

The Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs Alexandr Vondra and the Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the EU Milena Vicenová on behalf of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU

in cooperation with MEPs supporting the Prague Declaration cordially invite you to a Public Hearing in the European Parliament

## "European Conscience and Crimes of Totalitarian Communism: 20 Years After"

which will take place on

**March 18, 2009, 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.**  
European Parliament in Brussels, ASP building, Room No. 3E2  
(translation provided: CZ, EN, DE, FR)

### **Session I (2:30 – 4:30 p.m.): Our Common History: A Common European Platform**

**Chair:** Tunne Kelam, MEP, Estonia

- **Pavel Žáček**, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech Republic
- **Emmanuel Crabit**, European Commission, DG JFS
- **Emanuelis Zingeris**, International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania, Lithuania
- **Marius Oprea**, Institute for the Investigation of the Communist Crimes, Romania
- **Hans Altendorf**, Office of the Federal Commissioner (BStU), Germany
- **Vasil Kadrinov**, Hannah Arendt Center, Bulgaria
- **Nicolas Werth**, Institute for Contemporary History, CNRS, France
- **Camilla Andersson**, Institute for Information on the Crimes of Communism, Sweden

**Debate with:** Alain Blum (FR), Władysław Bułhak (PL), Miklós Kun, Ágnes Gereben and Mária Schmidt (HU), Toomas Hiio (EE), Dainius Zalimas (LT), Vladimir Tismaneanu (RO), Ivaylo Znepolski and Sezgin Myumyun (BG) and many others

*Coffee break (4:30 – 5:00 p.m.)*

### **Session II (5:00 – 6:30 p.m.): How Does Europe Reconcile with its Totalitarian Legacy?**

**Chair:** Jana Hybášková, MEP, Czech Republic

- **Alexandr Vondra**, Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs, Czech Republic
- **Ján Figel**, European Commissioner, DG EAC
- **Alejo Vidal-Quadras**, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Spain
- **Jan Zahradil**, MEP, Czech Republic
- **László Tökés**, MEP, Romania
- **Sandra Kalniete**, former European Commissioner, Latvia

**Debate with:** Vytautas Landsbergis (MEP, LT), József Szájer (MEP, HU), Nickolay Mladenov (MEP, BG), Györgi Schöpflin (MEP, HU), Girts Valdis Kristovskis (MEP, LV), Peter Šťastný (MEP, SK), Wojciech Roszkowski, (MEP, PL); Latchezar Toshev (MP, BG), Martin Mejstřík (former Senator, CZ) and many others

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