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 co-operation 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
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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
- Janusz Kurtyka, Institute of National Remembrance, Poland, tbc
- 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), Toomas Hiio (EE), Dainius Zalimas (LT), Ingmars Bisenieks and Sandris Laganovskis (LV), Marius Oprea and Vladimir Tismaneau (RO), Miklós Kun, Ágnes Gereben and Mária Schmidt (HU), 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

Debate with: Vytautus Landsbergsis (MEP, Lithuania), József Szájer (MEP, Hungary), Nickolay Mladenov (MEP, Bulgaria), Györgi Schöpflin (MEP, Hungary), Girts Valdis Kristovskis (MEP, Latvia), Martin Mejstřík (former Senator, Czech Republic) and many others

Please note that if you do not have an accreditation for the European Parliament, we will require the following information to secure your admission: Name, ID number, Place/Country of Residence and Date of birth before Sunday 15 March 2009

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