

Invitation
“Letters from the Cuban civil society to the EU”

European Parliament in Brussels,

Venue: Room ASP 5G1

February 4, 2020 - 11:00 – 14.30 (Including lunch)

The strength, security and international recognition of the Cuban independent civil society will be a key factor for a successful transition to democracy in Cuba. In line with this, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on Cuba on November 28 2019, which:

- calls on the EEAS and the Commission to actively support civil society groups and individuals defending human rights in Cuba [and]
- calls on the new VP/HR to report back to Parliament on the actions undertaken so far by the EU Delegation.

In this context MEP José Ramón Bauzá from Renew Europe and Civil Rights Defenders, have invited eight leading Cuban civil society activists to present policies and actions the EU can undertake to support the civil society in the island, and promote democracy and respect for human rights in Cuba, within the framework of the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement, PDCA, with Cuba.

The Cuban policy proposals have been developed through the project “Letters from Cuba to the EU”, organized by Civil Rights Defenders during 2019, within which 30 Cuban organisations and individuals have shared policy proposals, analysis and opinions about the EU cooperation with the Cuban government.

Programme

- 11:00** Introduction by the organisers,
- 11:10** Proposals by Cuban civil society representatives on how the EU can promote democratization
- 12:00** Comments by the EEAS on the proposals from the Cuban civil society
- 12:10** Intervention by the Cuban Embassy
- 12:20** Questions and answers
- 12:30** Lunch. All speakers and attendees are welcome to networking lunch until 14.30h.

Cuban Civil Society participants

- Adolfo Fernandez Saíinz, Former independent journalist and political prisoner
- Amaury Pacheco del Monte, San Isidro Movement
- Cristina Rodriguez Penton, Ministry Woman to Woman
- Kirenia Yalit Núñez Pérez, Democracy activist
- Laritza Diversent, Director of Cubalex
- Manuel Cuesta Morúa, Promotor of Propuesta 2020
- Maydolis Gonzalez, Director of DemoCuba
- Rosa Maria Payá, Promotor of Cuba Decide

Additional participants

- European External Action Service, TBC

Hosts

- José Ramón Bauzá, Member of European Parliament, Renew Europe
- Anders L Pettersson, Executive Director, Civil Rights Defenders

The letters are being published on: <https://crd.org/tag/cartasdecubaeu/>
Copies of the report will be distributed during the event, in both English and Spanish.

Please register in the following [link](#) before the 28th of January.