

22-23 September 2026 – Warsaw

26-27 Oct – Brussels / 10-11 Dec – Berlin

Venue: Centrum Zielna, Warsaw, Zielna 37 C (entrance on Bagno Street)

Since 1997 the Minsk Forum Format gives representatives of science, culture, politics, economics and civil society from Belarus, Germany and other neighboring European countries the space to discuss topics related to Belarus.

This Forum is organised by the German-Belarusian Society (dbg e. V.). This year it is supported by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, the German Marshall Fund of the US (GMF) and the Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation.

Program

22.09.2026 *in Belarusian with translation to English*

15.30 registration

16.30 opening

Aleś Čajčyc, dbge.V., member of the board

Cornelius Ochmann, Managing Board Member, Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation

keynote: **Ina Kulej**, Free Belarus University

16.45 Aliaksandr Milinkevich - his legacy — an open conversation

areflection on how his ideas and approaches can reflect on the present day situation in and around Belarus

Aleś Łahviniec, Program Director, Free Belarus University

Iryna Charniuka, Belarusian media expert and editorial strategist

18.15 Presentation of the Belarusian Yearbook 2026 - discussion

Andrei Laurukhin, Academic director of Institute for Development and Social Market in Belarus and Eastern Europe

Mikhail Doroshevich, independent ThinkTank „Belarus Brief“

Aliaksandr Fiaduta, Uniwersytet Jagiellonski

Valery Karbalevich, Political observer for Radio Liberty

Dzmitry Kukhlei, Executive director of Institute for Development and Social Market in Belarus and Eastern Europe

Anastasiya Luzgina, Economic research center BEROOC

19.45 sum up

Aleś Čajčyc, dbge.V., member of the board

20.00 Get-Together (to max 21.30)

The discussions on the main day of this conference will be organized in a way to ensure an open and inclusive exchange of ideas. All participants are welcomed to take part.

23.09.2026 *in English*

09.00 registration

09.30 opening / key note

Aleś Čajčyc, dbge.V., member of the board

Cornelius Ochman, Managing Board Member, Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation

key note: **Pavel Latushka**, Deputy Head of the United Transitional Cabinet of Belarus, Head of the National Anti-Crisis Management, Ambassador

overall Moderation:

Maryia Sadouskaya-Komlach, Global Engagement Strategist, FreePress Unlimited

10.00 Lublin Triangle and implications for a Democratic Belarus

invited contributors:

Pavel Latushka, Deputy Head of the United Transitional Cabinet of Belarus, Head of the National Anti-Crisis Management, Ambassador

Kamil Kłysiński, senior fellow on Belarusian affairs, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW) Poland

Marharyta Vorykhava, Head of the International Committee, Coordination Council; Advisor, Office of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya



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11.30 break

12.00 Belarusian Democratic Forces and their structures in exile - paths forward - the role of European supporters/countries - an open discussion

invited contributors:

Artsiom Brukhan, Speaker of the Coordination Council of Belarus

Kseniya Martul, UTC, Office for National Revival, strategic communications and information policy

Julia Mickiewicz, UTC Representative for Social Policy

13.30 Lunch

14.30 Legal documents of Belarusian diaspora and Belarusians' legal status in host countries - group work and open discussion

invited contributors:

Vladimir Astapenka, UTC Representative, Head of the Mission of Democratic Belarus in Brussels

Vitaly Molchanou, OST, Representative in Estonia and Latvia

Anais Marin, Partyzanka, Head of Advocacy

Alexandra Mamaeva, Coordination Council, Member of the International Affairs committee

16.00 break (behind the scenes: summing up results of group work)

17.00 Summing up last session - and open moderated discussion about all topics
final words

18.30 Get Together (to max 20.00)



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