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Sakharov Prize: the procedure to select the winner step by step

From Mandela to Mukwege, the European Parliament has been awarding the Sakharov Prize for the Freedom of Thought every year since 1988, but how does the winner get selected? Check out our infographic to find out how the process works and follow #SakharovPrize on Twitter to find out all the latest news on this year's laureate.

Since 1988 37 exceptional individuals and organisations have been awarded the Sakharov Prize for their efforts to defend human rights and fundamental freedoms. Find out more about them here.

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HOW IS THE SAKHAROV PRIZE WINNER CHOSEN?

2015 The European Parliament awards the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to individuals or organisations who fight for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

JULY

1
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

MIN. 40 MEPS OR 1 POLITICAL GROUP

SEPT.

AFET
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DROI
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

2
ASSESSING NOMINATIONS

DEVE
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

OCT.

3
SHORTLIST

3 FINALISTS VOTED BY AFET AND DEVE COMMITTEES

OCT.

4
PRIZE WINNER
SELECTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS

DEC.

5
PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY
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