



**Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG)
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Cooperation Committee**

Why Russia's 2024 presidential "election" matters?

A discussion with the Russian opposition

Brussels, 14 February 2024, 12.30-14.30

Room Spinelli 1E2

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Chaired by Mr Tomas TOBE, DEG Co-Chair

Panel 1: Human rights and the narrowing civil society space in Russia

Moderator:

Andrius KUBILIUS, MEP, European Parliament standing Rapporteur on Russia

Guest Speakers:

Natalia ARNO, President of the Free Russia Foundation

Karinna MOSKALENKO, human rights lawyer

Vadim PROKHOROV, human rights lawyer for political prisoner Vladimir Kara-Murza

Mariana KATZAROVA, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation (remote participation)

Panel 2: What resistance strategies for the Russian opposition under the current political constraints?

Moderator:

Ryszard CZARNECKI, MEP, Chair of the European Parliament Delegation on relations with Russia

Guest Speakers:

Vladimir MILOV, Vice-President of the Free Russia Foundation, former Vice-Minister of Energy of Russia

Leonid VOLKOV, Anti-corruption Foundation and former chief of staff of Alexei Navalny

Sergey BOYKO, elected deputy of Novosibirsk city council, representative of the Russian opposition

Luc DEVIGNE, Deputy Managing Director, Eastern Europe and Central Asia (European External Action Service)