

## EPP GROUP INTERCULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

# Role of Churches in Central Europe: 30 years ago and now

## Round-Table Debate

Moderated by Michaela Šojdrová MEP and Ivan Štefanec MEP

**26 November 2019**

**14:00-16:00 hrs.**

**Room: LOW N 3.4**

*European Parliament, Strasbourg*

### Welcome

**Mairead McGuinness**, First Vice-president of the European Parliament, Responsible for the Parliament's dialogue with churches, religions and non-confessional organisations (Article 17 TFEU)

**Fr. Manuel Enrique Barrios Prieto**, General Secretary, Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the EU (COMECE)

### Interventions

**Jan Olbrycht MEP**, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group and Co-Chair of the EPP Working Group on Intercultural and Religious Dialogue

**Tamás Deutsch MEP**, Head of EPP Group HU Delegation and Founding member of Fidesz

**Kamila Bendová**, Member of Former Czech Catholic Dissent

**P. Josef Suchár**, Catholic Priest, Neratov, Czech Republic

**Sr. Miriam Latáková**, Ordo Sanctae Ursule, Slovakia

**P. Ivan Růžička**, Executive Secretary, Conference of Slovakian Bishops

**Zdenek Wasserbauer**, Auxiliary Bishop of Prague, Czech Republic

**Discussion** *about the role of church and religious freedom in Central Europe 30 years ago in comparison to nowadays situation and challenges*

### Closing remarks

**Michaela Šojdrová MEP and Ivan Štefanec MEP**

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