

## **Sakharov event on the request of the Conference of Presidents**

### **MIGRATION ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN**

#### **NGOs SAVING LIVES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, Sakharov Prize finalist 2018**

**Monday, 18 March 2019**

*Venue: JAN 2Q2*

- 15.00 - 15.10 RESPONSES OF SOLIDARITY FROM CITIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY**
- Welcome address by EP Vice-President Heidi Hautala
- 15.10 - 15.30 Closing of European ports and temporary relocation mechanisms**
- *European Council on Refugees and Exiles*
  - Violeta Moreno-Lax, *Immigration law expert, Queen Mary University*
- 15.30 - 16.00 Search and Rescue operations and political implications of criminalising NGOs**
- Georgia Linardi - *Sea Watch*
  - Pia Klemp - *Solidarity at Sea*
  - Michael Buschheuer - *Sea Eye*
- 16.00 - 16.30 Solidarity Cities and civil society support**
- Francesco Italia - *Mayor of Syracuse*
  - Liza Pflaum - *Seebrücke Germany*
- break*
- 17.00 WITNESSES, LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND CHALLENGES AHEAD**
- in association with LIBE/DROI**
- Pier Antonio Panzeri, DROI Chair, tbc
- 17.10 A dangerous journey in search of a better future - listening to eyewitnesses**
- Filimon Mebrhatom - *Migrant rescued from the Mediterranean*
  - Kathrin Schmidt - *Iuventa ship crew Member*
- 17.30 Rescue at sea - legal framework**
- Eric David - *Professor for International Law at the Université Libre de Bruxelles*
- 17.40 Challenges ahead NGOs activity in the Mediterranean**
- Riccardo Gatti - *Open Arms*
  - Inma Vázquez - *Medicins Sans Frontieres*
  - Regina Catrambone - *MOAS*
- 18.20 Conclusions**
- Claude Moraes - *LIBE Committee Chair*
- 19.00** Dinner at Cafe-Europa (*by invitation only*)  
*Venue: House of European History*