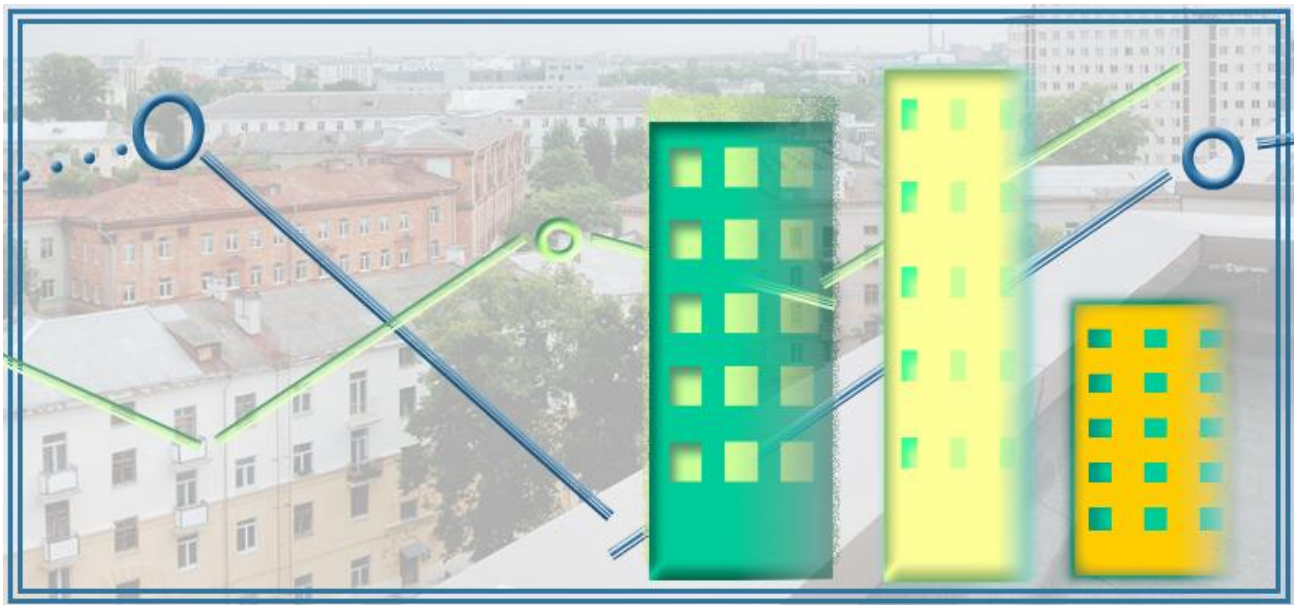


Visit of the Belarussian Delegation to Berlin Information & Programme



About the Project

The project **“Future Cities: For Participation in Urban Development”** (short: Future Cities) enables an exchange between German and Belarussian actors who are involved in urban development projects.

Processes of citizen participation in urban and regional development have recently ignited in both cities. In 2018 alone, state agencies in Minsk planned more than 60 public discussions on selected urban planning projects. The mayor of Minsk recently called for more dialogue with citizens in urban development. In Berlin, a process for more and better citizen participation was initiated in 2017 with local actors. As a result of this project, the local state administration has developed guidelines for citizen participation which are used as a template by the state-owned housing cooperatives.

The project aims to support the exchange of stakeholder expertise on challenges, experiences, risks and solutions of good citizen participation in urban development processes. In Minsk, where participation processes are still in their infancy, there is a need for better implementation of the legally anchored principles of public participation and sustainable development by the local administration. In the long term, the establishment of sustainable and sustainable participation practices in urban development can generally contribute to a better quality of life for the whole population.

Future Cities consists of a three-day programme with a Trialog in Minsk October 2019 at which stakeholders from organized civil society, politics and administration and industry discuss current debates around sustainable urban development. Additionally, 3 Belarussian representatives from the stakeholder groups

politics, business and civil society will have the opportunity to visit the German partner organisation in Berlin and learn about current urban development projects.

Future Cities aims to connect German and Belarussian experts in urban development and citizen participation in order to empower them to contribute their knowledge to the current political discussions in both cities.

About the visit

Three key stakeholders from Minsk are invited to discover the Berlin urban development context. As part of the program, the team will visit urban projects and local sites to gain a better understanding of the current housing situation. Meetings with important representatives of organized civil society and politics will enable the delegation to learn about new participatory processes as well as gain invaluable networks to key local actors. Additionally, experts on sustainable building will present their local projects and know-how to the participants.

Delegation Participants

- Vitaly Kukhareno, Architect and Member of the Belarussian Union of Architects
- Victor Janchurevich, Assistant to the deputy Anna Kanopatskaya & Head of the ECOGRAD social movement
- Dr. Melanie Kryst, Project Lead at the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance Platform
- Milena Kula, Project & Communications Assistant at the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance Platform
- Julia Steenpaß, Assistant at the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance Platform
- Ana Kamaeva, German-Russian Translator

Flights from Minsk, local transport and catering are covered by the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance Platform.

All meetings will be held in German with simultaneous translation into Russian.

Each participant will be provided with a single room in the Hotel “Quentin XL Potsdamer Platz”. Breakfast is included.

Hotel:

Quentin XL Potsdamer Platz

Potsdamer Straße 76, 10785 Berlin

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Partners & Project Funder:



26. November – Arrival Day

12:15 – Victor and additional guest arrive Berlin Schönefeld Airport

13:15 - Vitaly arrives Berlin Central Station

13:30 - Lunch in the Hotel „Quentin XL Potsdamer Platz“

15:00 - Walk to the Christmas Market at Potsdamer Platz

15:30 – Visit to the German Parliament and Dome with guided tour and view of the city

18 – 21:00 Dinner with German Trialog participants in the „Kreuzberger Himmel“, *Yorckstraße 89, 10965 Berlin*

27. November – Participation in Urban Development

9:00 - Meeting at Hotel

10 – 11:30 Meeting with Monique Leistner from the state-owned real estate organisation „Gewobag Wohnungsbau- Aktiengesellschaft Berlin “

12 – 13:30 Lunch at Savignyplatz

14 – 15:30 Meeting with Roman Konczak from the Berlin Senate, Department Urban Development - Topic: Citizen Participation and the Environment in Urban Development Projects, *Dienstgebäude Senatsverwaltung Württembergische Straße 6, Room 1101*

16:00 - 17:30 Meeting with the City Council of the District „Berlin Mitte“, *Allianz Forum Pariser Platz 6, 10117 Berlin*

17:30 –Walk through Berlin City Centre (Gendarmenmarkt)

18:30 – Dinner at „Brasserie am Gendarmenmarkt“, *Taubenstraße 30, 10117 Berlin*

28. November – Current Urban Development Projects in Berlin

9:30 – Meeting at Hotel

10:15 – 12:15 - City Tour on Sustainable Urban Development: Green Spaces in the City – From Potsdamer Platz to Park “Gleisdreieck”

12:15 - Lunch in Schöneberg

14:00 – Introduction to the local initiative „100% Tempelhof“ which aims to preserve the Templehof Field

15:00 – Coffee at Café Engels, *Herrfurthstraße 21, 12049 Berlin*

16:30 – Tour of the transdisciplinary urban gardening project „Roof Water Farm“, *Bernburger Str. 22, 10963 Berlin*

18:30 – Goodbye Dinner in the Joseph-Roth-Diele Gaststätte, *Potsdamer Straße 75, 10785 Berlin*

29. November – Departure Day

10:00 – Goodbye and Departure from Hotel

12:50 - Flight from Berlin Schönefeld Airport: 12:50

16:35 – Arrival time in Minsk (local time)

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