

What do Belarus Businesses Think? – Online Broadcast

Belarus Digest will broadcast live open panel discussion in series “What Do Belarusians Think?” organised by the [Eastern Europe Studies Centre](#) (EESC, Lithuania) and the [Belarus Research Council](#) (BRC).

The broadcast will start on 31 January at 2 pm (Vilnius time).□

The fourth discussion “What do Belarus Businesses Think?” will analyse the results of the latest research on the competitiveness of the regions in Belarus, carried out by the [Research Center of the Institute for Privatization and Management](#) (IPM RC).

Alexander Chubrik, director of the IPM RC will present research on “[Competitiveness of Regions in Belarus: General Review](#)”, which analyses the integrated indicators of competitiveness in the regions of Belarus. The research was based on the latest official statistical data and polls of entrepreneurs.

After the presentation, representatives of various Belarusian business associations and independent experts will discuss what Belarusian businessmen think about the business climate in their country, as well as the country's infrastructure, institutions and policies.

Vadim Sehovich from the Belarusian news portal “[Ezhednevnik](#)” will compare and contrast the results from the ratings of the most successful Belarusian businesses. **Sergei Nikoliuk** from the [Institute of Independent Socio-Economic and Political](#)

[Studies](#) will discuss the public's attitude towards the business climate in Belarus. The discussion will be moderated by journalist **Maria Sadovskaya-Komlach**.

Alexander Chubrik earned his Master's degree in Economics from the Department of Economics at the Belarusian State University (BSU) in 2000 and attended post-graduate studies at the BSU in 2000-2003. He has also worked as a vice president of CASE Belarus (2007-2012). Currently, he is a director of the Research Centre of the Institute for Privatization and Management (since 2011), a CASE fellow, and a lecturer at the European Humanities University (EHU). His expertise includes macroeconomics and private sector development in Belarus.

Siarhei Nikaliuk has been an expert of the Independent Institute of Socio-Economic and Political Studies (IISEPS) since 2006. Mr. Nikaliuk graduated from the Department of Chemistry at the Belarusian State University in 1974. He has worked as a journalist after registering the first independent newspaper in Belarus. His interests include the social, political and cultural particularities of the Belarusian society as a society that has not completed its process of modernization.

Vadim Sehovich is the deputy editor-in-chief of the Belarusian news portal "Ezhednevnik" and the lead author of the list of the "200 most successful and influential businessmen in Belarus."

Maria Sadovskaya-Komlach is a Belarusian journalist with 15 years of professional experience. She graduated from the Columbia University School of Journalism (New York) in 2011. Maria writes about international affairs and, in particular, EU policies and Belarus-EU relations. She cooperates with Belarusian print, broadcasting and online media.