



MINSK FORUM XII

“Belarus and the Eastern Partnership:
Perspectives for Politics, Economy and Society”

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Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Arrival

5:00 pm Registration
Coffee and Tea

PLENUM

Venue: IBB “Johannes Rau”, pr. gazety Pravda 11, Minsk

7:00 pm Opening Plenary Session

Prof. Dr Rainer Lindner, Chairman of the Minsk Forum, Berlin
Dr Gebhardt Weiss, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany
to the Republic of Belarus, Minsk

Words of Welcome

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

Keynote speech:

Prof. Dr Klaus Mangold, Chairman of the Committee on Eastern
European Economic Relations, Berlin

„Belarus and Europe: Perspectives for Economy and Politics“

Discussion

Prof. Dr Klaus Mangold, Chairman of the Committee on Eastern
European Economic Relations, Berlin
Valeri Voronetskiy, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of
Belarus, Minsk
Evaldas Ignatavičius, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic
of Lithuania, Vilnius
Stefan Eriksson, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden to the
Republic of Belarus / EU Council Presidency, Minsk

Dr Yaroslav Romanchuk, Director of Research Centre “Ludwig von
Mises”, Minsk

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

8:30 pm Restaurant “Westfalia”, IBB „Johannes Rau“

Reception of the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to
the Republic of Belarus, Dr Gebhardt Weiss, for the participants of
“Minsk Forum XII”

Thursday, November 5, 2009

WORKING GROUP I

Foreign Policy: Belarus – Neighbour in Europe

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 Eastern Partnership: A new chapter in the relations
between Minsk and Brussels**

Chair: Stephan Malerius, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Vilnius

- Vladimir Serpikov, Deputy Head of Main Department Europe, Head of
Department for Cooperation with European Institutions at the Ministry
of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk
- Dr Hans-Dieter Lucas, Ambassador, Delegate for Eastern Europe,
Caucasus and Central Asia, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin
- Karl-Georg Wellmann, Member of the Federal Diet, CDU/CSU
Fraction, Berlin
- Dr Kai-Olaf Lang, Research Associate, Stiftung Wissenschaft und
Politik, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP),
Berlin

- Dr Pavel Daneiko, Rector Moscow Business School, Moscow

11:00-11:30 am Coffee & Tea

11:30 am - 01:00 pm

1.2. Belarus and its neighbours: Regional cooperation and the Fora of Eastern Partnership

Chair: Dr Heike Doerrenbaecher, Head of Office in Kiev, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Kiev

- Sergei Malinovskiy, Deputy Head of Main Department Europe, Head of Department for Bilateral Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk
- Sergei Maskevich, Chairman Standing Committee for International Affairs and Relations to the CIS of the Chamber of Representatives at the National Assembly of the Republic, of Belarus
- Dr Łukasz Adamski, Programme Coordinator for Bilateral Relations in Europe, The Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw
- Tuula Yrjölä, Head of Department for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Finland, Helsinki
- Dr Gabriele Koetschau, Director General of the Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States, Stockholm
- Vlad Velichko, Chairman of the International Consortium "EuroBelarus", Minsk

01:00-02:00 pm lunch

02:00-04:00 pm

1.3. Belarus and Russia: Union State or Customs Union? Perspectives of their relations

Chair: Cornelius Ochmann, Project Manager, Bertelsmann Foundation, Berlin

- Oleg Morosov, Senior Legal Secretary, Department for Russia and the Union State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk
- Dr Dmitri Trenin, Director of Moscow Carnegie Centre, Moscow

- Dr Vladimir Ulakhovich, Head of Centre for International Studies of the State University, Minsk
- Dr Sabine Fischer, Research Associate, EU Institute for Security Studies (ISS), Paris

04:00 pm Coffee & Tea in the IBB (further programme see below)

WORKING GROUP II

Economy: New Challenges for Economic Policy

Venue: Hotel Victoria, pr. Pobediteley 59, Minsk

9:00-9:30 am Registration

9:30-11:00 am

2.1. Belarus and Germany in the Economic Crisis: causes, symptoms, counter strategies

Chair: Dr Leonid Zaiko, Director of Analytical Centre "Strategy", Minsk

- Gennadiy Sviderskiy, Deputy Minister for Industry of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk
- Sergey Dubkov, Head of Department for Bank Supervision, National Bank of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk
- Dr Ricardo Giucci, German Economic Team in Belarus, Berlin
- Per Fischer, Head of Financial Institutions, Commerzbank, Frankfurt/Main
- Irina Tochitskaya, IPM Research Center, Minsk

11:00-11:30 am Coffee & Tea

11:30 am - 01:00 pm

2.2. Integration into World Economy: Belarus and the International Economic Organisations, perspectives in the WTO

Chair: Prof. Dr Stephan von Cramon-Taubadel, German Economic Team in Belarus, University of Goettingen

- Andrei Tur, Deputy Minister of Economics of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk
- Georg Schirmbeck, Member of the Federal Diet, CDU/CSU Fraction, Berlin
- Robert Kirchner, German Economic Team in Belarus, Berlin
- Leonid Dossov, Deputy Chairman of State Customs Authority of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk

01:00-02:00 pm lunch

02:00-04:00 pm

2.3. Small and medium-sized businesses in Belarus: Development Potentials and the role of organised lobbyism

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

- Georgiy Badey, Chairman, Belarusian Entrepreneurs' and Employers' Association "Prof. Kunyavski"
- Victor Margelov, First Deputy Chairman, Minskian Union of Entrepreneurs and Employers, Minsk
- Aleksandr Likhachevskiy, Head of Department for Entrepreneurship, Ministry for Economics of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk
- Sergey Naydovich, Business-Incubator for Micro Enterprise, Kolodishchi
- Sven-Olaf Newiak, Business Consultant, Belarusian Entrepreneurs' and Employers' Association "Prof. Kunyavski", Minsk

04:00 Return to the IBB (*further programme see below*)

WORKING GROUP III

Society: New forms of Interaction between State and Society

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

9:00-09:30 am Registration

09:30-11:00 am

3.1. State, Public, Society: Germany and Belarus in comparison

Chair: Pavol Demeš, Head of Office, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Bratislava

- Zhanna Litvina, Belarusian Association of Journalists, Minsk
- Alexander Simovsky, Chairman of Belteleradiokampaniya, Minsk
- Dr Andrei Vardomatskiy, Sociological Laboratory "Novak", Minsk
- Dr Andrei Karbalevich, Analytical Centre "Strategy", Minsk
- Aleksandr Feduta, Journalist and Political Scientist, Analytical Bulletin BiT, Minsk

11:00-11:30 am Coffee & Tea

11:30 am - 01:00 pm

3.2. The Province is alive: Perspectives of local self-administration and possibilities of participation for Civil Society

Chair: Dr Astrid Sahn, Co-Director IBB "Johannes Rau", Minsk

- Aleksandr Jushkevich, Chairman of Standing Committee for Human Rights, National Relations and Mass Media of the Chamber of Representatives at the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk
- Pyotr Martsev, Member of the Consultation Council at the Presidential Administration of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk
- Miroslav Kobasa, Chairman of Lev Sapiega Foundation, Minsk
- Anatoliy Kasyanenko, Centre for Development of Human Resources "Oracul", Gomel

01:00-02:00 pm lunch

02:00-04:00 pm

3.3. Identities in change: Youth and Popular Culture in Belarus

Chair: Dr Joerg Forbrig, Programm Officer, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Berlin

- Ales Kudritskiy, Nasha Niva, Minsk
- Ingo Petz, Journalist and Author, Berlin
- Juri Chachukevich, Chairman of Standing Commission of Minsk City Council for Delegates for Youth Politics and Connections to NGO's, Minsk
- Vitalij Brel, Committee for Youth Affairs, Stadtkomitee Minsk
- Julia Selenkevich, Second Secretary of Minsk City Committee BRSM, Minsk
- Olga Kuzmich, Coordinator Internet Youth Portal "generation.by", Minsk
- Andrei Kim, Youth Activist and Blogger, Minsk

04:00-05:00 pm

3.4. New forms of cooperation using the example of Town Twinning and work with Disabled People

- Round-table discussion with a statement of Dr Ilja Seifert, Member of the Federal Diet, "Die Linke/the Left" Fraction, Berlin

06:00 pm

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

Reception by invitation of the OSCE Office, Minsk (Keynote)

08:30 pm

**"Minsk Forum Club":
Music and Dance for the Minsk Forum's participants**

Venue: Restaurant Kamyantsa, ul. Pervomaiskaya 18, Minsk

Friday, November 6, 2009

PLENUM

Belarus and the Eastern Partnership: Perspectives for Politics, Economy and Society

10:00-11:30 am

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

- Vladimir Skvortsov, Head of Department for Foreign Politics Analysis, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk
- Marieluise Beck, Member of the Federal Diet, "Die Gruenen/the Greens" Fraction, Berlin
- Cathrina Claas-Muehlhaeuser, Deputy Chairwoman of Shareholders' Committee, CLAAS KGaA mbH
- Justas Paleckis, MEP, Deputy Rapporteur for Belarus, Strasbourg
- Jean-Eric Holzapfel, Chargé d'Affaires, Delegation of the EU Commission in Belarus, Minsk
- Anna Kostrzewa, Deputy Director of Eastern Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, Warsaw

11:30-12:00 am Coffee break

12:00 am

Working results of the Minsk Forum (press conference)

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

01:00 pm Lunchtime snack

End of Minsk Forum XII

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