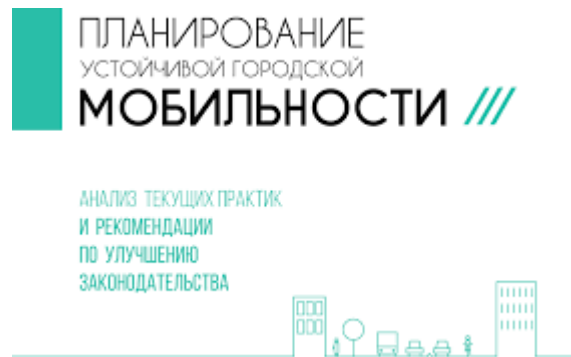




Experience of the Republic of Belarus on the implementation of the recommendations of Environmental Performance Reviews related to transport and environment

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Investigate how the use of bicycles for shorter distances can be promoted

The main national document in the country on the development of bicycle transport is

Cycling development concept of the Republic of Belarus

approved on 11 March 2018

The objectives of the Concept are:

- decrease in the number of injured in road traffic accidents of cyclists by at least 25% by 2030 compared to 2018
- reduction of losses from accidents involving cyclists in the streets of urban areas and highways by at least 25% by 2030 compared to 2018
- creation of conditions for a more active use of bicycles as a means of ensuring mobility of the population on the principles of sustainable development with an increase in the share of bicycle trips: in cities with a population of 50,000 and more – up to 8-10%, in cities with a population of less than 50 thousand people and urban-type areas – up to 15-20%, in agro-towns and rural areas – over 40%
- creation of conditions for more active development of cycling tourism

https://rovar.info/belarus_national_concept



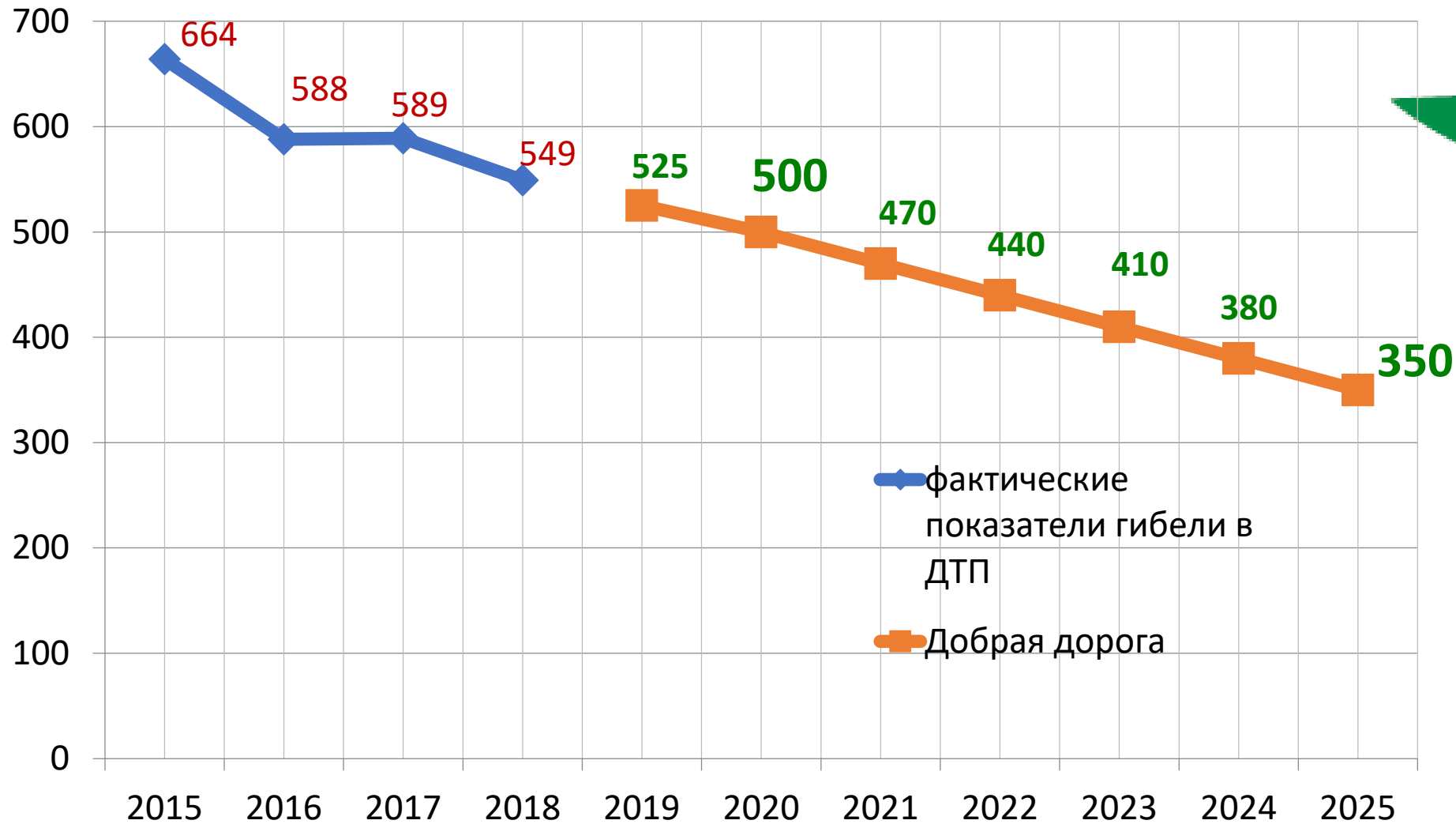
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- National strategy of sustainable development up to 2030 (the main integral indicator - "quality of life")
- National Action Plan for the Development of a Green Economy in the Republic of Belarus until 2020
- Strategy to reduce the negative effects of transport on the atmospheric air of the Republic of Belarus for the period up to 2020
- The concept of road safety in the Republic of Belarus (2018-2025) (goal: reduction of up to 20% by 2020 the overall level of road traffic injuries)

A set of measures to improve road safety in the Republic of Belarus “Kind road” for 2019 - 2025



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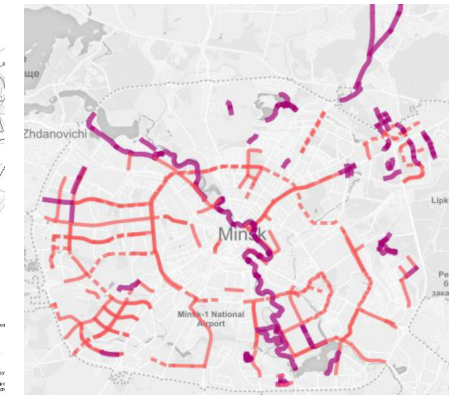
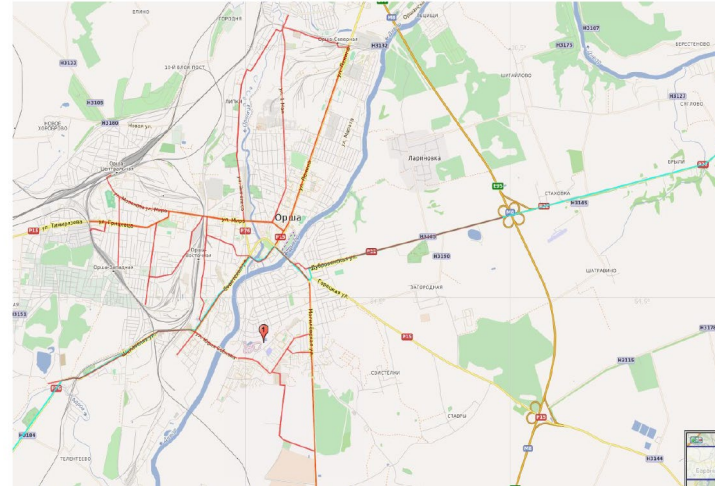
Strategic goals are to reduce the number killed in an accident in the Republic of Belarus

Cycling development in the cities of Belarus



- *Brest* mobility plan (cycling section)
- *Minsk, Hrodno* - cycling concepts
- *Minsk* - Strategic Plan until 2020, Cycling Development Council
- *Polotsk / Novopolotsk* - sustainable urban mobility plan
- *Orsha* - action plan
- *Mahilew* - concept of cycling development
- *Lida* - cycle route scheme

Схема веломаршрутов (Орша, 2018)





Recommendation 9.1:

The Government, together with local authorities, should ensure the financial sustainability of its transport policy by:

- (a) Improving the cost recovery of public transport;*
- (b) Prioritizing investments in types of transport where passenger loads justify them and taking measures aimed at increasing passenger demand.*

➤ The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus have no information about implementation and does not affect policy in this area



Recommendation 9.2:

The Government should introduce economic incentives to facilitate the renewal of the country's aging fleet with a view to improving the situation regarding motor vehicles

- In Belarus adopted the Technical Regulations of the Customs Union "On the safety of wheeled vehicles" that ban release into circulation of cars below Euro 5
- Belarus is considering the possibility of acceding to the Gothenburg Protocol of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, which establishes the requirement for issuing Euro 6 cars
- The taxes on the import of old car have been raised
- Adopted the President Decree on the development of electric transport



Recommendation 9.3:

The Government should ensure that the local executive and administrative bodies continue to deploy intelligent transportation system (ITS) solutions in order to improve traffic demand management and mitigate the negative externalities caused by urban transport

- Intelligent transport system in Minsk is under construction. But on the stage of documents approval
- No systems in other cities



Recommendation 9.4:

The Government should consider accession to the following United Nations transport agreements, in order to improve the environmental performance of the transport sector and its competitiveness as a transit country:

(a) The 1993 Protocol amending article 1 (a), article 14 (1) and article 14 (3)(b) of the European Agreement of 30 September 1957 concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR);

(b) The 2000 European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN).

Belarus has not access to the agreements and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection have no information about implementation



Follow up activities

- **National Sustainable Development Strategy – 2035**
- **A National Strategy for Sustainable Mobility** is needed to develop (Proposed Law "On the organization of transport services for the population of the Republic of Belarus")
- The need to coordinate plans for the development of urban transport with plans in the field of urban planning, land use and environmental protection
- **Amendments to the Law “On Road Traffic”** (Principles of Traffic Management: (1) priority of road safety; (2) priority of developing public transport; creating conditions for pedestrian and cycling traffic; (3) reliability and relevance of information on organization activities traffic; (4) ensuring environmental safety. Managing and regulating road traffic: introducing the possibility to develop “sustainable urban mobility plan”)
- **Implement measures focused on management of transport demand:** (1) to ensure the priority of public transport; (2) to reduce motorization; (3) to reduce the concentration of transport in the central parts of the city; (4) to reduce the load on the transport network during peak hours; (5) to reduce the environmental impact of vehicles
- **Dissemination of best practices** for developing and implementing plans for urban sustainable mobility



Thanks for attention!

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