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: STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION

BRC meetings

✓ 6 meetings since autumn 2012
✓ ~50 participants each time

Purpose:
✓ Coordination
✓ Evaluation
✓ Accountability

Network of stakeholders

220 stakeholders:
✓ 34 Donor organizations (53 contacts)
✓ 44 Belarusian stakeholder organizations
✓ 142 Other interested parties - researchers, diplomats, NGOs, independent experts, journalists

Strategic planning meetings

Reality Check meetings:
✓ 5 meetings since autumn 2012
✓ 4 policy non-papers produced
✓ more than 20 experts engaged each time
BRC MISSION: RESEARCH QUALITY

Professional development opportunities

Trainings:
✓ 7 trainings
✓ 101 trainees out of 275 applicants

Trainees pool:
▪ Radovan Durana, INESS, Slovakia
▪ Pavliuk Bykovski, Belorusy i rynok, Belarus
▪ Kristi Raik, FIIA, Finland
▪ Alyona Getmanchuk, IWP, Ukraine
▪ Hugo Brady, CER, Great Britain
▪ Richard Youngs, Carnegie Europe, Spain
▪ Rita Miliute, EHU Media Hub, Lithuania

Think Tanks Rating

✓ a capacity development tool, which gives the necessary external reflection on research institutions activities
✓ 12 research institutions ranked out of 32 invited
✓ improved methodology and verification of provided data ensured by independent local and foreign expert committee
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

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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!