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**INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE**  
**Conference on Religion and EU External Action**  
**EU GUIDELINES ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF (FORB)**  
**What's Next?**

**Wednesday, 26 April 2017**  
**16:30 – 18:30**  
**Room ASP 3E2, European Parliament, Brussels**

**Draft Programme**

- 16:30 – 16:45 Welcoming & Introduction  
**György Hölvényi MEP**, Co-Chair of the EPP Interreligious Dialogue & Intercultural Activities Service  
**Fr. Olivier Poquillon, O.P.**, General Secretary of COMECE
- 16:45 – 17:00 International Religious Freedom: new challenges  
**Ahmed Shaheed**, UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief
- 17:00 – 17:15 On the implementation of the EU Guidelines on FORB  
**Mercedes García Pérez**, Head of the Human Rights Division of the European External Action Service (EEAS)
- 17:15– 17:30 FORB in third countries and the role of the EU  
**Ján Figel'**, Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion of belief outside the EU
- 17:30 - 17:45 From EU Guidelines to EU Toolkit on FORB: Some Proposals  
**José Luis Bazán**, COMECE Secretariat
- 17:45– 18:00 The role of the European Parliament in the promotion of freedom of religion or belief  
**Mairead McGuinness MEP**, First Vice-President in the European Parliament responsible for Article 17
- 18:00 – 18:20 Q & A Session
- 18:20 – 18:30 Closing remarks  
**Fr. Olivier Poquillon, O.P.**, General Secretary of COMECE  
**Jan Olbrycht MEP**, Co-Chair of the EPP Interreligious Dialogue & Intercultural Activities Service

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