

Conference Russia, exile and struggle for democracy

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- 09.30 – 09.45 **WELCOME**
Luise Rürup, Resident Representative, Spain and Portugal, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
Carmen Claudín, Associate Senior Researcher, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)
- 09.45 – 10.45 **POLITICAL OPPOSITION IN EXILE: LANDSCAPE AND CHALLENGES**
Chair: **Alexey Yusupov**, Director of the Russia Programme, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
Maria Domańska, Senior Fellow, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Warsaw
Marina Solntseva, Research Associate, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität, Erlangen-Nürnberg
Aleksandra Polivanova, Memorial, Kraków
Discussion among the participants
Q&A with the invited audience
- 10.45 – 11.45 **EXILED DEMOCRATIC FORCES: LESSONS LEARNED FROM OTHER EUROPEAN EXPERIENCES**
Chair: **Carmen Claudín**, Associate Senior Researcher, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)
Mari Paz Balibrea, Professor of Spanish Cultural Studies, Birkbeck University of London
Monika Zgustová, Czech writer and translator, Barcelona
Andrey Makarychev, Professor Regional Political Studies, University of Tartu
Discussion among the participants
Q&A with the invited audience
- 11.45 – 12.00 **Coffee break**
- 12.00 – 13.00 **EUROPEAN AND WESTERN SUPPORT FOR RUSSIAN DEMOCRATIC FORCES ABROAD**
Chair: **Barbara von Ow-Freytag**, Member of the Board, Prague Civil Society Centre
Kadri Liik, Senior Policy Fellow ECFR, London
Alexander Baunov, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Russia Eurasia Center, Berlin
Eleni Vossou, Programme Officer, Foreign Policy Instrument, European Commission, Brussels
Discussion among the participants
Q&A with the invited audience
- 13.00 – 13.15 **CLOSING**
Alexey Yusupov, Director of the Russia Programme, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung