

# BELARUS AT THE CROSSROADS OF EUROPE: PROMOTING PARTNERSHIPS, SECURITY, AND STABILITY



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Belarus, a landlocked midsize European country endowed with few natural resources is located between two centers of power: the European Union and Russia, with Ukraine on the southern border. Against all odds, Belarus has managed to withstand geopolitical and economic challenges of the region, to preserve its friends and allies, and to maintain its sovereignty and stability.

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