Minsk Forum
Gegründet 1997

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10./11. December 2026 – Berlin

venue: Robert Bosch Stiftung, Französische Str. 32, 10117 Berlin

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.

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10.12.2026

16.00 registration / coffee
16.30 **opening** - dbg (tbc), Bosch Foundation (tbc)
keynote - **Julia Cimafiejeva** and **Alhierd Bacharevic**
17.00 **Julia Cimafiejeva** and **Alhierd Bacharevic**
Reading from their books in Belarusian / German
discussion: Belarus identity, etc
open discussion
perhaps a musical contribution (Sveta Ben' - tbc)
(with a small break around 18.00)
19.30 **reception** - until 21.00

11.12.2026

09.00 registration / coffee
09.45 **opening**: dbg (tbc)
keynote - German MFA (tbc), **Pavel Latushka**
10.30 **"Parliamentary discussion"**
- paths and dilemmata regarding attempts to free political prisoners in Belarus
Knut Abraham, MP German Bundestag, CDU, Belarus friendship group

Johannes Schraps, MP German Bundestag, SPD, Belarus friendship group
Robin Wagener, MP German Bundestag, B90/Grüne, Belarus friendship gr.
Artsiom Brukhan, Speaker of the Coordination Council of Belarus
Pavel Latushka, Deputy Head of the United Transitional Cabinet of Belarus, Head of the National Anti-Crisis Management
Marharyta Vorykhava, Head of the International Committee, Coordination Council; Advisor, Office of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya
moderation: Dr. Victoria Leukavets, Dept of Political Science, Södertörns University Stockholm

12.00 coffee

12.30 **Political prisoners continued - experts and former political prisoners**
Sviatlana Halauneva, Lawyer & Legal Analyst, Viasna Human Rights Center
Prof. Dr. Tatsiana Kulakevich, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida, USA
tba
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moderation: Dr. Victoria Leukavets, Dept of Political Science, Södertörns University Stockholm

14.00 lunch

15.00 **Belarus as part of politics for the Eastern European region**
Ukraine / Georgia / Belarus - opportunities and dangers in development trajectories - in light of the Russian war aggression
Vladzimir Astapenka, UTC Representative, Head of the Mission of Democratic Belarus in Brussels
Kamil Kłysiński, senior fellow on Belarusian affairs, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW) Poland
German MFA (tbc)
Anastasiya Leukhina, ZOIS Berlin, Fellow Hertie School Berlin (tbc)
Kornely Kakachia, Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow at the Robert Bosch Academy
moderator: Stephan Malerius, Konrad Adenauer Foundation

16.30 coffee

17.00 Session …. room for in-depth discussion / discourse

18.30 **closing, sum up**

(possibly: 19.00 get together, small reception)

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