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Belarus in the EDB Macroeconomic Review

In May, 2017 the **Eurasian Development Bank** published the **Macroeconomic Review** with the latest data on the macroeconomic development of the EAEU member states following the results of the first quarter of 2017.

According to the review, positive trends in the economic development of Belarus were observed in the following spheres:

- 1) Improvement of the EDB's forecast for the GDP dynamics of Belarus from minus 0.5% to a positive growth of 1.3% in 2017.
- 2) A sharp increase in investment activity at the end of the 1st quarter.
- 3) Expectation of a further recovery in industrial production.
- 4) Further stable positive dynamics of agriculture.
- 5) A significant slowdown in inflation processes in the 1st quarter of 2017 within the targets of the National Bank of Belarus.
- 6) Preservation of stability in the foreign exchange market.
- 7) Increase in foreign trade turnover of goods and services (by 17% compared to January-March, 2016). The positive balance of foreign trade in goods and services.
- 8) Maintaining of a surplus of the Republic's budget at the level of 1.8% of GDP.
- 9) Economic growth acceleration in 2017 and further development of economic activity within current potential growth.



Belarus holds 52nd position in the ranking of countries in accordance with the Human Development Index

The **United Nations Development Programme** commissioned its annual **Human Development Report**, which contains the ranking of countries in accordance with the **Human Development Index**.

Norway, Australia, Switzerland, Germany and Denmark have the highest Human Development Index in the world.

Belarus holds **52nd place** in the ranking thus entering the group of high human development countries. Russia ranks 49th, Kazakhstan – 56th, Georgia – 70th, Azerbaijan – 78th. Ukraine and Armenia share the 84th position of the list.

According to the Human Development Report, the Human Development Index (HDI) is a composite index focusing on three basic dimensions of human development: long and healthy life, measured by life expectancy at birth; the ability to acquire knowledge, measured by mean years of schooling and expected years of schooling; and the ability to achieve a decent standard of living, measured by gross national income per capita.

Moreover, the ranking additionally takes into account the data on the level of social protection, health indicators and cultural development of population, crime figure, environment protection and public participation in decision-making.

Belarus ranks 65th in the 2017 Social Progress Index

Belarus ranks **65th** out of 128 in the **2017 Social Progress Index**. Our country improved its' position in comparison with the previous results.

Belarus has the highest scores on the following components of social progress: access to basic knowledge, nutrition and basic medical care, water and sanitation, shelter, personal safety.

Denmark leads the ranking, Finland holds 2nd place, Iceland and Norway share the 3rd .

Minsk is one of the safest cities in the world

Analytical portal Numbeo published its **criminality and security ranking of cities of the world Crime Index 2017 Mid-Year**. 334 cities are represented in the ranking.

Minsk took **300th place** and became one of the safest cities in the world (the most dangerous cities are mentioned at the head of the list, the safest cities are presented at the bottom of the list).

Abu Dhabi (the UAE) is considered to be the world safest city.

According to the ranking, Minsk became the safest city among the capitals of the CIS countries and among the capitals of neighbouring states.

Minsk entered top-10 of the cheapest cities of the world for working abroad

According to the **Cost of Living Survey**, annually held by the consulting group Mercer, Minsk entered **top-10 of the cheapest cities** of the world for working abroad.

Minsk takes **200th place** out of 209 (the 1st position of the list ranks the most expensive city for working abroad, the last place is occupied by the cheapest one).

The capital of Belarus appeared to be less expensive than the capitals of neighboring countries. Moscow took 14th place in the ranking, Riga – 126th, Kiev – 163rd, Vilnius – 167th, Warsaw – 180th.

The most expensive city for expatriates is Luanda, the capital of Angola. It is followed by Hong Kong, Tokyo, Zurich and Singapore.

The world's least expensive cities for expatriates, according to Mercer's survey, are Tunis (209th), Bishkek (208th) and Skopje (206th).

The Mercer's ranking measures the comparative cost of more than 200 items in each location, including housing, transportation, food, clothing, household goods, and entertainment.



2017 Global Law and Order Report

Gallup, Inc., an American research-based company, presented its **2017 Global Law and Order Index**. Belarus gained **77 scores** out of **100** possible.

This report reveals the answers to the following questions:

1. In the city or area where you live, do you have confidence in the local police force?
2. Do you feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where you live?
3. Within the last 12 months, have you had money or property stolen from you or another household member?
4. Within the past 12 months, have you been assaulted or mugged?

The average world index is 78 out of 100.

Singapore, Uzbekistan and Iceland are in the top-3 of the ranking.

Belarus holds 39th position in the Global Cybersecurity Index 2017

In June, 2017 the **International Telecommunication Union** published its new **report “Global Cybersecurity Index 2017”**.

According to the report, Belarus is **39th** in the world on cybersecurity index being ahead of such countries as Spain (54th), Brazil (56th) and Lithuania (57th).

The ranking is led by Singapore, the U.S., Malaysia, Estonia and Oman.

The Global Cybersecurity Index 2017 includes 165 member states of the ITU.

Among the CIS countries, Belarus ranks **3rd** after Georgia and Russia.

The country has improved its performance in the ranking. In 2014 Belarus was 106th in the overall ranking and 7th among the CIS countries.



Belarus ranks 4th on the lowest electricity price in Europe

Belarus takes **4th** on the level of electricity tariffs for the population in European countries. The ranking was prepared by **RIA “Rating”** following the results of the first half of 2017.

According to RIA “Rating”, Ukraine has the lowest electricity prices in Europe.

Kazakhstan occupies 2nd place in the list. Russia is the 3rd.

Denmark and Germany have the most expensive electricity for the population. Belgium, Portugal and Italy are also among the top-5 European countries with the highest electricity prices.

Minsk National Airport and Belavia are in top-10 of the most punctual airports and airlines

OAG, an air travel intelligence company based in the United Kingdom, presented its’ **punctuality ranking of airports and airlines** based on 12 months data from April, 2016 to March, 2017. OAG provides digital information and applications to the world's airlines, airports, government agencies and travel-related service companies.

Minsk National Airport and **Belavia** are in top-10 of the ranking. Both the airport and airline rank **8th** in respective categories.

The OAG ranking is compiled twice a year. There is a simple criterion to be ranked – all airlines and airports must have a minimum of 600 operations a month. Airports and airlines with punctuality, amounted to 90–100%, received 5 stars, 87,5–89,9% – 4 stars, 83–87,4% – 3 stars, 80–82,9% – 2 stars and 75–79,9% – 1 star. On-time is defined as departures and arrivals that take place strictly less than 15 minutes after schedule.

Minsk National Airport carried out 90.6% of flights on-time, thus receiving 5 stars, and Belavia – 88,8% (4 stars).

Paris Beauvais-Tille, France (95.94%), Tokushima, Japan (91.64%), Kochi, India (91.46%), Newcastle, the UK (91.42%), Dortmund, Germany (90.92%), Birmingham Airport, the UK (90.75%), Hilo, Hawaii (90.64%), Cardiff, the UK (90.4%) and Surabaya, Indonesia (90.37%) are also in top-10.

According to the ranking, Safair, South Africa (95.9%), Jazeera Airways, Kuwait (93,2%) and Air Baltic, Latvia (90,5%) are the most punctual airlines.

BSU takes 334th place in the QS World University Rankings 2017/18

In June, 2017 **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)** published its' regular ranking of the world best universities (**QS World University Rankings 2017/18**).

The Belarusian State University holds **334th** place. The university moved up by 20 positions in the ranking.

BSU is gradually continuing its' rising in the QS ranking: in 2016 it took 354th place, 421–430th in 2015, 491–500th in 2014 and 551–600 in 2013.

The QS Ranking is regarded to be one of the three most influential university rankings in the world. Quantitative data on the higher educational institutions and independent expert surveys are considered during the ranking preparation.



The following indicators are used:

- results of the expert survey (academic reputation),
- results of the employer survey,
- citations per faculty for the last 5 years,
- the ratio of the number of teachers and students, international students and teachers ratio, etc.

According to the ranking, top-3 universities are American universities (Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Stanford and Harvard).

BSU is among 500 best universities of the ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2017 in Physics

The Belarusian State University appeared in one of the most prestigious world ranking **ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2017 in Physics** occupying a place in the **401–500 group**.

In 2017, the Global Ranking of Academic Subjects ranks the institutions by the categories of 52 academic subjects including natural, life, medical, social sciences and engineering. The ranking includes more than 4000 universities of the world.

BSU took 506th place in the Webometrics Ranking of World Universities

The Belarussian State University continues to improve its' performance in the **Webometrics Ranking of World Universities**. The university moved up to **506th place** in the new edition of the ranking (by 131 position in comparison with the previous results).

Harvard University, Stanford University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology lead the ranking.

BSU is among the **top-3 universities** in the CIS region after Lomonosov Moscow State University (215th) and St.Petersburg University (480th).

The Webometrics ranking takes into account the data from more than 26 000 higher education institutions.



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