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Disinformation versus Culture: Białystok 02.11.2026

Date: 18 November 2026

Venue: Arsenal Gallery, Białystok, Poland

Language: Polish, Ukrainian, English

Main Organizer: OBMIN Foundation

Conference Programme

09:30–10:00 | Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:00 – 10:15 | Opening and Welcome

- Monika Szewczyk, Director of the Arsenal Gallery in Białystok
- Małgorzata Ławrowska–von Thadden, Founder & CEO / President of the Board, OBMIN Foundation
- Welcome remarks by partner institutions

10:15–10:45 | Keynote speech:

From Kyiv and Narva to Białystok: Lessons and Actions

Culture in the Age of Disinformation: The Narva Museum Case

Keynote Speaker: Maria Smorževskihh-Smirnova, Director of the Narva Muuseum, Estonia

10:45–11:45 | **Panel 1: Culture and Resilience: from identity to national security**

Moderator: Kaja Puto, Krytyka Polityczna, Poland

Panelists a.o.:

- Iryna Konstankevych, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, First Deputy Chair of the Committee on Humanitarian and Information Policy
- Maksym Ostapenko, General Director of the National Reserve Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra, Ukraine
- Dr. Paweł Kotla, Member of the Resilience Council at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Poland
- Paweł Wojtunik, Vice-President of the Management Board, Security and Risk, ORLEN S.A.

11:45–12:15 | Coffee Break & group photo

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Embassy of Estonia Warsaw

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12:15–12:45 | Discussion: What is Cultural Resilience? Preserving Identity in the Age of Information Warfare

- Olesia Ostrovska - Luta, Director of the Mystetskyi Arsenal National Art and Culture Museum Complex, Ukraine
- Anna Łazar, Director of the Ujazdowski Castle. Centre for Contemporary Art (CSW), Poland

12:45–13:45 | Panel II: Cultural Alliances:Strategies for Museums, Media and the Broader Cultural Landscape

Moderator: Olesia Ostrovska - Luta, Mystetskyi Arsenal National Art and Culture Museum Complex, Ukraine

Panelists a.o.:

- Yuriy Banakhevych, Journalist & Foreign Correspondent, UKRINFORM, Ukraine/Poland
- Dr. Joanna Czudec, Head of Programme Department, Foundation for Polish-German Cooperation, Poland
- Dr. Michał Michalski, Head of the Analysis and Strategy Department, POLONIKA – National Institute of Polish Cultural Heritage Abroad, Poland
- Jakob Racek, Director, Goethe-Institut Ukraine
- Helene Rånlund, Senior Advisor, Psychological Defence Agency, Sweden
- Dr. Bohdan Tykholoz, Director of the Franko House (Lviv National Literary and Memorial Museum of Ivan Franko), Ukraine

13:45-14:45 | How can our capabilities of psychological defence be strengthened: Lessons and Actions

- Helene Rånlund, Senior Advisor Psychological Defence Agency, Sweden

14:45 - 15:00 | Open Discussion

15:00 - 16:00 | Lunch and Networking

17:00 | Study visits for Ukrainian and German Museums, a.o.: Arsenal Gallery power station