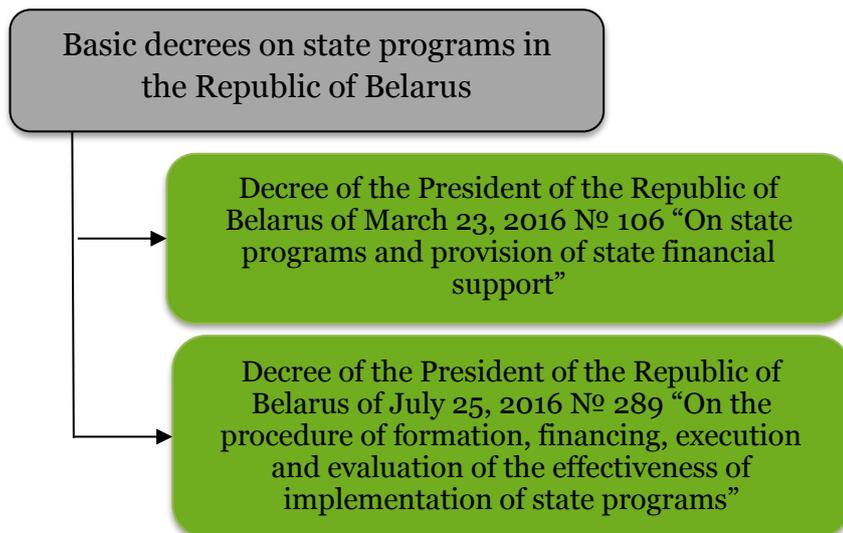
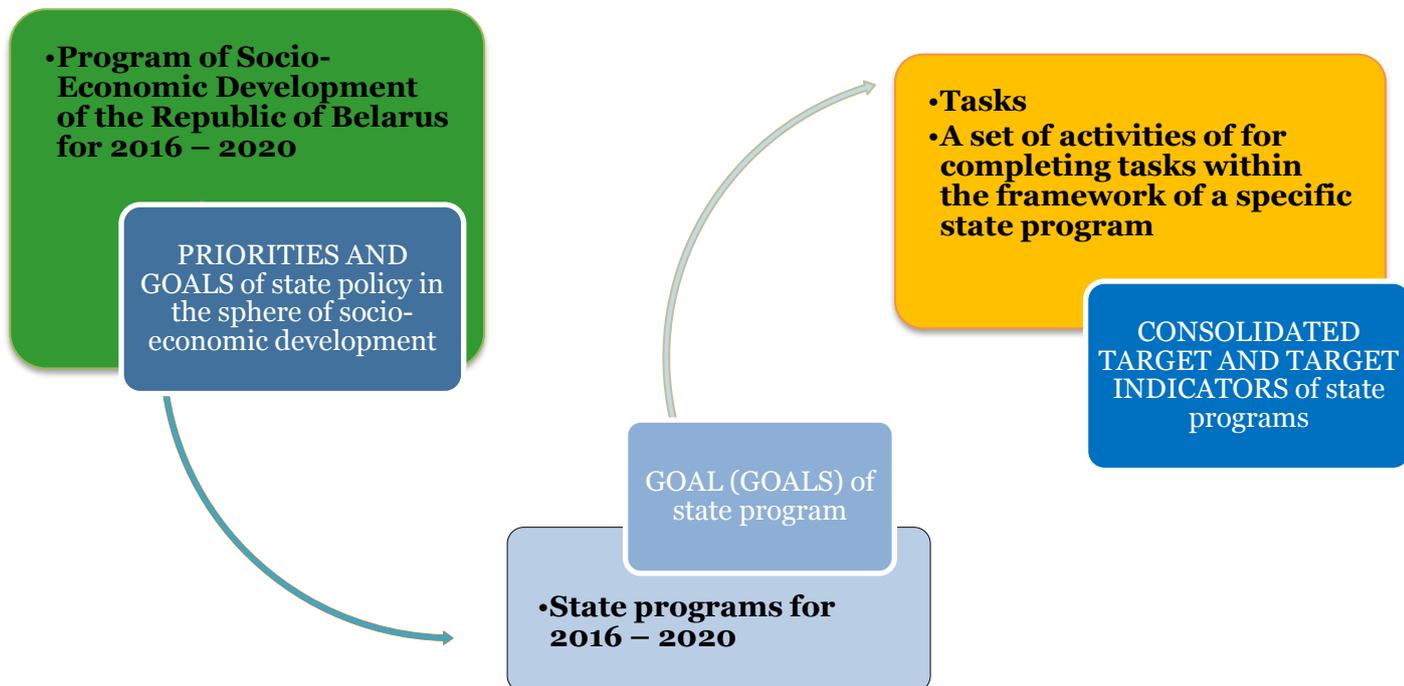


Briefly about state programs

In 2016, a significant work was carried out in Belarus on implementation of result based planning methods considering the best world practices. The Government formed and the Head of State adopted two systemic decrees (of March 23, 2016 No. 106 “On state programs and provision of state financial support and of July 25, 2016 No. 289 “On the procedure of formation, financing, execution and evaluation of the effectiveness of implementation of state programs”).



Initially, budget funds are distributed according to the strategic objectives of state policy. Today, all state programs are aimed at a comprehensive solution of relevant problems and achieving the priorities of socio-economic development of the Republic of Belarus, because their formation was carried out simultaneously with the Program of Socio-Economic Development of the Republic of Belarus for 2016 – 2020 and within the scope of funding, established in the framework of budget legislation, which made it possible to concentrate the available financial resources on the main priorities, laid down in the five-year plan for 2016 – 2020.



Accordingly, the main goals and tasks, set in the current five-year plan, are mirrored in the activities of formed state programs.

It is through the implementation of state programs that a comprehensive solution to relevant problems in various areas of socio-economic activity of the republic is achieved. The main emphasis is made on the development of human potential, quality of life and living conditions of the population, ensuring effective employment: 7 out of 20 state programs have a social focus.

The order of formation and implementation of state programs

The order of formation and implementation of state programs is established by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus of July 25, 2016 № 289:

1. Formation of the draft program is carried out in accordance with the list of state programs. The list for 2016 – 2020 was approved by the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of February 23, 2016 № 148.

2. The customer-coordinator creates an inter-ministerial working group on formation and implementation of the program.

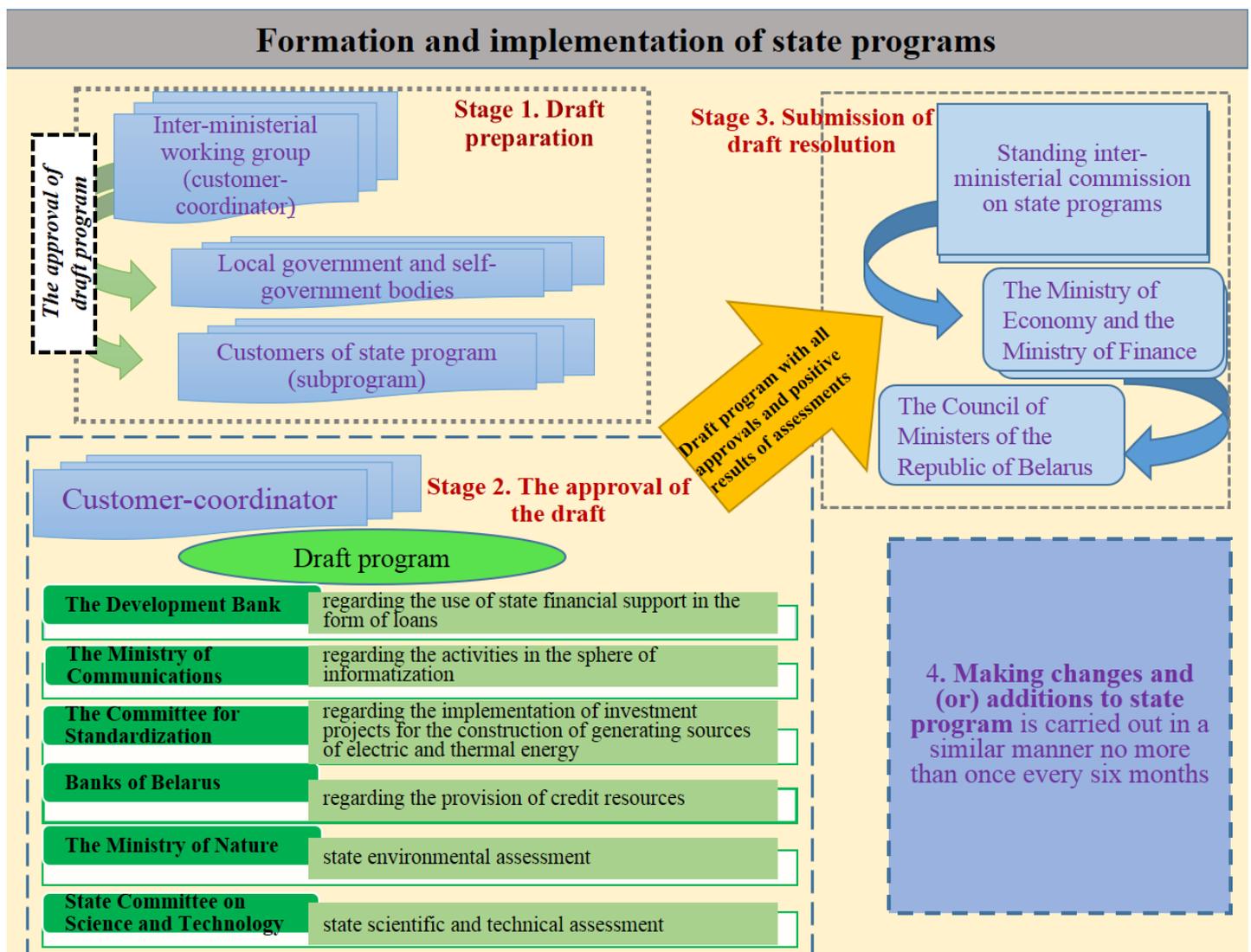
3. The prepared draft program is sent by the customer-coordinator for approval:
to customers;
to relevant local government and self-government bodies (in case of financing the program from local budgets);

to the Development Bank, the Ministry of Communications and Informatization, the State Committee for Standardization, and if necessary to banks (in cases specified by the Decree № 289).

4. The approved draft program is sent for consideration to the standing inter-ministerial commission on state programs.

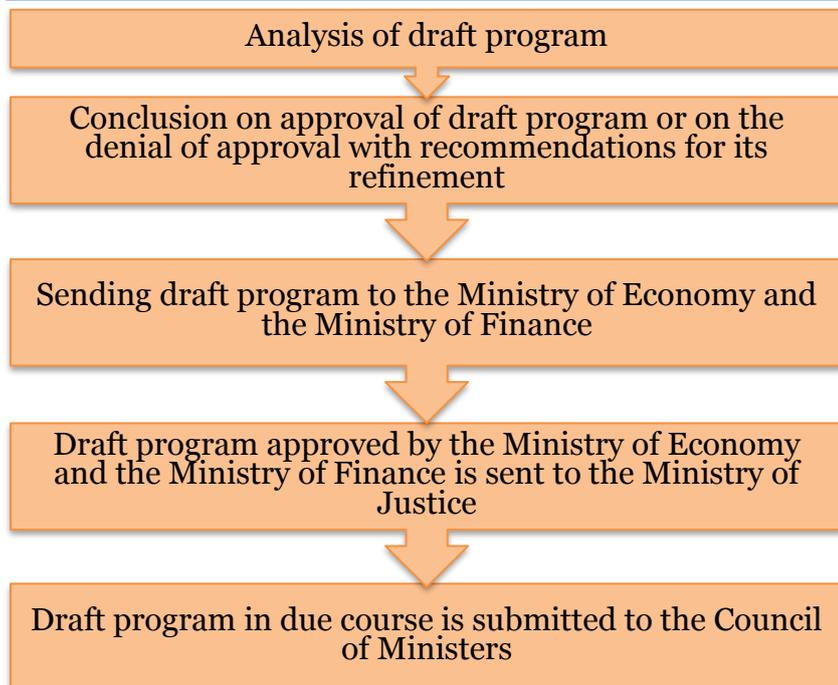
5. After receiving a positive opinion from the commission, the draft program is sent for approval to the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Finance.

6. The draft program approved by the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Finance is submitted by the customer-coordinator to the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.



To coordinate the process of formation and implementation of state programs, the Government established the standing inter-ministerial commission on state programs (Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of October 4, 2016 № 800) as a permanent collegial body to consider the issues in the field of regulation of state programs.

How does the consideration of draft program by the commission occur?



Each state body responsible for implementation of state program creates an inter-ministerial working group at its level to consider these issues.

To comprehensively cover and monitor the implementation of state programs financed from local budgets, local authorities formed regional set of activities. This allows linking sectoral and regional planning levels, as well as providing operational control over the effectiveness of state programs in the corresponding region.

The adopted system of financing through state programs has significantly increased the level of coverage of budget expenditures.

In 2017, the coverage of the republican budget with state programs will be about 31.0 percent (for comparison, in 2015 - 15.0 percent), the coverage of expenses of the consolidated budget by state programs is estimated at 60.2 percent (in 2015 - 13.6 percent).

Our task for the next five-year period, which is determined by the Program of Socio-Economic Development of the Republic of Belarus for 2016 – 2020, is to cover budget expenditures by state programs up to at least 90 percent. To achieve this, the issue of forming a comprehensive state program for managing public finances (including the financial sector, the issues of insurance, public debt management and regulation of intergovernmental relations) is being studied, as well as the financing of capital expenditures through state programs without formation of investment programs.

Consolidated budget expenditures on state programs, %

