

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

15.30 Opening addresses

Heidi Hautala, Vice President of the European Parliament

Patricia Gutiérrez, representing the Democratic Opposition in Venezuela, Co-Chair of the Sakharov Prize Network

Joint extraordinary meeting DROI/AFET/DEVE

15.40 Chair: **Pier Antonio Panzeri**, Chair of the Human Rights subcommittee

Key note: **José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**, Committee on Foreign Affairs
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: **Pier Antonio Panzeri**, Chair of the Human Rights subcommittee

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)

Lolita Chávez, Sakharov Prize finalist 2017 (Guatemala)

17.30 Chair: **Linda McAvan**, Chair of the Committee on Development

How local authorities engage in protecting defenders

Martina Bäurle, Hamburg Foundation for Politically Persecuted People

Kamal Chomani, journalist from Erbil/Iraq, resident fellow of the Hamburg Foundation

Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, 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 (invitation only) 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 laureates, fellows and trainees

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

11.30 Coffee break

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

Key note: **Marietje Schaake**, Committee on Foreign Affairs, rapporteur on external financing instruments

13.00 Lunch (invitation only)

14.30 Photo-op with **Antonio Tajani**, President of the European Parliament