

Belarusian national OA website

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Young researchers attending one of the project seminars.

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-VLADIMIR KRASOVSKI, VICE-DIRECTOR,
INTERNATIONAL STATE ECOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
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Objectives

- Create a nationwide community website (<http://openaccess.by/>) to showcase and support communication and collaboration across universities and scholarly societies involved in the OA movement.
- Promote sharing information and expertise on OA.
- Support cross-institutional linking between researchers and projects with shared interests.

Achievements

- ✓ Important collaborations across national stakeholders involved in OA activities were formed, including a successful partnership with the largest and most popular Belarusian portal, tut.by, and a strategic cooperation with the National Commission of UNESCO in Belarus.
- ✓ Over 350 researchers, research administrators, journal editors and publishers and librarians attended the project workshops and seminars. They had the opportunity to get practical experience on different aspects of OA initiatives, participate in the discussions and have started working as OA advocates in their institutions.
- ✓ A national Open Journal Systems (OJS) platform was set up <http://openaccess.by/journal/> that currently hosts six scholarly journals.
- ✓ A national harvester (metadata indexing system to expand and improve access to research in OA journals and OA repositories) was set up at the Analytical Centre of the Ministry of Education of Belarus <http://metaport.unibel.by/>.

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Read the case study: www.eifl.net/system/files/201302/belarus-oa-case-study-final.pdf



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