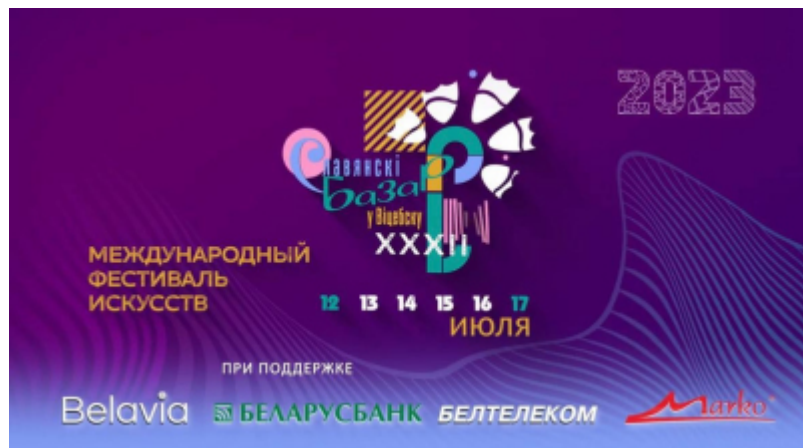




## **XXIII International Forum “TIBO-2016” was open in Minsk**



On April 18, 2016 in Congress Hall “Barcelona” 23 International Forum “TIBO – 2016” was open in Minsk. Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, Anatoly Kalinin, Minister of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus, Sergei Popkov, Deputy Minister of Trade of the Republic of Belarus, Edward Matulis, Deputy Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus, Dmitry Kalechits and other high level officials took part in the opening ceremony. Among foreign guests: Trudy Norris-Grey, General Manager of Microsoft Corporation in Central and Eastern Europe, Michael Graetz, Regional Vice-President of EMC Enterprise Content Division, Healthcare, EMEA, Elmir Velizade, Deputy Minister of Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Sergey Nesterovich, Deputy Director of the Department of Information Technologies by the Eurasian Economic Commission.

Minister of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus introduced the guests the achievements of our country in the field of information and computing technologies, highlighted the most significant projects as of today, in particular plans for development of e-government and paperless trade. Sergey Popkov recalled, that the Republic of Belarus ranks 55 in the world in the e-government development ranking at the end of 2014 (ranks 3 among the CIS countries after Russia and Kazakhstan).

Minister of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus and other speakers supported the International Forum “TIBO” as a platform for sharing experience and searching for new partners. The guests also stated the high level of ICT development in our country, appreciating the work, efforts and talent of Belarusian IT specialists.

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