

## Секция 5

### **ПЕРСПЕКТИВЫ РАЗВИТИЯ РЕСПУБЛИКИ БЕЛАРУСЬ В УСЛОВИЯХ РЫНОЧНОЙ ЭКОНОМИКИ**

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#### **DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS РАЗВИТИЕ МАЛОГО БИЗНЕСА В РЕСПУБЛИКЕ БЕЛАРУСЬ**

Малому бизнесу отводится важная роль в социально-экономическом развитии Республики Беларусь. Государство уделяет особое внимание увеличению инвестиционной активности в этом секторе экономики. Наличие в национальной экономике высокоразвитого и эффективного малого бизнеса может обеспечить дополнительные эффекты в экономическом развитии.

My report deals with development of small business in the Republic of Belarus. The Republic of Belarus lays special emphasis on development of small business and takes necessary measures to stimulate and create an enabling environment for enhancing the investment activity in this sector of economy, also by attracting foreign investments. Business plays an important role in the social and economic development of the country and contributes to formation of a competitive environment, increase in output of consumer goods, extension of the services sphere, creation of new jobs and additional economic sustainability. The share of the employed (accounting individual entrepreneurs) in the small business makes up about 13 % of the total employed in the economy. The Belarusian small-sized enterprises produce about 6 % of the total output of goods (works, services). Small-sized enterprises account for 7.3 % of the GDP.

In the recent years, a positive tendency of increasing the number of small business entities is observed in the Republic of Belarus. As of 01.10.2005, 33.9 thousand small-sized enterprises and nearly 178 thousand individual entrepreneurs operated in the country. Private small-sized enterprises are characterized by higher growth rates of main economic indicators than in the economy sectors as a whole. This is yet one more proof that small-business entities are more mobile and important contributors to the country's economic growth. The small business sphere encompasses actually all sectors and spheres of activity. The largest number of small-business entities operates in the trade and public catering sector – 39.6%, industry – 23.6 %, construction – 12.1 %, and transport – 5.9 %.

The governmental policy pursued in the sphere of developing and promoting the business is an integral part of the country's economic policy. The system of state support of the small business emerged after passing the Law of the Republic of Belarus on State Support of Small Business in the Republic of Belarus in 1996. Since 1997, annual programs of state support of small business are being drawn up and implemented.

The Councils of Individual Entrepreneurs were set up to improve the coordination of individual entrepreneurs, trade outlet owners, local executive and regulatory authorities at the markets and other trading facilities in the country. To guarantee and observe rights and statutory interests of the entities effecting the business, expand the market of goods and services, create an enabling economic environment in the country, the President of the Republic of Belarus signed Decrees № 148 On High Priority Measures for Business Support of 24 March 2005, № 285 On Specific Measures of Regulating Entrepreneurial Activity of 18 June 2005 and № 225 On Specific Issues of Effecting Handicraft by Natural Persons of 16 May 2005.

The national contest Best Businessman of the Year is annually held in Belarus to promote professionalism and business reputation of managers and personnel of business organizations, create a positive image of a businessman and stimulate entrepreneurial initiatives of the community to address targets of the country's socioeconomic development. To identify new lines and expand spheres of the state business support, the concept of state support and development of small and medium business for 2006–2010 was drafted and the Bill On Support of Small and Medium Business was drawn up to define main principles, types and forms of the state support of business entities. The governmental policy for supporting and developing small business in 2006 and also for a mid-term up to 2010 is to improve the regulation of the entrepreneurial activity to create an enabling environment for a dynamic and sustainable development of this economy sector.

To conclude, the state lays special emphasis on establishing a rational sectoral structure of entrepreneurial activity, intensifying activity of these economy entities in investment and innovation spheres, stimulating business development not only in the capital and Regional centers, but also in District towns, and urban and rural settlements.

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**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AS ONE OF THE MAIN DIRECTION  
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В статье рассматриваются основные направления развития туризма в Беларуси с учетом национальных особенностей и современных тенденций развития мирового рынка туристических услуг.

The problem of tourism development is considered as one of the main directions in our national program. Various places of interest, awesome nature acquire to improve the tourism situation in national economy. Well developed tourism helps to solve the problem of balance.

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