



Webinar

## What's next for Belarus? The political crisis and its implications

Monday, 7 December 2020, 12.30-13.30 (Brussels local time; CET) via Zoom

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

For over two months Belarusians have been tirelessly protesting against the stolen presidential election of 9 August. The democratic uprising in Belarus remains unresolved and has been met with repression and police violence. People are increasingly intimidated and there are increasing calls for the European Union to show more solidarity and devise an effective action plan on how to help civil society and victims of repression.

The online expert dialogue will revisit the events of the past months and their implications for the region and the European Union. The experts will assess the current state of play and look ahead to the next steps as the situation continues to escalate. The conversation will further explore what the European Union can or should do to support the people of Belarus' right to self-determination and avoid Belarus becoming a second Ukraine.

#### 12:30-12:50 Expert dialogue: What's next for Belarus?

Dr. **Anaïs Marin**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Belarus

Mr. **Robert Biedroń**, Member of the European Parliament, Head of the Polish Delegation and Chair of the Delegation for relations with Belarus

Prof. **Kataryna Wolczuk**, Professor of East European Politics, Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies, University of Birmingham

#### 12:50-13:30 Q&A

Moderation: Dr. **László Andor**, Secretary General, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)

