



## **Second Emerald Network Biogeographical Seminar for Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine**

*18 - 19 June 2019*

Republican Centre for State Ecological Expertise  
and Advanced Training  
Minsk, 1<sup>st</sup> Mendeleev lane, 50/4  
Belarus

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

## 1. OPENING

The second Emerald Network Biogeographical Seminar for Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine will take place on Tuesday, 18 and Wednesday, 19 June in Minsk, capital of Belarus. The meeting will start at 09:00 a.m. at the Republican Centre for State Ecological Expertise and Advanced Training.

## 2. VENUE

The conference will be held at:

### **Republican Centre for State Ecological Expertise and Advanced Training**

Minsk, 1st Mendeleev lane, 50/4

[www.oos.by](http://www.oos.by)

## 3. WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE MEETING

The meeting will be held in English.

## 4. GENERAL INFORMATION ON ACCESS TO THE MEETING PLACE



### **Transport**

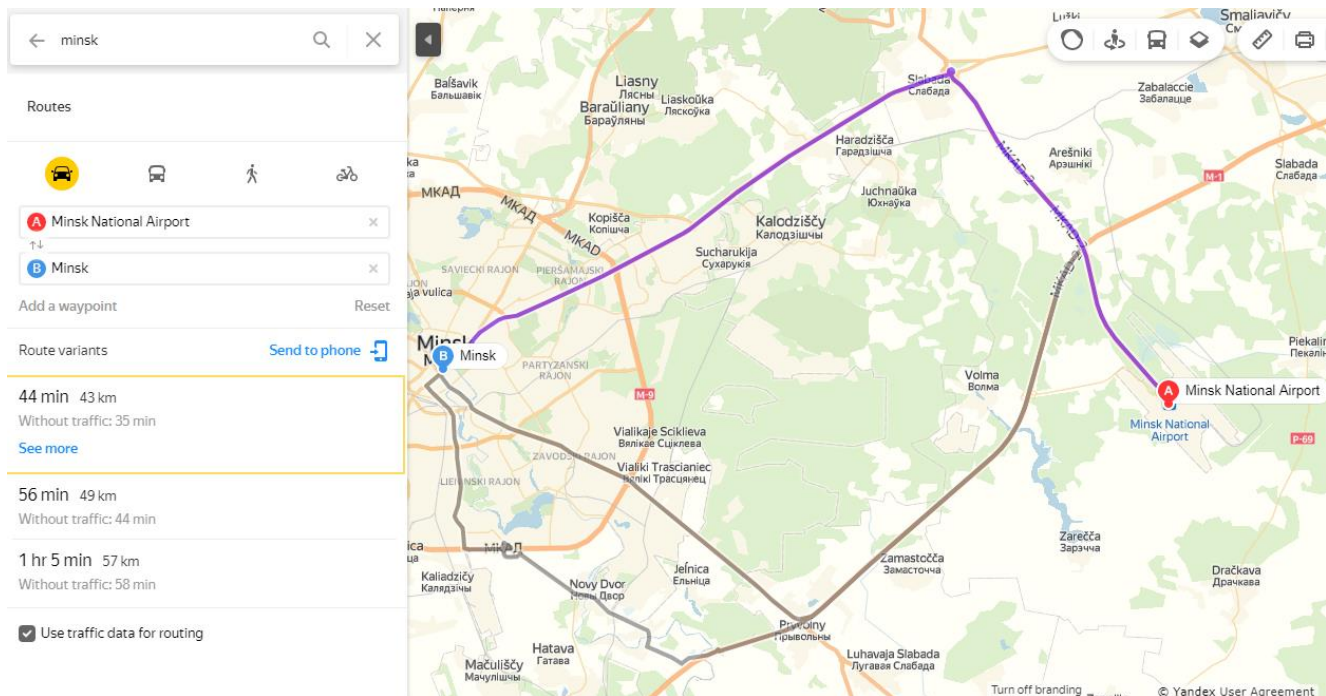
National Airport Minsk is situated 42 kms from the center of Minsk.

You can easily get to the Airport by public transport\*, shuttle bus or taxi (Uber for example).

There is also a possibility to rent a car.

The easiest way to get to the city centre from the airport is by taxi (price: 15 euros maximum).

\* <https://airport.by/en/transport/regular-route-bus>



## 5. VISA INFORMATION



To enter Belarus a foreign citizen must submit a valid passport, and a visa, if no other order of entry into Belarus is established by an international agreement. The citizens of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine don't need a visa to visit Belarus.

### **Visa-free entry to the territory of the Republic of Belarus for 30 days**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has approved a list of countries whose citizens do not need a visa to enter the territory The Republic of Belarus. The new decree "On the establishment of a visa-free entry and exit of foreign citizens", which entered into force on July 27, 2018, allows **citizens of 74 countries of the world to stay on the territory of Belarus without a visa within 30 days**. Visa-free entry to Belarus extends to European countries (together with the European Union), as well as Brazil, Indonesia, USA, Japan and other states.

Visa-free visits are provided subject to entry through the state border checkpoint National Airport Minsk for citizens 74 countries, including European and US.

Required documents:

- Passport;
- A medical insurance policy worth at least 10,000 €, operating in Belarus;
- Monetary amount in calculation 2 basic values for each day of stay in the country or 50 base rates if the stay is full 30 days, in Belarusian rubles or foreign currency;
- Additionally for citizens of Vietnam, Haiti, Gambia, India, Lebanon, Namibia, Samoa: multiple entry visa of EU or Schengen states with a note on entry into their territory and air tickets with confirmation of departure from the National Airport Minsk within 30 days from the date of entry.

More detailed info about the procedure can be found at the following link:

<http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/>

## 6. HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel suggested by the Republican Center for State Ecological Expertise and Advanced Training:

### **Hotel "Academicheskaya"**

Surganova st., 7

Prior reservation by phone. +375 17 284 18 71 or on the website:

[https://belhotel.by/?Gostinica\\_Academicheskaya\\_Minsk](https://belhotel.by/?Gostinica_Academicheskaya_Minsk)

It is located within 15 minutes' walk from the Center where the meeting will take place:

<https://www.google.com/maps/@53.9135837,27.6079696,15z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m3!11m2!2s4jg4IZ1JcwFjIpi-AvhOBQreDC1WMA!3e3>

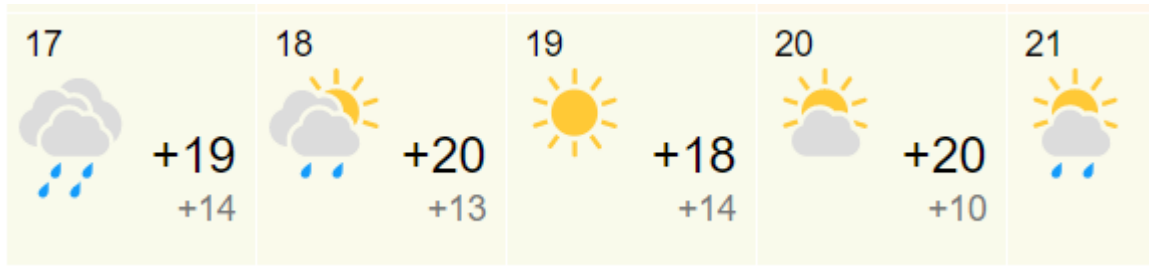
## 7. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IN BELARUS

Belarusian and Russian languages are the state languages of the Republic of Belarus in accordance with the Constitution.

## 8. WEATHER AND TIME ZONE INFORMATION



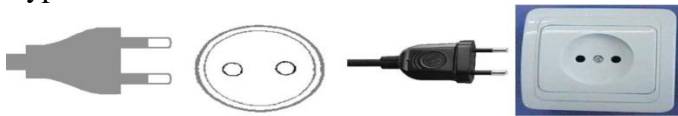
The territory of Belarus is located in one time zone - UTC + 3. In June, the average temperature in Minsk ranges from 15 to 25 degrees Celsius.



## 9. ELECTRICITY

The electrical currents in Belarus are 220 V. The usually used plugs and sockets are the C or F type, as shown below:

Type C.



Type F.



## 10. CURRENCY



The currency in Belarus is the Belarusian Ruble (BYN). The current exchange rate is EUR 1 = 2,32715 BYR (28.05.2019)

The current exchange rate could be found at: <http://www.xe.com/>.