

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

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

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

Joint extraordinary meeting DROI/AFET/DEVE

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

- 15.30** Opening address
EP Vice President **Heidi Hautala**
- 15.40** 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** *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
Kamal Chomani, journalist from Erbil/Iraq, resident fellow of the Hamburg
Foundation
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

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

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

11.30 Coffee break

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

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

Concluding remarks: **Fabio Massimo Castaldo**, 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