

6TH BRC COORDINATION MEETING



BRC remains a loose network of stakeholders gathered with an aim to improve quality and policy relevance of research in Belarus.

Currently lead by Pact and EESC in the framework of ongoing consultations with stakeholders.

BRC MISSION: RESEARCH AVAILABILITY



BRC Research Database

- ✓ Partner: Ostrogorski Centre
- ✓ Integration to Belarus Profile platform
- ✓ Direct connection with BRC supported website thinktanks.by
- ✓ 250 researches in database
- ✓ 16 research organizations

What do Belarusians Think (WDBT)

- ✓ Partner: OEEC
- ✓ 4 in-country events since Sep 2014
- ✓ 1100: appr. online audience of 8 WDBT
- ✓ 320: appr. number of attendees of 8 WDBT

Bell

- Bell - part of BRC portfolio since 2014:
- ✓ pool of more than 120 analysts
 - ✓ more than 900 recipients

BRC MISSION: RESEARCH COMMUNICATION AND USABILITY



BRC Call for original policy-oriented research

- ✓ 5 funded out of 20 applications
- ✓ 9 proposals from BRC stakeholders
- ✓ most popular sector: public administration – 7 proposals

BRC call for infographics

- ✓ Partner: online magazine IdeaBy
- ✓ free services for think tanks in terms of visualization of their researches
- ✓ 3 pieces already prepared and communicated

BRC supported website *thinktanks.by*

- ✓ tool to expand BRC local services, by developing an integrated website as BRC activities and products online should be a natural part of BRC
- ✓ suitable platform for journalists working with the research products

CHALLENGES

- ✓ Form and management: association vs. network
- ✓ Local ownership: moving BRC in-country
- ✓ Greater public engagement: attract more public attention
- ✓ Media: establishing relations with media in Belarus
- ✓ International acknowledgment: links with analysts abroad and policy makers on a European level
- ✓ Research quality: enhancing peer review of relevant research conducted on Belarus
- ✓ Policy influence: actionable policy recommendations
- ✓ Increasing public policy space in country
- ✓ Stakeholders: attracting more funding for research



BRC FUTURE: IN COUNTRY PRESENCE



- ✓ Registered entity, membership based association in Belarus
- ✓ Main focus is to provide assistance for think tanks in the same categories but from inside
- ✓ New task: creating a public policy space (modern offices, conference/training facilities and hosting public policy events with the necessary equipment)
- ✓ Facilitate/attract funding for the analytical community (both at home and from abroad)
- ✓ Connect thinkers (researchers) with doers (civic activists)
- ✓ Provide trainings for young researchers in country
- ✓ Potential legislative lobbying effort to improve laws regulating public policy space (for example: access to information)

THANK YOU!

