



Belarus

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus convened the National Environment Forum in 2003 with the Orsha District Executive Committee with the objective of achieving the broadest possible involvement of all sections of society in the environmental movement. Its main objective, therefore, is to consolidate the efforts of the State authorities and society, an idea expressed in the motto of the Forum, “*Pure intentions, united action, and order on the planet!*” The Forum is held annually from February to October, and the honour of holding the gala finale is granted to one of Belarus’ smaller towns. As a part of the forum, national and local competitions, exhibitions, festivals, environmental activities, specialized exhibitions are conducted. Also, exhibitions on modern technology in environmental management and protection, Eco-film environmental film festival, International Scientific Symposium on Environmental Problems of Natural and Industrial Areas are part of the Forum.

Belarus drafted their **National Strategy for Sustainable Development** in 2004. In the document, the National Sustainable Development Commission of Belarus identifies that Sustainable Development (SD) of the country largely depends on the level and quality of education. Furthermore, the Commission realizes the strategic goal for SD is to create a system of education that would meet the requirements of an individual, society and state.