

# Minsk Forum XVII

## The Place of Belarus in Europe.

Chances for foreign policy, economy,  
civil society and culture

4.-6. December 2019, Minsk

**20 years German-Belarusian Society, Berlin  
(1999-2019)**

**25 years International Education and Exchange Centre  
Johannes Rau, Minsk  
(1994-2019)**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**

**IBB “Johannes Rau”, pr. Haseŭ Prauda 11, Minsk**

### Press conference

National Press Centre of the Republic of Belarus,  
vul. Kastychnickaya 5

From 17:30

Registration / Coffee and Tea

18:00 – 20:00

### Opening

**Prof. Rainer Lindner, Ph.D.**, Chairman, German-Belarusian Society (dbg), Minsk

**H.E. Ambassador Manfred Huterer**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of Belarus, Minsk

## Welcome speech

**Aleh Krauchanka**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk (tbc)

**H.E. Ambassador Michael Siebert**, Director for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, German Foreign Office, Berlin

## Keynotes

*“German-Belarusian relations in the course of time – 25 years IBB“*

**Matthias Platzeck**, Former Prime Minister, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, International Association for Education and Exchange (IBB), Dortmund

*“European-Belarusian relations in the course of time“*

**Helga Schmid**, Secretary-General, European External Action Service, Brussels (tbc)

## Discussion

**“What is the place of Belarus in Europe from the perspective of Germany and the EU?“**

**Dirk Wiese**, Member of the Bundestag, Coordinator for Inter-societal Cooperation with Russia, Central Asia and the Eastern Partnership Countries, Federal Government of the Republic of Germany, Berlin

**Aleh Krauchanka**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk (tbc)

**H.E. Ambassador Dirk Schübel**, Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Belarus, Minsk

N.N., Member of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk

N.N. Member of the SPD parliamentary group in Bundestag, Berlin

**Moderation: Prof. Rainer Lindner, Ph.D.**, Chairman, German-Belarusian Society (dbg), Minsk

20:00 – 21:00 **Evening reception at the invitation of H.E. Ambassador Manfred Huterer**

21:00 – 22:00 Night Owl Session

**“Belarus as seen by its neighbours”**

Discussion with Representatives from Poland, Lithuania, Russia and Ukraine

**Thursday , December 5, 2019**

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From 9:30 Registration / Coffee and Tea

10:00-11:30 Plenary session

**“Belarus and Eastern Partnership: Status quo and future opportunities”**

**H.E. Former Ambassador Hans-Jürgen Heimsoeth**, Special Commissioner of the Federal Government of the Republic of Germany for Eastern Partnership States, Berlin (tbc)

**Andrej Bushila**, Head of Directorate General for Europe and North America, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk (tbc)

N.N. Member of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in Bundestag, Berlin

N.N., Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Belarus, Minsk (tbc)

N.N., Civil campaign “Tell the truth”, Minsk (tbc)

N.N., Private research laboratory for axiological Studies “Nowak”, Minsk (tbc)

Moderation: **Marcel Röthig**, Head of Regional office Ukraine and Belarus, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Kyiv

11:40 – 13:10

**Round-Table I**

**“For sustainable economy and environment: Investment and Innovations in Belarus”**

11:40 – 13:10

**Round-Table II**

**“Education without borders: Belarus as part of the Bologna process”**

13:10 – 14:00

Lunch buffet

14:00 – 15:30

**Round-Table III**

**“Museum and History. New concept of the National History Museum”**

14:00 – 15:30      **Round-Table IV**

**“Possibilities for cooperation between the state and civil society in Eastern Partnership countries”**

15:30 – 16:00      Coffee and Tea

16:00 – 17:30      Final discussion

**“Epoch shift and change in Eastern Europe:  
What we have learned for the future”**

From 19:00      **Evening programme** (external, for invited guests)

**Friday , December 6, 2019**

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Cultural Programme (tbc)

**Conference languages:** German, English, Russian / Belarusian