

Freedom in the World 2012

Detailed Program

9.45: Registration of Participants

10.00: Welcome Remarks by the EP's Vice-President Edward McMillan Scott and by Freedom House President David Kramer

10.10: **Global Trends in Political Rights and Civil Liberties** (except EU and Eurasia) – Freedom in the World Facts, Figures and Trends, presented by Arch Paddington, Freedom House VP for Research.

10.25: Comments by MEP Ana Gomes (S&D) and MEP Eduard Kukan (EPP).

10.40: Open Discussion (*eventual words from Kristian Schmidt, DEVCO Director for Human and Society Development*)

11.10: **Ratings of Democracy in Europe and Eurasia** - Freedom in the World Facts, Figures and Trends, presented by Freedom House President David Kramer.

11.25: Comments by MEP Edward McMillan Scott (ALDE) and MEP Judith Sargentini (GREENS).

11.40: Open Discussion

12.15: Concluding Remarks by the Rt. Hon. Guy Verhofstadt, former Prime Minister of Belgium and Chair of the ALDE Group.