

Directorate-General for External Policies of the Union
Directorate for Democracy Support
Human Rights Actions Unit

30 years of Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, Brussels 4-5 June

Draft Programme

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Monday, 4 June 2018: Sakharov anniversary conference, JAN 6Q2

Joint extraordinary meeting DROI/AFET/DEVE

15.30 Opening address

Vice President **Heidi Hautala**

15.40 Chair: **Pier Antonio Panzeri**, Chair of DROI subcommittee

Testimony of **Mustafa Dzhemilev** (tbc), close friend of Andrei Sakharov

Keynote: **Elmar Brok**, MEP (tbc)

EU-UN Human Rights achievements in 30 years and challenges ahead - debate with EU SR **Stavros Lambrinidis**, and Deputy UNHCHR **Kate Gilmore**

16.30 Chair: ..., Deputy Chair of AFET committee

The EU protection mechanism for human rights defenders and EIDHR in action:

Antoine Madelin, FIDH, International Advocacy Director, Chair of Protect Defenders debate with defenders currently benefitting from the mechanism:

Emilie de Wolf - Member of the Protection team of Consorcio Oaxaca (Mexico)

Aigerim Kamidola - working on LGBTI issues at Feminita (Kazakhstan)

17.30 Chair: **Linda McAvan**, Chair of DEVE committee

How local authorities engage in protecting defenders

Martina Bäurle, Hamburg Foundation for Politically Persecuted People

Juan Fernando López Aguilar, MEP, LIBE Rapporteur on humanitarian visas

18.30 End of the meeting, walk to the exhibition

18.45 Visit of the exhibition "They Defend our Freedoms" - 30 years of Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought

19.15 Reception & networking dinner hosted by Vice President **Heidi Hautala** with MEPs and guests at House of European History

Tuesday, 5 June 2018: Sakharov anniversary workshop, room ASP 5G2

9.30 Sakharov Prize Network deliveries: the Sakharov Prize fellowship for human rights defenders and the EP Sakharov traineeship - debate with fellows and trainees

Chair: **Fabio Massimo Castaldo** (tbc), Vice-President of the European Parliament in charge of Human Rights and Democracy

10.30 Round table on Sakharov Prize laureates as motors of change: examples of initiatives and projects lead by Sakharov laureates

Chair: **Marietje Schaake**, MEP (tbc), AFET rapporteur on external financing instruments

11.30 Coffee break

11.45 30 years of Sakharov Prize - laureates' views on priorities for human rights action

Concluding remarks: **Fabio Massimo Castaldo** (tbc), Vice-President of the European Parliament in charge of Human Rights and Democracy

12.45 Photo-op with President **Antonio Tajani** (tbc)

13.00 Lunch