



## ITU Forum

### “Smart sustainable cities: organizational and technical aspects”

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

*Minsk, Republic of Belarus, 16-18 March 2021*

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### 1. Event venue

International switching center, Beltelecom  
55, Zakharov, Street, Minsk, Republic of Belarus  
<https://goo.gl/maps/FWe5LTbD53422c3P8>

### 2. Registration

All participants are kindly requested to go through preliminary registration through completing [registration form](#).

Onsite registration for those who are planning to physically attend the forum will take place on Tuesday, 16 March 2021, 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, Kirill & Mefody Str., Minsk  
Telephone: +375 (17) 329-03-00  
<https://monastyrski.by/>

#### **Approximate accommodation cost in Hotel Monastyrski**

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

Detailed information is available at the hotel website: <https://monastyrski.by/>.

### **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>

#### **Approximate accommodation cost in DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Minsk**

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

Detailed information is available at the hotel website:

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

### **Garni Hotel**

11, International Str., Minsk

Telephone: +375 (17) 229-76-00

<http://hotel-garni.by/>

#### **Approximate accommodation cost in Garni Hotel**

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

Detailed information is available at the hotel website: <http://hotel-garni.by/>.

## **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 (ordered through taxi telephone operator): 135, 152, 7500. The trip cost over the city within 10 km does not usually exceed 15 BYN (around 6 USD). The cost of ordering airport transfer is approximately 30-40 BYN (around 12-16 USD).

International taxi services operate in Belarus: Yandex.Taxi, Uber.

You can order a transfer service from the airport to Minsk online (<https://airport.by/en/tourism/transfer/>).

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 at: <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 18 January 2021, BYN exchange rate was as following:

1 USD = 2.5428 BYN

1 EUR = 3.0813 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 banks and exchange offices.

## 8. Climate

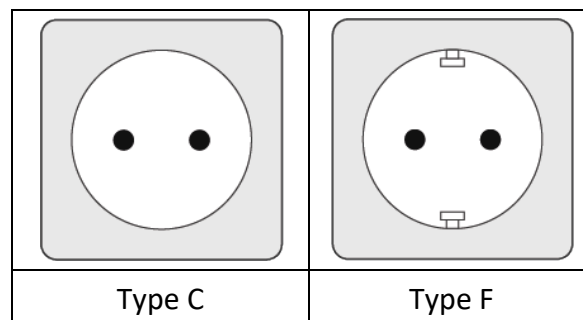
The climate of Minsk is moderately continental, significantly influenced by Atlantic maritime air. In March, average daily temperature is +4°C. The weather forecast as available at <http://www.pogoda.by> or <http://www.accuweather.com/en/by/minsk/28580/month/28580?monyr=5/01/2018>.

## 9. Time

Minsk time is UTC / GMT + 3:00.

## 10. Electric devices

Voltage power in the Republic of Belarus - 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, please 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.

## **12. Visa**

Citizens of CIS countries 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>.

Citizens of 74 more countries do not need entry visa for the Republic of Belarus when entering through the Minsk National Airport (detailed information is available at <http://mfa.gov.by/visa/freemove/aafab0a3d1cc05e9.html>).

For visa support, please contact Yauheni Salauyou, Senior Engineer, ICT Department, OJSC "Gi[rosvjaz]" (email: [solovyov@giprosvjaz.by](mailto:solovyov@giprosvjaz.by)).

## **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/>.