ADDRESSING DATA GAPS FOR ACTIVE AGEING INDICATORS

SECOND WORKSHOP

23-24 June 2016, Minsk

National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus
2nd floor, conference room

Practical information for participants
Venue

The workshop will take place on 23-24 June 2016 in the premises of the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus. Address: Partizansky Avenue, 12, 2nd floor, conference room. Registration of participants will start at 09:00 on 23 June.

Accommodation

For all UNECE-funded participants rooms were booked and paid in Beijing Hotel. Address: Krasnoarmejskaya str., 36, Minsk; phone: +375 17 329-77-77

http://beijinghotelminsk.com/
The hotel is located in a picturesque park area on the side of the Svisloch river, practically in the centre of the city. The centre can be reached either by metro, or you can walk to the main street of the capital of Belarus, Independence Avenue (Praspekt Nezalezhnasti). If you want to use metro, you will need to take the train at Pershamajskaya station and get off at the next stop, Kastrychnitskaya (please see the map below).

The Independence Avenue features many notable buildings, shops, cafes, restaurants as well as the so-called GUM Department Store. Walking along the Avenue, you can reach the Independence Square and visit the shopping mall “Stalitsa” consisting of several underground floors.

Please note that in view of the forthcoming denominations prices in shops are indicated in two denominations (thousands of rubles and rubles and copecks). Effective are currently prices indicated in thousands of Belarusian rubles.

**Meals**

Breakfasts are included in your room rates and paid by UNECE.

On 23 and 24 June coffee-breaks and lunches for the participants will be organised by UNFPA Belarus out of funds of the joint project with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Belarus.

**Airport transfer**

The participants will have to pay themselves for the transfer from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport.

**How to reach Beijing Hotel from the National Airport Minsk**

Address: 36, Krasnoarmejskaya str., Minsk; phone: +375 17 329-77-77

The distance from the National Airport Minsk to the city is approximately 40 kilometres. You can reach the city by various means.

**Taxi**

Please see detailed information about taking a taxi at the airport here: [http://airport.by/en/transport/transfer-hr](http://airport.by/en/transport/transfer-hr).

It is advisable to book the taxi in advance to ensure that a car is reserved for you. You can see the cost of the taxi and the payment options on the web-page above.

Alternatively you can also order a taxi from the hotel, please contact them directly (the phone number is on their web-site).

The participants coming with the same or time-wise close flights can look into ordering one taxi and share the cost. For your convenience, please see the enclosed flight schedule (the same or close flights are highlighted with the same colour).
Bus and fixed-route taxi

The schedule of buses and fixed-route taxi is available on the website of the airport: http://airport.by/en/transport/regular-route-bus

The ticket price is BYR 37,100 for bus, and BYR 40,000 for fixed-route taxi (approximately 2 USD). Tickets can be purchased from a driver for Belarusian rubles. Buses and scheduled fixed-route taxis arrive at the Central Bus Terminal in the city centre.

Train

You can also enjoy a comfortable travel to the city centre by train. The train schedule is available at http://rasp.rw.by/en/route/?from=Nacyjana%C4%BAny+aeraport+Minsk&from_exp=2100302&from_esr=&to=Minsk+Pasa%C5%BEyrski&to_exp=2100001&to_esr=&date=2016-06-22

The ticket price is BYR 25,000, or approximately 1 euro. The payment is accepted in BYR only. The ticket can be purchased directly in the train. The train arrives at the railway station.

Please note that you will have to take a special bus that will carry you to the starting point of the train. The bus stop is the same as for the regular route buses.

How to reach Beijing Hotel from the Central Bus Terminal/Railway Station

Taxi

The taxi fare from the Bus/Train Terminal to Beijing Hotel is approximately BYR 40,000-50,000.

Metro

Metro entrance is located in front of the railway station, approximately 200 metres from the Central Bus Terminal (Avtovokzal Tsentralny). The token price is BYR 5,500. You will have to ride one station, then change the lines, and ride one more station.

Please follow the itinerary: metro station “Ploshcha Lenina” (where you get in the train, blue line, indicated with arrow on the scheme) – metro station “Kastrychnitskaya” – change lines to station “Kupalauskaya” (red line) – metro station “Pershamajskaya” (indicated with arrow).

Please note that stations are announced in Belarusian (please see the metro scheme below) and can be repeated in English as well. Also, due to increased security measures, you may be required to pass security check if you carry a big bag or a suitcase. This procedure should not worry you. We kindly ask you to take this inconvenience with understanding.

Exchange rates as at 15.06.2016: 1 USD = 20,007 BYR, 1 EUR = 22,509 BYR, 1 RUB = 303.01 BYR.

Relevant exchange rates of the main currencies are available on the website of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus at http://www.nbrb.by/engl/
Upon exit from metro, please follow the directions:

Trolley-bus № 36

Upon exit from the Central Bus Terminal/ railway station go to the trolley-bus stop which is not far from the entrance and take trolley-bus № 36. Get off at the stop “Fabryka Kamunarka” (third stop from the Bus Terminal; fourth stop from the railway station). The fare is BYR 5,000 (approximately 0.20 euro). Tickets can also be bought from the driver (BYR 5,500). Payment is in BYR only.

2 The oldest confectionary factory in Belarus. The shop at the factory sells locally produced confectionary – chocolate and candies.
The trolley-bus direction is shown with arrows. Having left the trolley-bus, you cross the road and move ahead crossing traffic lanes under the transport junction bridge. Having passed your way under the bridge, you will see the shopping centre LeninGrad (ЛенинГрад), and farther on the Svisloch riverside. The hotel is located on the opposite side of the river, so you will have to move along the riverside and then cross the bridge.
How to reach Belstat from Beijing Hotel
12, Partizansky Avenue

You can reach Belstat by taxi or by public transport.

**Bus № 127**

Walk to the metro station “Pershamajskaya” (please see directions above), cross the street and go to the bus stop. Take bus № 127, get off at the fourth stop “Praspekt Rakasouskaga”. The bus stop is in front of the hypermarket “Hippo” (Гиппо). Further you will have to cross the street to the store “Rublevsky” («Рублевский») and go ahead to the pedestrian crossing. Having crossed the road, you will come to the bus terminal “Uskhodni” (Усходні). Then move directly along the street until the crossing with Partizansky Avenue (the directions are shown with arrows).
Trolley-bus

Walk to the stop “Fabryka Kamunarka” (please see directions above; you can also take bus № 127 and get off at the second stop, then cross the road along Partizansky Avenue and walk to the trolley-bus stop). Transport should move is the direction indicated by arrows. Get off at the third stop “Aleha Kashavoha”.

Trolley-buses № 3, 16, 59, bus № 79 – the stop is immediately in front of Belstat.
Trolley-buses № 19, 30, 36 – the trolley-bus stops after it turns to the right; the building of Belstat will be across the street.

Social programme

On Thursday, 23 June, after closing the work on the workshop agenda, the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus invites all participants to the reception.

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