

**Sumforest Summer School for Young Researchers
27-29 June 2017, Minsk (Belarus)**

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. Venue and accommodation:

The Summer School will take place in **Hotel WESTA**, which is located 30 kilometers away from Minsk, the capital of the Republic of Belarus.

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<http://www.westa.by/en/>

Reception and accommodation service (24H):

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Accommodation of all the speakers and participants will be arranged by the organizers of the event.

2. Transportation from and to the Minsk National Airport

Transportation will be provided by the organisers of the event. All the speakers and participants will be met at the airport upon arrival and transferred to the airport before departure .

3. Meals

Meal (breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be provided by the organizers on 27-29 June 2017.

4. Visa

In February 2017 visa-free entry to Belarus through the airport opened to citizens of 80 countries. Foreigners will be able to spend up to 5 days in Belarus without any visa and registration formalities: <http://belarusfeed.com/welcome-to-belarus-11-faqs-on-visa-free-entry/>

5. Other practical information

Currency: The official currency in Belarus is the Belarussian Ruble (BYR). Exchange rate as of 31.03.2017 is 1.00 EUR = 2,01 BYR

If you are traveling to Minsk, you will need to exchange your currency for the Belarussian Ruble. You may be able to exchange your money at the Minsk airport, but exchange rates may not be the best.

Cash machines: There are lots of cash machines in Minsk so withdrawing money from Mastercard/Maestro, Visa and some other major cards is not a problem in Minsk.

Credit cards: Credit cards Visa and Mastercard/Eurocard are accepted for payment in almost all hotels, restaurants, big shops in Belarus. Do not expect to use credit cards for payment in small towns and villages.

Electricity: European standard, 230 volt.

Should you wish to have more information on the event, please do not hesitate to contact Elena Kulikova (elena.kulikova@efi.int) at EFI.

