

MINSK FORUM XIX

BY – 30 Years of Independence

History, Civil Society, Culture,
Business and Foreign Policy

19TH OF NOVEMBER 2021

**ACADEMY OF THE KONRAD ADENAUER FOUNDATION,
BERLIN**

CONFERENCE LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, RUSSIAN (SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION)
HYBRID EVENT (ONLINE AND OFFLINE)



09:30

WELCOME SPEECHES

Prof. Dr. Rainer Lindner, Founder, Minsk Forum, Member of the Advisory Board, German-Belarusian Society (dbg)

Matthias Lüttenberg, Director for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, MFA

Dr. Gabriele Freitag, Director, DGO

Stefan Melle, Director, DRA

Dr. Jan Philipp Wölbern, Desk Officer Eastern Europe, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V., Berlin

10:00

PANEL I

CONFRONTATION WITHOUT AN EXIT? THE STATE, THE OPPOSITION & EUROPEAN POLITICS

MODERATOR

Volker Weichsel, DGO, Magazine OSTEUROPA (Eastern Europe)

SPEAKERS

Matthias Lüttenberg, Director for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, MFA

Pavel Latushka, Member of the Presidium of the Coordination Council, Head of the National Anti-Crisis Management, minister, diplomat

Maryna Rakhlei, German-Marshall Fund of the United States

VIDEO-STATEMENT

Nils Schmid, Member of the Bundestag (SPD)

11:30

Coffee-break

12:00

PANEL II

CURRENT STATUS OF EU SANCTIONS IN BELARUS AND ITS IMPACT ON BUSINESS

MODERATOR

Stefan Kägebein, Regional Director Eastern Europe, German Eastern Business Association (OA)

SPEAKERS

Dr. Angelique Weikum-Groß, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (tbc)

Dmitry Chervyakov, Project Manager Belarus, German Economic Team (GET)

Lev Lvovskiy, Senior Researcher, BEROС

Daniel Krutzinna, Economic Advisor, Managing Partner of CIVITTA Consulting, former Non-Executive Board Member of the Development Bank of Belarus

VIDEO-STATEMENT

Dr. Vladimir Augustinski, Head of the Representative Office of German Business in Belarus

13:15

Lunch

14:00

PANEL III

FOUR SCENARIOS FOR BELARUS-2022: MAIN INSIGHTS, TENDENCIES AND RISKS IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

MODERATOR

Olga Dryndova, "Network for Belarus"/ Arbeitskreis Belarus, DRA e.V., Berlin

SPEAKERS

Dr. Andrei Kazakevich, Institute of political studies "Political Sphere", Minsk

Kaciaryna Shmacina, Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies (BISS), Minsk

Dr. Fabian Burkhardt, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg

Maryna Rakhlei, German-Marshall Fund of the United States, Berlin

Agata Wierzbowska-Miazga, Leaders of Change Foundation, Warsaw

15:30

Coffee-break

16:00

FINAL PANEL

30 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REALITIES OF BELARUS

MODERATOR

Markus Meckel, Former Foreign Minister of the GDR

SPEAKERS

Sergey Lagodinsky, Member of the European Parliament

Stefan Kägebein, Regional Director Eastern Europe, German Eastern Business Association (OA)

Kaciaryna Shmacina, Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies (BISS)

17:15

Get together