



**ITU Forum on  
*Smart Sustainable Cities: from Concept to Reality***

Meetings of ITU-T Study Group 3 and ITU-T Study Group 20 Regional Groups  
for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia  
**(SG3RG-EECAT and SG20RG-EECAT)**

Minsk, Republic of Belarus, 3-5 March 2020

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

**1. Event venue**

Hotel Monastyrski  
6, Kirilla & Mefodya Str., Minsk, Republic of Belarus  
Telephone: +375 (17) 329-03-00  
<https://monastyrski.by/>



**2. Registration**

On-site registration of participants will take place on Tuesday, 3 March 2020, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the event venue.

**3. Languages**

The Forum will be conducted in Russian and English with simultaneous interpretation.

#### 4. Recommended hotels

##### ***Hotel Monastyrski***

6, Kirilla & Mefodya Str., Minsk  
Telephone: +375 (17) 329-03-00  
<https://monastyrski.by/>

Room category	Price per day, USD
Single	from 68
Twin/Double	from 76
Luxe	from 108

##### ***DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Minsk***

9, Pobediteley Avenue, Minsk  
Telephone: +375 (17) 309-80-00

<https://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/belarus/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-minsk-MSQDTDI/index.html>

Room category	Price per day, USD
Twin/Double	from 129
King size	from 136
Luxe	from 252

##### ***Garni Hotel***

11, International Str., Minsk  
Telephone: +375 (17) 229-76-00  
<http://hotel-garni.by/>

Room category	Price per day, USD
Single	from 70
Double	from 75
Luxe	from 139

#### 5. Transport

Minsk National Airport is located at a distance of 40 km from the city (<http://www.airport.by>). Kindly note some telephone numbers of the city taxi service (to be ordered through taxi telephone operator): 135, 152, 7500. The cost of a trip over the city within 10 km does not usually exceed 15 BYN (7.5 USD). The cost of transfer from the airport is 30 to 40 BYN (15-20 USD).

International taxi services are available in the Republic of Belarus: Yandex.Taxi, Uber.

Arrival transfer can be ordered at: <https://airport.by/en/tourism/transfer/>. Kindly note that transfer is to be ordered at least 3 hours before the arrival.

There are regular-route buses No. 300Э and 173Э and shuttle buses No. 1400-TK and 1430-TK between Minsk and National Airport Minsk (more information: <http://airport.by/en/transport/regular-route-bus> ).

## 6. Contacts

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## 7. Currency/exchange/credit cards

Currency unit of the Republic of Belarus is Belarusian Ruble (BYN). All payments are executed in the national currency. Currency exchange is executed by banks and currency exchange counters. There is no commission fee.

Credit cards are accepted in banks, large hotels, some travel agencies and shops.

As of 26 December 2019, BYN exchange rate was as following:

1USD = 2.0962 BYN

1 UER = 2.3227 BYN

Information on the current rate of BYN is available at the website of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus: <http://www.nbrb.by/> .

Banks are open from 9:00 a.m. till 18:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Currency exchange is carried out by all the banks and exchange offices.

## 8. Climate

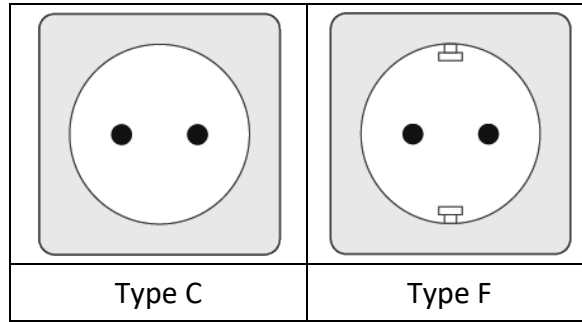
The climate of Minsk is moderately continental, significantly influenced by Atlantic maritime air. In March, average daily temperature is -1°C. The weather forecast as available at <http://www.pogoda.by> or <http://www.accuweather.com/en/by/minsk/28580/month/28580?monyr=5/01/2018>.

## 9. Time

Minsk time is UTC / GMT + 3:00.

## 10. Electric devices

Voltage power in the Republic of Belarus is 220V / 50 Hz. Electric outlets are of Type C and Type F.



### 11. Communication means

In the event venue, participants will be provided with wireless Internet access.

For calls to Minsk, dial code is +375 17.

For international calls from Minsk, one should dial plus, then the country code, area code (when calling from a mobile phone) or follow the instructions on the phone card.

In the Republic of Belarus, there are three mobile communication operators: MTS, Velcom, Life. In particular, the MTS offers a guest SIM card (cost of service package is 6,35 BYN (3 USD), including MoU and Internet traffic). More detailed information is available at: [http://www.mts.by/mobile/tariffs/for\\_guest/guest7/](http://www.mts.by/mobile/tariffs/for_guest/guest7/)). For visa support, please contact **the event organizers** at least 4 weeks before the event.

### 12. Visa

CIS citizens do not need entry visa for the Republic of Belarus. General information of visa-free entering the Republic of Belarus is available at <http://mfa.gov.by/visa/freemove/e75b142c77b4df66.html>. Information of visa-free entering the Republic of Belarus through the Minsk National Airport for citizens of 74 countries for up to 30 days is available at <http://mfa.gov.by/visa/freemove/aafab0a3d1cc05e9.html>.

### 13. General information

Minsk is the capital of the Republic of Belarus, a hero city, the largest transportation hub and political, economic, cultural, and scientific centre of the country. Minsk occupies the area of 350 km<sup>2</sup> and has population of around 2 Mio people. It is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest city of Europe by population (not including suburbs). Minsk is located the Svislach and the Nyamiha Rivers, close to geographical centre of the country. Additional information is available at: <https://34travel.me/gotobelarus/post/mensk> and <http://www.belarus.by/ru/>.