

The Project of Belarusian informational society development strategy for 2011-2015 assumes that in 2015, every higher education institution will have broadband access to the Internet. The project of strategy foresees an increase of broadband Internet access ports by 3 millions (about 530.000 today) by 2015. There will be 7 million users of mobile Internet access (compare to about 1,6 million today).

The first e-learning program was used by The Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radio electronics (BSUIR). It was one of the country's first institutions to receive a license for distant learning from the Belarusian Ministry of Education.

Opinions differ. Some people don't believe that Belarus is ready for such changes, others are sure that we are able to be among the first and the best.

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PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES AND BUSINESSES AS A LABOUR MARKET STABILIZER

Nowadays labour market is in high need of well-qualified employees. Different measures must be provided to satisfy this demand. One way to improve the education quality of young specialists is to provide them with grants.

Grants are gifts that you do not need to repay. There are several different types of grants available to students in foreign countries (Estonia, Germany, the Russian Federation). Students may receive grants from the government or through private sources of funding. Usually government grants are given to students in need, but also grants can be given to those, who have achieved great results in academic research.

On the one hand, students receive money to pay for their education or invest it in scientific research. The possibility of obtaining such grant stimulates students to work harder and improve the level of knowledge.

On the other hand, companies sponsoring grants to students ensure a sufficient supply of well-qualified future applicants in their area. Each grant provider typically sets special requirements according to their own specifications. They may include

stipulations that would bind the graduates to work for the company once they have completed their education or a fixed number of grants students can apply for.

Today there is no such a system of financing outstanding scientific works in the Republic of Belarus. The highest and the most famous reward is President's grant, while grants from businesses are not the common practice.

That's why this sphere needs to be developed. More motivation in research work will lead to the improvements in production because of innovations and patents.

Some steps have already been made in this direction. It is known that many universities (including BSEU) hold the so-called "vacancy fairs". But they don't fully satisfy the students' needs as the main idea of such events is to introduce the companies and to provide the participants with the information about possible jobs.

The solution to the problem is to establish closer connections between universities and businesses. For example, Siberian Federal University, located in Krasnoyarsk (Russia), has agreements with banks, private and state-owned enterprises. This partnership enriches the educational process. The university is able to pay 315 individual scholarships in support of talented students and graduate students with common sum above 12 million roubles. Grants to the university help to improve its infrastructure, enlarge the number of faculties and specializations. Furthermore, some partner companies provide not only part time employment for students, but also workplaces for graduates of this University. All requirements for such cooperation are specified in agreements between companies and the university, so a student is aimed at fulfilling these terms during the educational process. Good relations with state bank enable to provide students' loan programs at concessionary rates. The same scheme is also used in Tallinn University of Technology.

The system mentioned above can also be used in Belarusian universities. For example, huge enterprises such as Belarusbank, Minsk Tractor Plant, Motovelo Corporation can sponsor outstanding students. The main task is to make companies interested in these investments, because the more money they invest in supporting young specialists, the more qualified workers the company will have in future. That seems to be reasonable, due to the constant changes in the labour market. Higher

level of knowledge is needed in different spheres of economy every day. That's why it is better to ensure the future of the branch where the company is by changing the current situation according to the foreign experience.

Thus, such kind of partnership will help to make modern labour market more flexible.

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THE INTERNET AND ITS IMPACT ON POLITICS

The 20 century brought the world innovation technologies, different devices that facilitate the everyday life of people and the Internet is one of the most remarkable inventions separated from others by its uniqueness. From the beginning of 21 century, Internet plays a significant role in a political life and political campaigns and this role can't be simply ignored. The emergence of web-sites of political parties and the development of blogs modifies in depth the political life. The Internet transforms a culture and a society as well: liberty, equality, solidarity, communication. It establishes an extraordinary space for the liberty and self-government. But can it really influence the policy? What are the relations between the internet and the formation of political opinions? In what extent does the Internet promote the participation and mobilization of citizens in political life?

Internet and the formation of political opinions. The Internet provides an access to political information and changes the nature of debates in a public space. The access to political information becomes easier and faster for citizens. Thereby it increases the ability of citizens to make their own choice based on opinion formed. In China the alternative non-official information concerned the government and its policy spreads via blogs. The blogs were very important tools that have been used for adoption of European Constitutional Treaty. The government should recognize and encourage the fact that the Internet provides visibility and control of the authorities from the part of the citizens. The WikiLeaks website says their goal is "to bring important news and information to the public... One of our most important activities