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*Subcommittee on Human Rights*

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**A Spotlight on Human Rights Defenders: Enhancing the Common Agenda for Protection**

**9 December 2024, 15.00-18.00**

Room: SPINELLI (1G3)

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

15.00-15.10 **Welcome remarks by Marta Temido**, 1st Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI)

15.10-15.20 **Opening by Nicolae Ștefănuță**, Vice-President of the European Parliament

15.20-15.30 **High-level addresses**

- *Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (video)*
- *Kaja Kallas, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President-designate of the European Commission (video)*

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**15.30-16.40 Panel discussion: Enhancing political engagement and commitment to HRD's protection**

**Moderation:** Mary Lawlor, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders

Input statement by HRDs reporting from the workshop sessions

**Discussants:**

- Simon Mordue, Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service (EEAS)
- Irena Moozova, Deputy Director-General in charge of International Dimension for Justice Policies, Rule of Law and Equality, European Commission
- Kazimierz Ujazdowski, Head of the Justice Section, Permanent Representation of Poland to the EU
- Tinatin Tsertsvadze, Advocacy Adviser, Open Society European Policy Institute, Human Rights and Democracy Network

**Q&A session**

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## 16.40-17.50 Panel discussion: Strengthening HRDs' protection frameworks

**Moderation:** Petras Auštrevičius, MEP

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**Discussants:**

- Alan Glasgow, Executive Director of Front Line Defenders and Chair of the Board of ProtectDefenders.eu
- Peggy Hicks, Director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, UN Human Rights Office
- Martin Seychell, Deputy Director-General for International Partnerships, European Commission
- Andreas Accardo, Head of Unit for Institutional Cooperation and Networks, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

**Q&A session**

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*17.50-18.00 **Wrap-up and closing by Mounir Satouri, Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI)***