country:** none
5. **The former Director-General's visits to the country:** 1
  - 17-20 April 2014: official visit; to participate in the celebrations of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Belarus' entry into UNESCO
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Mr Pavel Latushka, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate (since 25 February 2013)
  - Staff: Mr Vitaly Kornev, Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Delegate ; Mr Vitaly Kniazev, First Secretary ; Mr Aleksandre Manenok, Administrative Officer
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Aleksandr Pavlovsky (October 2008 – December 2012)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none. Belarus was covered by the UNESCO Moscow Office.
8. **Commission of the Republic of Belarus for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: 1956
  - President: Mr Vladimir Makei, Minister of Foreign Affairs (since August 2013)
  - Secretary-General: Mr Vadim Pisarevich, Deputy Head of the Department for Global Policies and Humanitarian Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus
  - Assistant Secretary-General: Ms Natalya Schasnovich
9. **Belarusian personalities having a relationship with UNESCO:** none
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 7
  - UNESCO Chair on Vocational Education in the Sphere of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) of Persons with Special Needs (2014), The Belarusian State University, Institute of Information Technologies, Minsk
  - UNESCO Chair in Science Education with Emphasis on Natural Sciences at the Belarusian State University, Minsk (2011)
  - UNESCO Chair in Information Technologies and Law at the National Centre of Legal Information, Minsk (2003)
  - UNESCO Chair on Peace and Tolerance through Languages and Civic Education at the Minsk State Linguistic University (1999)
  - UNESCO Chair in Culture of Peace and Democracy at the National Institute of Higher Education of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk (1997)
  - UNESCO Chair on Energy Conservation and Renewable Energies at the Belarusian State Polytechnic Academy, Minsk (1996)
  - UNESCO Chair in Radiation and Environmental Management at the International Sakharov Environmental University, Minsk (1994)
11. **Associated Schools:** 23 (10 primary/secondary schools, 10 secondary, and 3 vocational and technical institutions). Belarus joined the ASP Network in 1967.
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none

- 13. UNESCO Clubs:** 1 Federation and 62 Clubs
- 14. Biosphere Reserves:** 3
- West Polesie Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (2003 – Became transboundary with Poland and Ukraine in 2012)
  - Belovezhskaya Puszcza (1993)
  - Berezinskiy (1978)
- 15. UNESCO Global Geoparks :** none
- 16. World Heritage Sites:** 4 (3 Cultural; 1 Natural)
- Cultural Heritage:*
- Architectural, Residential and Cultural Complex of the Radziwill Family at Nesvizh (2005)
  - Struve Geodetic Arc (2005), jointly with Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Sweden, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine
  - Mir Castle Complex (2000)
- Natural Heritage:*
- Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Białowieża Forest (1979)
- 17. Tentative List:** 5 properties
- Augustow Canal (2004)
  - Saviour Transfiguration Church and St. Sophia Cathedral in the town of Polatsk (2004)
  - SS. Boris and Gleb (Kalozha) Church in the city of Hrodna (2004)
  - Edifices for Worship of Fortress Type in Belarus, Poland and Lithuania (2004)
  - Worship wooden architecture (17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> centuries) in Polesye (2004)
- 18. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 1 element on the Urgent Safeguarding List
- Rite of the Kalyady Tsars (Christmas Tsars) (2009)
- 19. Memory of the World Register:** 2 inscriptions
- The Act of the Union of Lublin document (2017), jointly with Lithuania, Poland, Latvia and Ukraine
  - Radzwill's Archives and Niasvizh (Nieśwież) Library Collection (2009), submitted in cooperation with Finland, Lithuania, Poland, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine
- 20. Creative Cities Network:** no inscriptions
- 21. Legal instruments:** 17 ratified and 23 non-ratified
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: accession (18 February 2009)
  - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: approval (6 September 2006)
  - Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: approval (3 February 2005)
  - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
- 22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018-2019:** 1
- 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Regina Salomea Rusiecka (1718-1763) (with the support of Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation)
- 23. Participation Programme:**
- 2016-2017: 3 projects approved for the total amount of US\$ 29,985
  - 2014-2015: 7 requests approved for the total amount of US\$ 68,550

- 2012-2013: 4 requests approved for the total amount of US\$ 55,000
- 2010-2011: 7 requests approved for the total amount of US\$ 102,000

**24. Fellowships:** 6 fellowships awarded since 2006 for a total amount of US\$ 52,587

**25. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:** none

**26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016-2017:** fully paid

Assessment rate for 2016-2017: 0.056%

Contribution assessed for 2016-2017: US\$ 365,680

**27. Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US\$)

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total	–	–	–	3,656	2,742	2,742

**28. Representation within the Secretariat:** under-represented, with 1 professional staff (min. 2, max. 4)

- 1 professional staff at Headquarters in geographical posts: