

**Final conference
 „Empowering NGOs for efficient social rights’ advocacy”**

Minsk, Belarus, 14th to 18th of October 2019

PROGRAMME

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meeting place</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda</i>	<i>Activity place</i>
14/10/2019	Responsible person: Jan Johansen, Yana Gorbalenya	14:45	Denmark and Norway NGO delegation arrival in Minsk. See below instructions for how to get to the hotel from Minsk Airport	Hotel Monastyrsky, 6 Kirilla & Mefodya Str., Minsk +375 17 329 03 00 https://monastyrski.by/en/ Breakfast included.
	Responsible person: Anastasia Ryzhankova	17:30	Meet&Greet with Foundation Interakcia at the hotel lobby (just a small informal meeting to greet you in Minsk and give our recommendations on where to go and what to see)	Hotel Monastyrsky, 6 Kirilla & Mefodya Str., Minsk
15/10/2019	Responsible person: Aldona Droseikiene	10:00	Lithuanian delegation arrival in Minsk. See below instructions for how to get to the hotel from Minsk Airport.	Hotel Monastyrsky, 6 Kirilla & Mefodya Str., Minsk +375 17 329 03 00 https://monastyrski.by/en/ Breakfast included.
	Responsible person Marina Matiunina	11:10	Russian delegation arrival in Minsk. See below instructions for how to get to the hotel from Minsk Airport.	Hotel Monastyrsky, 6 Kirilla & Mefodya Str., Minsk +375 17 329 03 00 https://monastyrski.by/en/ Breakfast included.
	Responsible persons Alina Maria Stadnik	14:05	Polish delegation arrival in Minsk. See below instructions for how to get to the hotel from Minsk Airport.	Hotel Monastyrsky, 6 Kirilla & Mefodya Str., Minsk +375 17 329 03 00 https://monastyrski.by/en/ Breakfast included.

	Responsible person Laila Balga	14:45	Latvian delegation arrival in Minsk. See below instructions for how to get to the hotel from Minsk Airport.	Hotel Monastyrsky, 6 Kirilla & Mefodya Str., Minsk +375 17 329 03 00 https://monastyrski.by/en/ Breakfast included.
	Responsible persons: Marina Borisova, Anastasia Ryzhankova	17:30	Meet&Greet with Foundation Interakcia at the hotel lobby (just a small informal meeting to greet you in Minsk and give our recommendations on where to go and what to see)	Hotel Monastyrsky, 6 Kirilla & Mefodya Str., Minsk
	Responsible person Leonid Smulskiy	19:00	Estonian delegation (Leonid Smulskiy) arrival in Minsk. See below instructions for how to get to the hotel from Minsk Airport.	Hotel Monastyrsky, 6 Kirilla & Mefodya Str., Minsk +375 17 329 03 00 https://monastyrski.by/en/ Breakfast included.
		17:30 – 22:00	Free time. Individual dinner	Minsk city
16/10/2019	Responsible person Marina Borisova	09:30 – 10:00	Registration for the conference	Banquet Hall Trapeznaya, Hotel Monastyrsky, 6 Kirilla & Mefodya Str., Minsk +375 17 329 03 00 https://monastyrski.by/en/
	Laila Balga Marina Borisova	10:00 – 10:30	- Introductions and greetings - Brief introduction of Foundation Interakcia and its role in the project (Marina Borisova) - Short presentation of the project and the aims of the conference (Laila Balga)	-
	Responsible person: Marina Borisova	10:30 – 11:45	Work in groups (7 working groups, 4-5 people). Each working group is based on one city that had been visited: Riga, Vilnius, Odense, Bergen, Rzeszow, Kaliningrad, Tallinn. Each group gets a big sheet of paper and markers. <u>Question to discuss within the group (on the paper sheet):</u> - Main observations on how the European Pillar of Social Rights is implemented in the country of the visit (shared by participants of the study visit);	-

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other participants share their thoughts on how these principles are implemented in their own countries, and what are the main needs and challenges in their countries - The role of NGOs in delivering and promoting social rights in the project countries. <p>Working sheets are then collected, so that some recommendations can be used for the brochure. After the discussion (40 minutes), each group assigns a speaker and makes a short presentation of their discussion results (max. 5 minutes per group).</p>	
		11:45 – 12:15	Coffee break	
	Responsible person: Laila Balga	12:15 – 13:15	SWOT analysis of the project goal "Empowering of NGOs" (in working groups). Working sheets are then collected, so that some formulated recommendations can be used for the brochure.	
	Responsible person: Laila Balga	13:15 – 13:30	Certificates for the project participants (50).	
		13:30 – 14:00	Reflecting on the conference and summing up the results. Final words of all countries (5 min.).	
		14:00 – 15:00	Lunch at the hotel restaurant. Invites EAPN-Latvia.	-
	Responsible persons: Marina Borisova and Anastasia Ryzhankova	15:30 – 17:00	Sightseeing tour of the old Minsk	Minsk city
		15:30	Departure of Marina Matiunina from Kaliningrad to the airport (flight at 18:00)	
		19:15	Arrival of Ruta Pels from Estonia. See below instructions for how to get to the hotel from Minsk Airport.	

		17:00 – 22:00	Free time. Individual dinner.	Minsk city
17/10/2019		06:30	Departure of the Denmark delegation to the airport (flight at 09:00)	
		10:30	All participants gather at the hotel lobby and go to the venue of the evaluation meeting	Alpha Business Hub (study room), Nemiga 5, Minsk
		11:00 – 13:00	Final evaluation meeting of the project. Cooperation plan for 2020.	Alpha Business Hub (study room), Nemiga 5, Minsk
		13:00 – 14:00	Individual lunch	Minsk city
		13:00	Departure of the Norway delegation to the airport (flight at 15:20)	
		14:00 – 19:00	Free time.	Minsk city
		19:00 – 21:00	Dinner for the project participants. EAPN-Latvia invites.	Place to be confirmed later
18/10/2019		08:00 – 10:00	Breakfast at the hotel	
		13:00 – 16:00	Departure of delegations from Russia, Poland, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia to the airport (approximately 2.5 hours before the flight)	

Instructions on how to get to the hotel from Minsk Airport

To get to city from the airport, you can go by bus, minibus, taxi, or official airport transfer.

To see all options for your transfer from Minsk Airport to the hotel, see the link:

<https://minsknotdead.com/post/from-airport> and: <https://airport.by/en/transport/regular-route-bus>

IMPORTANT: If you prefer to take a taxi, please choose an official airport transfer service (there is a counter inside the airport, right near the exit). Private cars and taxis can charge too much! The fair price to the hotel is about 40BYN (apprx. 16 euro). <https://airport.by/en/tourism/transfer>

If you need to get to the city as fast as possible, but don't really want to take the trouble of currency exchange, use such apps as **Uber** or **Yandex.Taxi** (they have recently merged), **IQ Taxi**, **Taxi Gorod** and **NextApp**.

If you choose to go by 300E bus or 1400TC/13430TC minibus, they will take you to the Central Railway Station. The easiest way to get to the hotel will be by metro. Go to Ploshcha Lenina metro station (right near the railway station), then take the train to the Kastychnickaja (Oktyabrskaya) station (one stop). From Kastychnickaja station, you can either walk to the hotel (about 7-10 minutes) or pass to another line (Kupaŭskaja) and take the train to the Niamiha (Nemiga) station, which is a little closer to the hotel.



Here you can find more information about city and places:

<https://34travel.me/gotobelarus/en>

<https://minsknotdead.com/>

Recommendations on public transport in Minsk:

1. Metro

- Hotel Monastyrsky is located near Niamiha (Няміра) metro station.
- One subway trip costs € 0.26 (BYN 0,65). You can pass through the entrance with your bank card that supports Wepay system.
- Guide to Minsk subway system with map <https://minsknotdead.com/post/minsk-metro>

2. Public transport

- Minsk transport system contains autobuses, trolleybuses, and trams.
- The ticket costs € 0.26 (BYN 0, 65). You can buy it on bus stations or from a driver with cash.
- The route of autobus #100 runs through one of the main sightseeing objects – prospect Nezalezhanasci (проспект Незалежнасці, Independence Avenue).
- You can see the transport schedule here <http://www.minsktrans.by/en/>

Recommendations on the sightseeing in Minsk:

- Prospect Nezalezhanasci - a 15-kilometer avenue with a unique sample of the Stalin Empire style.
- Ploshcha (Square) Nezalezhanasci – a square where Government House, Red Church of Saints Simon and Helena, and Museum of the Belarusian Cinema History are situated.
- Vierchni Horad (Upper Town). This is Minsk historic center where you can try to feel the spirit of the early 19th century city. The hotel Monastyrsky is situated there.
- Trinity Hill (Traeckaje Pradmescie) is the official tourist “piece of Old Minsk.” In 15th – 19th centuries it was craftsmen and merchants who came to live here.
- Gorky Park is the large green area around the Opera Theatre.
- Kamaroŭsky Market is the main food market in the country. Minsk residents come here on week-ends for fresh meat and fruit-and-veggies. Although actually, you can find anything at all here starting with rare spices or Chinese-food ingredients to authentic grandmas with home-made cheeses and pickles.
- Kastyŭčnickaja Street is the former industrial street that has in recent years become pretty much the most important exhibition-and-hang-out place in the city

To learn more <https://34travel.me/gotobelarus/en/post/minsk-english-guide>

Recommendations on places to eat:

- SVOBODY 4 (4, pl Svabody). The main wine bar of the city with food and vinyl music.
- Pinky Bandinsky (13a, vulica Kamsamolskaja). A popular place with stylish interior design, fancy menu, a vast cocktail and wine list.
- Vasilki (16, prospect Nezalezhanasci; 6 vulica Babrujskaja; 37 vulica Jakuba Kolasa, etc). This chain of “folk cuisine” restaurants has 5 locations in Minsk.
- Lido (49/1, prospect Nezalezhanasci, Niamiha 5, Kulman 5A) is the popular chain of bistro restraunts with Belarusian cuisine and modest prices.
- Simple (50, vulica Lenina). The restaurant that decided to take a new look at modern Belarusian cuisine.

To learn more <https://minsknotdead.com/post/new-places-apr19>
<https://minsknotdead.com/post/wine-bars>
<https://minsknotdead.com/post/to-eat>
<https://34travel.me/gotobelarus/en/post/dive-bars-en>