

Directorate-General for External Policies of the Union
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Sakharov Fellowship 2018

The **3rd edition of the Sakharov Fellowship** gathers 14 Human Rights Defenders for training on EU human rights policies and capacity building in Brussels (4 - 8 June) and in the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation in Venice (9 -16 June). You find here an overview of Sakharov Fellows' profiles, including their country of residence and area of human rights activity.

- **Armenia:** NGO activist. Disability rights and protection of HRDs. Extensive experience in EU dialogue and UN mechanisms.
- **Bolivia:** Head investigator for the Bolivian Observatory of Human Rights. Focus on civic space, freedom of expression, protection of HRDs.
- **Burundi:** NGO activist. Enforced disappearances, political repression in Burundi. Previous work on elections support. Currently exiled in Uganda.
- **Jordan:** HR Lawyer and NGO director. Campaign against impunity for rapist who marry their victims. International Women of Courage Award (2011).
- **Kosovo:** HR journalist. Focus on LGBTI rights. Journalist of the year 2013 (UNDP, UN Women). Involved with EU, currently working for EU Info Centre.
- **Kenya:** Coordinator of local NGO. Focused on police brutality, arbitrary detention, and extrajudicial killings in the slums of Nairobi.
- **Kyrgyzstan:** NGO activist. Focus on civil and political rights, protection from torture, and migrant's rights. Experience in EU-Central Asia relations.
- **Lebanon:** NGO activist. Works in the main organisation in Lebanon promoting LGBTI rights. Works on advocacy, fundraising and capacity-building.
- **Macedonia:** HR Journalist. Focus on media freedom, training journalists and media specialists. Works at a regional level (Western Balkans)
- **Mexico:** NGO activist. Focus on women's rights, environment and climate change. Works on recovery process and security protocols for women defenders.
- **Sudan:** Activist for women's and indigenous peoples' rights. Focus on trainings and workshops for conflict victims in the southern region of Sudan.
- **Thailand:** NGO activist. Provides training and support to political prisoners She is now starting her own NGO. Wide regional network, experience with EU.

- **Turkey:** HR lawyer and activist. Focus on women's rights, extensive legal work. Co-founder of LGBT organisation. Dense network, visited EP (ILGA).

- **Venezuela:** NGO activist. Focus on freedom of expression and government accountability. Expertise in workshops, and social media campaigning.