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SIDE EVENT

Death Penalty in Belarus



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Праваабарончы фонд чалавечых свабод у Беларусі

When

Wednesday 22 June 2016
9 to 11 am

Where

Prøvesalen, Den norske Opera,
Kirsten Flagstads plass, Oslo

Languages

English, Russian

In the framework of the program of the 6th World Congress Against the Death Penalty, the Human Rights Center Viasna (Belarus), FIDH (International Federation for Human Rights) and Norwegian Helsinki Committee organise a side event on the death penalty in Belarus.

Belarus is the only European country which still practices the death penalty. According to the Government of Belarus, the country is slowly moving towards abolishing the death penalty, but the process is "lengthy and complicated". Meanwhile, people get condemned and executed, within a non-transparent and inhuman procedure.

How can the international community, and most notably the European Union, help the abolition process in Belarus?

Speakers:

- Lubov Kovaleva, mother of Vladislav Kovalev, a young man expeditively executed in Belarus under charges of terrorism
- Valiantsin Stefanovich, Human Rights Center Viasna, Belarus
- Andrei Paluda, head of the campaign "Human Rights Defenders against Death Penalty", Belarus
- Elisabeth Edland, Policy officer of the Human Rights Strategy and Policy Implementation Division of the EU European External Action Service (EEAS)

Moderated by Florence Bellivier, FIDH Deputy Secretary General

Closing remarks by Secretary general Bjørn Engesland, Norwegian Helsinki Committee

To take part, sign up to the 6th World Congress Against the Death Penalty Congress.

Registration is obligatory, and gives you access also to the full program of the Congress.

Find the full program here
<http://congres.abolition.fr/en/>

To learn more

Watch Valiantsin Stefanovich in a message on death penalty in Belarus:

"Belarus has the death penalty. On average, it is being applied 2 – 3 times a year"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5g9EF-FP1QxY#action=share>