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

Minsk, Republic of Belarus, 26-28 February 2019

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. Event venue

Hotel Belarus

15, Starazhowskaya street, Minsk, Republic of Belarus

Telephone: +375 (17) 209-71-01

<http://www.hotel-belarus.com/>



2. Registration

Registration of participants will take place on Tuesday, 26 February 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 09:30 a.m. at the event venue.

3. Languages

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

4. Recommended hotel

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Approximate accommodation cost in Belarus Hotel

Room type	Rate
Single	43 USD
Twin/Double	49 USD
King size	62 USD
Lux	80 USD

More detailed information is available at the hotel website: <http://www.hotel-belarus.com/>.

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 trusted city taxi services: 135, 152, 7500. Cost of trip from the airport is approximately 30-45 BYN (15-22,5 USD). You can order a transfer service from the airport to Minsk (order online: <http://airport.by/en/tourism/transfer>).

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

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 27 December 2018, BYN exchange rate was as following:

1USD = 2.15 BYN
1 EUR = 2.445 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/>.

8. Climate

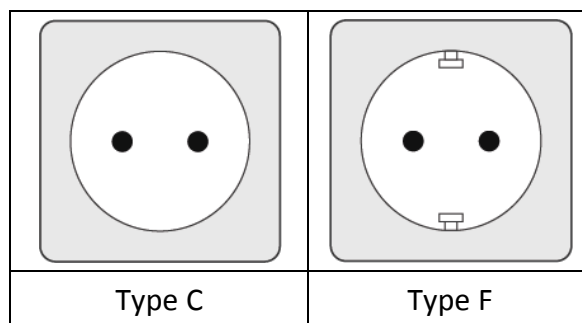
The climate of Minsk is moderately continental, significantly influenced by Atlantic maritime air. In February, average daily temperature is -3°C. Weather forecast is available at <http://www.pogoda.by> or <https://www.accuweather.com/en/by/minsk/28580/month/28580?monyr=2/01/2019>.

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

12. Visa

Citizens of the CIS countries do not need entry visa for the Republic of Belarus. Citizens of 74 countries can stay Belarus for up to 30 days when arriving and departing via “Minsk National Airport”. More information is available at: <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/visafreetravel/e0ced19bb1f9bf2c.html>. If you need visa support letter, please contact event organizers at least four weeks before the date of beginning of the meeting.

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 km² and has population of around 2 million people. It is the 10th largest city of Europe by population (not including suburbs). Minsk is located on the Svislach and the Nyamiha Rivers, close to geographical centre of the country. Additional information is available at: <http://minsktourism.by/> and <http://www.belarus.by/ru/>.
