



**ITU Regional Workshop on  
*Current Trends and Best Practices of Satellite Communication***

Minsk, Republic of Belarus, 22-23 May 2018

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

**1. Event venue**

**Hotel Belarus**

15, Starazhovskaya Vulitsa, 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, 22 May 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the event venue.

**3. Languages**

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

**4. Recommended hotels**

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To book a room in Belarus Hotel at a special rate, participants are kindly requested to do it by 30 April 2018 indicating a promo code ITU2018.

**Approximate accommodation cost in Belarus Hotel\*\*\* (without regard to the promo code).**

Room category	Cost per night, USD
Single	Upwards of 72
Twin/Double	Upwards of 82
King size	Upwards of 105
Lux	Upwards of 120

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>). The workshop participants will be provided with arrival/departure transfer. In order the host could organize arrival/departure transfer, participants are kindly requested to indicate flight number in the registration form and inform the coordinators from the host organization of possible changes in due time.

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 (7.5 USD).

## 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 21 March 2018, BYN exchange rate was as following:

1USD = 1.96 BYN

1 UER = 2.42 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

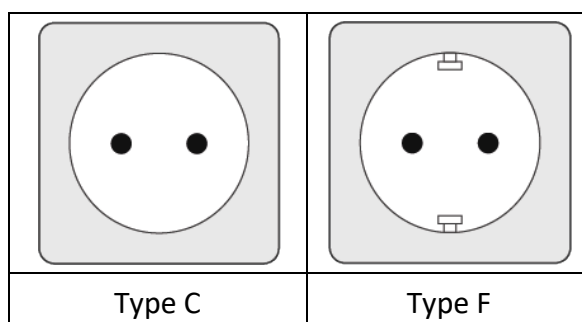
The climate of Minsk is moderately continental, significantly influenced by Atlantic maritime air. In May, average daily temperature is +18°C. The weather forecast as available at: <http://www.pogoda.by> or <http://www.accuweather.com/en/by/minsk/28580/month/28580?monyr=5/01/2018>.

## 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, 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 3.00 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/).

## 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 80 countries for up to 5 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: <http://minsktourism.by/> and <http://www.belarus.by/ru/>.