

# General information

## Travel documents for entering the Republic of Belarus

### Visit Belarus without visa! 😊

If you are traveling by plane directly to Minsk National Airport (MSQ) you have 30 days visa-free stay in Belarus! 😊

To enter Belarus for 30 days visa-free all foreign nationalities must have the following documents:

- a valid passport or another substituting document for traveling abroad;
- financial means;
- medical travel insurance in the amount of at least €10,000;

### Visit Belarus with visa! 😊

If you will travel by train, bus or car you should have a visa. You will find more information about visa here <https://www.belarus.by/en/travel/travel-visas/visa-free-travel-program-belarus>

## Language

There are two official languages in Belarus: Russian and Belarusian. The official language of the conference is English. All abstract submissions and presentations are to be conducted in English.

## Currency and payment

The official currency of Belarus is the Belarusian Ruble (BYN). In Belarus, it is not possible to pay by any other currency.

There are a large number of exchange offices in all cities in Belarus. These are most often found at:

- hotels
- major airports
- train stations
- bus depots
- most main streets

You can also exchange money at almost all banks and there are many ATM machines for withdrawing cash directly from Visa or Credit Card. You can find an ATM in bank offices, supermarkets or shopping malls.

Bank Visa and Credit cards are widely used in Belarus. You can use them in shops, hotels, restaurants and self-service kiosks.

The most widespread international payment systems in Belarus are Visa and MasterCard.

Online payment systems are also available in Belarus.

## **Electricity**

Power plugs and sockets are of type E. The standard voltage is 220 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

## **Insurance**

The conference organizers cannot accept liability for personal injuries sustained, or for loss or damage of property belonging to participants. Please check in advance that all relevant insurances are valid.

## **Time and daylight**

During the conference UTC/GMT+3 time will be valid.

## **Weather**

In August, day temperatures will be between 23 - 27 °C and between 17 - 19 °C during night.

If you have any questions, please contact the conference organizing committee through the **email: biospec-workshop@nmbu.no**