



MINSK FORUM XIII

“Belarus and the EU after the Crisis:
Challenges and Chances for Politics, Economy, Society“

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Wednesday, November 3rd, 2010

Arrival

05:00 pm Registration
Coffee and Tea

PLENUM

Venue: IBB "Johannes Rau", pr. Gazety Pravda 11, Minsk

06:00 pm Greeting

Prof. Dr Rainer Lindner, Chairman of the Minsk Forum
Dr. Christof Weil, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to
the Republic of Belarus

Words of Welcome

Vladimir Makey, Head of Presidential Administration of the Republic
of Belarus

Inaugural Address

Ronald Pofalla, Member of the Federal Diet, Head of the Federal
Chancellery of the Republic of Germany, Federal Minister for Special
Affairs

On the Podium

Chair: Prof. Dr Rainer Lindner, Chairman of the Minsk Forum

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Vladimir Makey, Head of Presidential Administration of the Republic
of Belarus

Gunnar Wiegand, Director for Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus
and Central Asia, Directorate-General External Relations of the
European Commission

Dr Pavel Daneiko, Chairman of the Institute of Privatization and
Management Supervisory Council, Belarus

7:30 pm Restaurant "Westfalia"

Reception at the invitation of the Ambassador of the Federal
Republic of Germany to the Republic of Belarus, Dr Christof Weil

Thursday, November 4th, 2010

Working Group I

Foreign Policy: Regional Cooperation – Current State and Perspectives

Venue: IBB „Johannes Rau“, pr. Gazety Pravda 11, Minsk

9:00-9:30 am Registration

9:30-11:00 am

***1.1. Belarus and the EU – Cooperation in the realm of Foreign Policy and
Civil Society within the framework of the Eastern Partnership***

Chair: Dr Heike Doerrenbaecher, Head of Office in Kiev, Friedrich Naumann
Stiftung fuer die Freiheit

- Roman Romanovskiy, Head of Department for European Cooperation at the Main Department Europe at the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Belarus
- Marieluise Beck, Member of the Federal Diet, "Die Gruenen/the Greens" Fraction
- Jarosław Bratkiewicz, Director of the Eastern Policy Department at the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Poland
- Nina Vaskunlahti, Director General of the Department for Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Finland
- Ramunas Janusauskas, Head of the Political Sector in the EU-Delegation in Minsk
- Siarhei Matskevich, Speaker of the Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership

11:00-11:30 am Coffee & Tea

11:30-13:00 Uhr

1.2. Belarus and Russia: Neighbourhood between Customs Union and Free Trade Zone with the EU

Chair: Cornelius Ochmann, Project Manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung

- Valeri Sadokho, Director of the Department for Foreign Trade Relations at the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Belarus
- Michael Link, Member of the Federal Diet, Chairman of Working Group I International Politics and Spokesperson on Europe of the FDP-BT-Fraction, Berlin
- Vladislav Inozemtsev, Director of Centre for Post-Industrial Studies in Moscow (requested)
- Dr Patricia Flor, Ambassador, Commissioner for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia at the Federal Foreign Office
- Valeria Kostyugova, Head of Department for Political Expertise at the Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies (BISS)
- Andrei Sannikov, Chairman of the Civil Campaign "European Belarus"

Working Group II

Economy: Diversification of the Belarusian Economy within the framework of European Integration
(organised by the Comitee on Eastern European Economic Relations, supported by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ))

Venue: Hotel Crowne Plaza, Ulitsa Kirova 13, Minsk

9:00-9:30 am Registration

9:30-11:00 am

2.1. Diversification and Modernisation of the Belarusian Economy

Chair: Dr Martin Hoffmann, Regional Director, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations

- Ministry for Economic Affairs of the Republic of Belarus
- Andreas Neumann, Head of Division Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Central Asia, Caucasus at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Technology
- Dr Jaroslav Romanchuk, Director of Research Centre "Ludwig von Mises"
- Dr Martin Raiser, Country Director Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, World Bank
- Dr Ricardo Giucci, German Economic Team in Belarus

11:00-11:30 am Coffee & Tea

11:30 am -13:00 pm

2.2. Privatization and Investments in Belarus. Chances for Foreign Investors

Chair: Sierz Naurodski, President of CASE Belarus

- Natalia Zhernosek, Head of Fund for State Property of the Republic of Belarus
- Per Fischer, Head of Financial Institutions of the Commerzbank AG
- Wolfgang Chur, Former Member of Management Board, Robert Bosch GmbH
- Levon Khanikyan, Deputy Chairman of Belarusian Bank for Small Businesses (BBSB)
- Felicitas Kraus, Head of Department for International Cooperation, Deutsche Energieagentur

01:00-02:00 pm Lunch

02:00-03:15 pm

2.3. Medium-sized Businesses in Belarus. Current State and Perspectives

Chair: Dr Klaus Baier, Chairman, German-Belarusian Economic Club

- Georgi Badej, Chairman of Belarusian Entrepreneur's and Employer's Association "Prof. Kunjawski", Minsk
- Alexander Liessem, Lawyer, bnt legal & tax
- Tatyana Bykova, Council for Development of Small Businesses in the Republic of Belarus
- Yuri Sushkevich, Executive Director of Prior Bank
- Denis Katolikov, Director of Factory for Reutilisation of Plastic Material "RePlas-M2"
- Irina Tochitskaya, IPM Research

03:15-03:45 pm Coffee & Tea

03:45-05:00 pm

2.4. Science to Business – Formation of Enterprises in Applied Research

Chair: Thomas Landgraf, CEO Micromata GmbH, Member of the Entrepreneurs' Council of the University of Kassel, Tatyana Tatyanko, Metolit Technology Park

- Joerg Froharth, UniKasselTransfer, Inkubator-Management
- Dr Merle Fuchs, TechnologieContor Gera, Member of the EXIST Advisory Board of the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
- Prof. Dr Ludmila Nechoroscheva, Belarusian Economic State University
- Alexander Kalinovskiy, Head of Department for Entrepreneurship at the Executive Committee Minsk

05:00 Return to the IBB

Working Group III

Civil Society: Education and Literature

Venue: IBB „Johannes Rau“, pr. Gazety Pravda 11, Minsk

02:00-03:30 pm

3.1. Education and Academic Cooperation

Chair: Dr Carsten Lenk, Project Manager of Department for International Understanding, Robert Bosch Stiftung

- Vladimir Tikhonov, Head of Academic International Office of the Belarusian State University
- Maike Lindner, Representative of Society for International Education Projects in Eastern Europe (GIBO), Bosch lecturer in Brest 2008-2010
- Alexey Khomich International Department of Brest State University
- Rajko Lassonczyk, DAAD Lecturer, University of Grodno

03:30-04:00 pm Coffee & Tea

04:00-05:30 pm

3.2. Belarus as a European Cultural Landscape – Between Tradition and Transition to Modernity

Chair: Katrin Ostwald-Richter, Director of Goethe Institute Minsk

- Uladzimir Arlou, Writer
- Iryna Herasimovich, Manager of literaric projects
- Andrej Khadanoyych, Poet
- Dzmitry Dzmitryjeu, Poet

Involving a video message by Prof. Dr Norbert Randow (Berlin), Slavist and Translator

05:30 pm Coffee & Tea

06:30 pm IBB “Johannes Rau“

Presentation of the belarusian-german dictionary

Published by Mikalai Kurjanka, Ljawon Barschtscheŭski and Thomas Weiler, publishing Smicier Kolas (Minsk 2010)

07:00 pm

Keynote “Belarus and the EU: Perspectives of a Partnership in Politics, Economy and Energy“

Valeri Voronetski, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus

Words of Welcome: Ambassador Dr Benedikt Haller, Head of the OSCE Office Minsk

Following: Reception in Restaurant Westfalia, IBB “Johannes Rau“

09:00 pm

“Minsk Forum Club“:

Live Music for the Minsk Forum’s participants

Ort: Venue: Restaurant Kamyanitza, ul. Pervomaiskaya 18, Minsk

Friday, November 5th, 2010

10:00-12:00 am

PLENUM

Belarus in a Changing Global Environment: Chances, Risks, Challenges

Chair: Prof. Dr Rainer Lindner, Chairman of the Minsk Forum

- Yuriy Parfyanovich, Head of Division for Foreign Trade Analysis at the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Belarus
- Dr Mantas Adomenas, Member of the Lithuanian Parliament, Vicepresident of the Baltic Assembly
- Foreign Ministry of the Ukraine
- Georg Schirmbeck, Member of the Federal Diet, CDU/CSU-Fraction
- Mihails Popkovs, Ambassador of the Republic of Latvia to the Republic of Belarus
- Michael Scanlan, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of the USA in the Republic of Belarus
- Wojciech Borodzicz-Smoliński, Center for International Relations

12:00-12:30 am Coffee & Tea

12:30 pm

Working results of the Minsk Forum (press conference)

Chair:

Prof. Dr Rainer Lindner, Chairman of the Minsk Forum
Dr Astrid Sahm, Co-Director IBB “Johannes Rau“

01:30 pm Lunchtime snack

End of Minsk Forum XIII

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