



Brussels/Vilnius 23rd May 2022

Dear Friends,

Russia's brutal war against Ukraine is on everybody's minds. However, it must neither be forgotten that it already began as early as 2014 nor that it was the crushing of the democratic revolution of Belarus in 2020 by the Lukashenka regime that opened the direct pathway for the Kremlin's aggression against Kyiv. Peace and democracy in Europe's East and all of the continent will only be secured if they are achieved by all – including Belarus. Therefore, we cordially invite you to a side event to the EPP Congress on the topic

Continued struggle for free and democratic Belarus
under new geopolitical realities

On Tuesday, May 31st, 12:45 h – 14:00 h | *exact venue to be announced*

Welcome remarks: **ANTONIO LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ WHITE** - EPP Secretary General

Keynote: **SVIATLANA TSIKHANOUSKAYA** – Leader of Democratic Belarus

Panel Discussion

- **VOLHA KAVALKOVA** – Member of the Presidium of the Coordination Council
- **VITALI RYMASHEVSKI** – Co-Chairman of Belarusian Christian Democracy
- **MIKALAJ KAZLOU** – Chairman of the United Civic Party
- **YURAS HUBAREVICH** – Chairman of the Movement for Freedom
- **DIRK SCHÜBEL** – Head of European Delegation to Minsk

The event will be co-moderated by

- GALINA FOMENCHENKO, EPP Senior Advisor and
- JAKOB WÖLLENSTEIN, Director of KAS Belarus

If possible, please register your interest to info.belarus@kas.de. We are looking forward to seeing you in Rotterdam!

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