

## Raising the Belarusian Voice in Europe

working language: English - event will be recorded and will be available online afterwards  
location: Haus der Demokratie und Menschenrechte (Greifswalder Str. 4, 10405 Berlin)

### Monday, 02.12.2024 Minsk Forum 2024 Conference, Berlin

**09:30 Registration**

**10:00 Welcome Address** - Piet Mumm, dbg chairperson, Rainer Lindner, dbg board (tbc)

**10:10 Long Lines of Lukashenka-Regime - 1999 to 2020 and beyond**

Fred Dorn, dbg vice-chairperson  
Peter Liesegang, dbg member of board

**10.25 Initial Input** tba

**11:00 Panel I – Overall Politics:** Global political situation in and around Belarus – EU and Germany - which consequences (should/must) follow from the presented “long lines”

- Belarus and the changing political landscape in key countries in the West: new president in the US, democratic backsliding in Europe, rising AfD and likely defeat of the traffic light coalition in Germany next year, new Labour government in the UK, PO in Poland since 2023
- Sanctions work? What is behind the recent release of political prisoners by the Lukashenka regime (against the background of new arrests that compensate for that) and how can this effect be made stronger and more consistent?

#### Moderator

**Gabriele Baumann** - Konrad-Adenauer Foundation

#### Speakers

**Robin Wagener** - MP Alliance 90/The Greens, Coordinator for Intersocietal Cooperation with the Southern Caucasus, the Republic of Moldova and Central Asia

**Jan Kantorczyk** - German MFA, Head of Division - OSCE, Council of Europe

**Victoria Leukavets** - Researcher, Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies (SCEEUS)

**Alena Prikhodzka** - Investigative Journalist

**12:30 Coffee-Break**

**13:00 Panel II – dealing with questions concerning political prisoners and upcoming Regime "elections"**

- Belarusian democratic sphere and civil society – internal processes, legitimacy, most burning questions – how long until structures are either solidified or have internal difficulties?
- Tsikhanouskaya as leader and the formal 5-years presidential term, Coordination Council and low voting turnout - Legitimacy of the leaders of the Belarusian Democratic Forces: what should be done?

**Moderator**

**Kryscina Šyjanok** - Office of Belarus Democratic Forces in the Czech Republic

**Speakers**

**Knut Abraham** - MP CDU - group "Friends of Belarus"

**Valeriy Kavaleuski** - Euro-Atlantic Affairs Agency, Chair

**Andrej Stryzhak** - BYSOL

**Ina Rumiantseva** - Taskforce Belarus

**14:30 Lunch**

**16:00 Round III – moderated overall discussion about all the above with "revolving" panel; including the topic: "Civil Society and Grassroots Activism in Exile"**

An open discussion

**Moderator**

**Maryna Rakhley** - GMF of US, Senior Officer

**Panelists**

participants of Minsk-Forum Klausur and Conference

**18:00 Closing Remarks**

**Michael Nowak**, German MFA, Head of Division, Russia, Belarus

**18.30 Networking Reception**

snacks, drinks and ample room to continue discussions, conversations, create new cooperation and deepen existing cooperation