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**Belarus in Focus 2012**  
**Competition and Guide for Journalists | October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

'[Belarus in Focus 2012](#)', the second edition of a competition for journalists writing about Belarus, is launched by [Solidarity with Belarus Information Office](#). Deadline for submissions: **January 15, 2013**.

Winners will receive monetary prizes of EUR 2,000, EUR 1,000 or EUR 500. All finalists will be invited to attend a two-day workshop in Warsaw in spring 2013. Please see [rules](#) and [how to enter](#).

Judges will look for articles that present a new, original side to Belarus and explore the country beyond the label of 'Europe's last dictatorship'.

The judging panel will include **Mr. Andrei Kolesnikov**, *Kommersant* (Russia), **Prof. David Marples**, University of Alberta (Canada), **Mr. Oliver Money-Kyrle**, International Federation of Journalists (UK), and **Ms. Yuliya Slutskaya**, *Solidarity with Belarus* Information Office (Belarus).

Last year's [winning articles](#) came from Harper's Magazine (U.S.), *The Independent* (U.K.), and *Delo* (Slovenia).

'[Belarus in Focus](#)' is held by *Solidarity with Belarus* Information Office in cooperation with Press Club Polska. Other partners include Belapan, Belarusian Association of Journalists, Civic Belarus, Belarusian Human Rights House in Exile, "n-ost, the Network for Reporting on Eastern Europe", Office for a Democratic Belarus, and Ostgruppen.

In addition, *Solidarity with Belarus* Information Office is pleased to present a new [online guide for journalists writing about Belarus](#). Here journalists can find contacts, practical tips, and background information, as well as swap stories and repost their articles.

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**Belarus in Focus competition:** [www.focus.solidarityby.eu](http://www.focus.solidarityby.eu)

**Belarus in Focus guide for journalists:** [www.belarusforjournalists.info](http://www.belarusforjournalists.info)

