



**Office of Belarus
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Belarus' Future is European: Choosing Values Over Fear (roundtable discussions)

Prague, 11th April 2025

Venue: CEVRO University Jungmannova 17, 110 00 Praha 1 - Nové Město

9:30-10:00: Morning Coffee/Tea + Networking

10:00-10:20: Opening Remarks

BLR: **Kryscina Šyjanok**, director / Office of Belarus Democratic Forces in the Czech Republic

CZE: **Jan Marian**, deputy minister of foreign affairs / MFA of the Czech Republic

10:20-11:20: Defence Panel “Democratic Belarus’ Defence Initiatives: Supporting Ukraine and European Security”

Diplomats and defence experts will discuss the contribution of democratic Belarus in the European security architecture in the face of Russian threats. The panel will present some Belarusian initiatives aimed to support Ukraine and examine potential strategic partnerships for regional stability.

Speakers:

- **Pavel Fischer**, chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security / Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
- **Vadzim Kabanchuk**, minister of defence and former deputy commander of the Kalinouski regiment / United Transitional Cabinet of Belarus
- **Tomáš Kopečný**, governmental envoy for the reconstruction of Ukraine / Government of the Czech Republic

Moderator: **Maciej Ruczaj**, senior fellow / Prague Center for Transatlantic Relations (PCTR)

11:20-11:30: Group Photo

11:30-11:45: Coffee break



11:45-13:15: Analytical Panel “*Charting Belarus’ European Course: History, Society, and Opinion*”

Political scientists, analysts and experts will explore Belarusian society’s evolving European identity and its historical ties to Europe. The discussion will highlight public opinion trends and arguments supporting Belarus’ future as part of Europe rather than Russia.

Speakers:

- **Daniela Kolenovská**, political scientist / Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University
- **Veranika Laputka**, analyst / EAST Center in Warsaw
- **Vadzim Mazheika**, analyst / Belarusian Analytical Workshop Our Vision
- **Aliaksandr Milinkevich**, former presidential candidate and advisor of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya for Belarus European choice

Moderator: **Gabriela Svárovská**, expert on foreign and security policy

13:15-14:00: **Lunch**

14:00-15:00: Political Panel “*Integrating Belarus into the European Political Landscape: Belarusian Democratic Forces and European Institutions*”

This discussion will highlight the ongoing efforts of the Belarusian democratic forces to strengthen ties with EU institutions ([Consultative Group between the European Union and Belarusian democratic forces and civil society](#), [Council of Europe Contact Group on Belarus](#), [Representative delegation of the Belarusian democratic forces in PACE](#), [Belarusian Democratic Forces Participating in the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities](#)) and integrate Belarus into the European political landscape. Politicians will present the existing diplomatic initiatives, working in cooperation with EU institutions, and practical steps toward a European future for Belarus.

Speakers:

- **Palina Brodzik**, member / International Affairs Committee of the Coordination Council of Belarus
- **Dzianis Kuchynski**, diplomatic advisor to president-elect / Office of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya



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- **Alexandra Mamaeva**, representative of the Coordination Council / Council of Europe Contact Group on Cooperation with Belarusian Democratic Forces and Civil Society; head / Belarusian delegation to PACE (*online*)
- **David Stulík**, special representative for the Eastern Partnership / Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czechia

Moderator: **Pavel Havlíček**, research fellow / Association for International Affairs (AMO)