



Energy security and energy efficiency are key to the economic development of Belarus. Through the EU4Energy Initiative, the EU supports affordable, secure and sustainable energy through more reliable energy supply, the promotion of energy efficiency, and the use of renewable energy. This ensures that citizens, households and businesses enjoy more reliable energy supply, as well as reducing energy consumption and CO₂ emissions.

To do this, the EU supports projects that:

- help reform energy markets
- promote renewable energy
- reduce energy consumption
- support energy efficiency

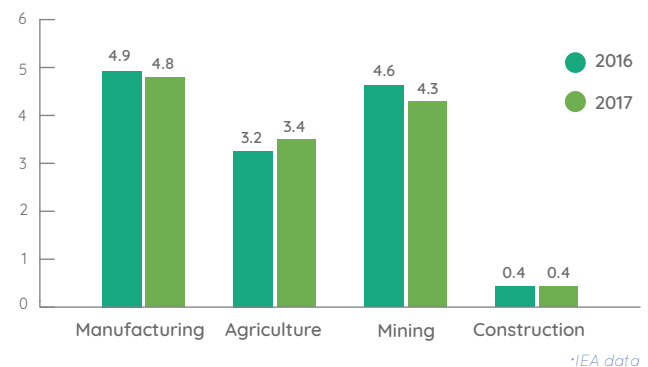
EU Sustainable Energy Week 2020 (#EUSEW2020)

Within the framework of EUSEW, the European Commission organises the annual Sustainable Energy Awards, recognising outstanding innovation in energy efficiency and renewables. And for the second year running, the awards will include a **category** for the Eastern Partnership region.

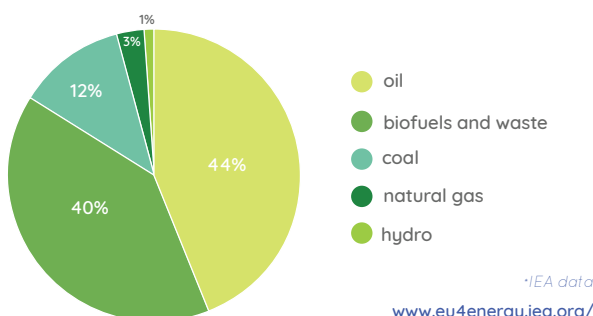
Covenant of Mayors

The Covenant of Mayors is the world's largest movement for local climate and energy actions, bringing together thousands of local governments voluntarily committed to implementing EU climate and energy objectives. Signatory cities pledge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions **by 40% by 2030** and adopt a joint approach to tackling mitigation and adaptation to climate change. As of March 2020, **Belarus boasted 52 active signatories** to the initiative, **covering over 42% of the population**.

Belarus' energy intensity*



Belarus' energy production 2017*



Brining solar energy to a new area

“The city baths have become a pilot for energy efficiency and energy conservation in the area”,

Mikhail Arekhau,
 director of the Centre for Sustainable Development of the Lake District in Belarus



Under the Covenant of Mayors initiative, an EU-grant of €41,000 was used to install 20 solar panels and a heat pump to provide hot water for the baths.