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Human Rights Actions Unit

**30 years of Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought
Brussels 4-5 June 2018**

Draft Programme

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Sunday, 3 June

Arrival of the Sakharov Prize laureates, depending on flights/train
Transfer from the airport/train station to the hotel: Renaissance Brussels Hotel, rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels

Monday, 4 June

Arrival of the Sakharov Prize laureates, depending on flights
Transfer from the airport to the hotel: Renaissance Brussels Hotel, rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels

12.00-12.30 Gathering of the laureates at the hotel lobby for distribution of access badges

12.30 Walk from Hotel Renaissance to the European Parliament

12.45 Protocole welcome
Entrance: ASP, Simone de Veil

13.00 Lunch
Venue: Members private rooms, ASP G0

Sakharov anniversary conference, JAN 6Q2

15.30 Opening addresses
Heidi Hautala, Vice President of the European Parliament
Patricia Gutiérrez, representing the Democratic Opposition in Venezuela, Co-Chair of the Sakharov Prize Network

Joint extraordinary meeting DROI/AFET/DEVE

15.40 Chair: **Pier Antonio Panzeri**, Chair of DROI subcommittee
EU-UN Human Rights achievements in 30 years and challenges ahead - debate with EU SR **Stavros Lambrinidis**, and Deputy UNHCHR **Kate Gilmore**

- 16.30** Chair: **Pier Antonio Panzeri**, Chair of DROI subcommittee
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)
Lolita Chávez, Sakharov Prize finalist 2017 (Guatemala)
- 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
- Walk to Hotel Renaissance
 Transfer by car for some laureates to be foreseen

Tuesday, 5 June

- 9.10** Gathering of laureates at the hotel lobby
- 9.15** Walk from Hotel Renaissance to the European Parliament
Entrance: ASP, Simone de Veil
- 9.30** **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

Key note: **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

13.00 Lunch

Venue: Members private rooms, ASP G0

14.30 Photo-op with **Antonio Tajani**, President of the European Parliament

Possibility for bilateral meetings/interviews

Walk to the Hotel Renaissance

Departure of the laureates depending on flights/train schedule

Transfer to the airport

Wednesday, 6 June

Departure of the laureates depending on flights/ train schedule

Transfer to the airport

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