



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

For over four months Belarusian citizens have continued a mass protest, which was triggered by what they considered a “stolen presidential election”. The mobilisations began on 9 August, seeing at its frontlines young people, women and workers. The consequent democratic uprising was considered a breakthrough: **a momentum in which the power of the people would rise above the last remaining European dictator ruling their country**. With every day passing, with every struggle and push back against police, against intimidation, with every act of resistance and every strike, there is hope that Belarus will free itself and pursue a democratic path.

Consequently, the upcoming FEPS webinar will look at the past months and will draw conclusions regarding the impact they had on the political reality in the country itself, on the region, on the European Union and the global community. **The panellists will examine the steps that the EU has taken so far, looking at what could and what shouldn't be done** in order to fulfil the historical pledge that a united Europe would stand for peace, security and democracy within its borders and in the surrounding region.

### 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. **Katarzyna 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)

