rent and maintenance of premises for the employees or add 0.1 % to the salary of each worker to pay the electricity bill [1]? The answer to this question is in plain sight. Cost savings, provoked by quarantine restricting measures, led to an incredible demand for goods, the ability to work from anywhere in the world, the production of goods with minimal investment – the perfect business.

However, even such peak in the development of IT sector has its disadvantages, one of them is the security problems. Hundreds of remote workers have access to full company databases, which, inevitably, ran to shadow, illegal manifestations of the economy. Computer virus ransomware, hackers siphoning precious information from unprotected points on the World Wide Web, and many other security flaws in remote work, which are still being fought till our days [2].

Conclusion. We can conclude that over the last few years, the IT business has received a boost. But, due to the multivariate of this sphere, we are not able to know what will happen next. How will the IT sphere be affected by the current world economic and political problems? Time will tell.

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USE OF A MOBILE APPLICATION FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

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Резюме – развитие туризма является одним из приоритетных направлений социально-экономического развития Республики Беларусь. В работе исследована эффективность использования мобильного приложения с целью повышения уровня как внутреннего, так и внешнего комфортного туризма в стране.
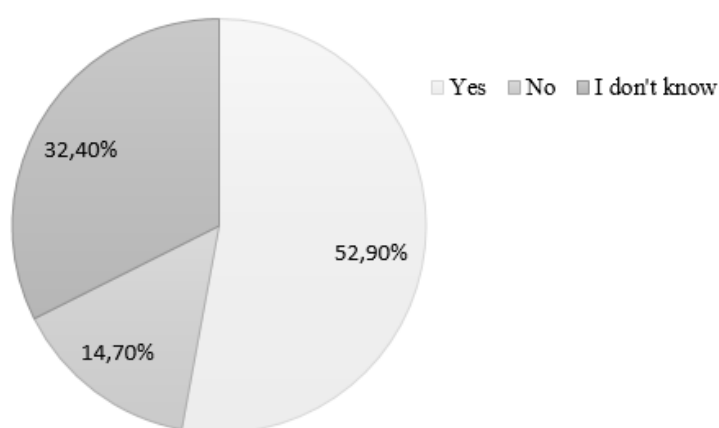
Resume – the development of tourism is one of the priority directions of socio-economic development of the Republic of Belarus. The paper deals with the efficiency of using a mobile application in order to increase the level of both internal and external comfortable tourism in the country.

Introduction. Nowadays the popularity of mobile devices has grown significantly. Thus, smartphones are increasingly used for searching, studying information, as well as traveling. Nowadays, more and more people reveal a desire to get to know their country. Majestic castles, rich museums are not all that our country passes on from generation to generation, but only the local population knows a lot about the most interesting and exciting places [1].
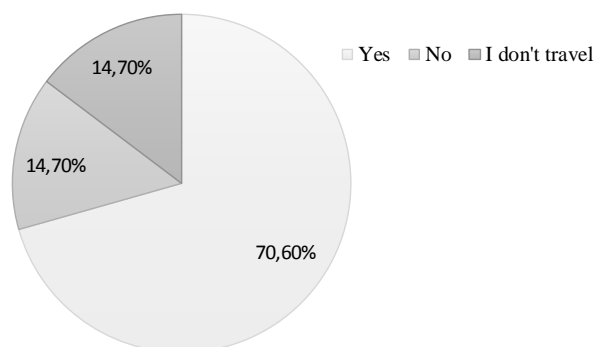
Main part. Therefore a study has been conducted to find out if an application being launched will contain everything necessary for comfortable travel in Belarus and how it will affect tourism as a whole. With the onset of the weekend, everyone has a desire to actively spend their vacation, but not everyone always knows where to go, although there may be some estate nearby with traditional cuisine establishments and various interesting events that tourists were not aware of before. A study has been conducted to learn how launching of a convenient travel application in Belarus will affect not only domestic tourism, but also external tourism. But first let us consider the functionality of the application. It includes:

1.   Hotels of various availability categories, as well as houses of residents who are ready to provide comfortable accommodation, which can be booked in the application.

2.   All historical places by geo location with live reviews.

3.   Possible tourist routes with possible cost calculation.

4.   And much more for a comfortable pastime [2].

A survey was conducted on Google platforms, covering people from different segments of population, from students to older people. The study has revealed that not only adults but also the younger generation have expressed an interest in this application. According to the survey results, many people would like to download such an application (pic. 2), and believe that it would help to increase the level of tourism in the Republic of Belarus (pic. 1).

Pic. 1 – People's opinion about the increase in tourism
Source: the author's development based on [3].

Pic. 2 – Download percentage
Source: the author's development based on [3].

According to the graphs, more than half of the respondents (52.9 %) believe that the level of tourism will change after the launch of the application, as well as 70.6 % would download this application. But people who do not travel (14.7 %) should be taken into account too, because they can change their mind and become active users of the application [3].

Conclusion. Thus, we can make a conclusion that a lot of people are interested in tourism, including the younger generation, and the results of the study, as well as live communication, have proved this completely. The use of mobile application will facilitate the development of tourism in the Republic of Belarus.

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THE ROLE OF MS TEAMS IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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Резюме – microsoft Teams – это корпоративная платформа, содержащая в себе множество функций, которые облегчают работу многим пользователям: чат, встречи, заметки и вложения. В этой статье описаны