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## **ICT Ratings**

The Republic of Belarus is a state in the centre of Europe with a population of over 9 million 300 thousand people. It is located at the intersection of transport and information flows between West and East, North and South of the Eurasian continent.

Skillfully using the benefits of its unique geographic location, Belarus is actively developing its information infrastructure. One of the priorities for the country's sustainable development is the digital transformation of the economy and the widespread dissemination of innovations.

**To date, the Republic of Belarus has made significant progress in the digital sphere. A well-developed data transmission network that meets international standards, reliable centres for their storage and processing, identification mechanisms, online payment systems, modern electronic services and information security tools have been created.**

**Belarus occupies a leading position in the implementation of information and communication technologies in the CIS region.**

According to the International Telecommunication Union, according to the ICT index, the country ranks 32nd out of 176 countries.

Belarus took the 14th place in the postal development rating (2 IPD) in its geographical region.

In the UN report on e-government readiness in 2020, the country was in the 40th position.

According to the "Global Innovation Index 2021" the Republic of Belarus:

- ranked 16th among 132 countries in terms of the indicator "Access to ICT" in terms of the indicator "Export of ICT services" (telecommunications, computer and information)
- in the total volume of foreign trade, the Republic of Belarus took 11th place in the world

In the next five years, the guidelines and pace of work will be determined by the State Program "Digital Development of Belarus". As a result of its implementation, it is planned to further increase the technological level of development of Belarus both nationally and globally, to form a unified architecture of state data and policies for their management. This means creating a digital information ecosystem. Most of the government functions and business processes of organizations will be transferred to electronic form. \_

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