

Europe for Cuba: New Policy of the EU and its Member States towards Cuba

*A Conference of the International Committee for Democracy in Cuba
Prague House, Palmerston Avenue 16
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Draft Program

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13:30 – 14:00 *Registration of participants*

14:00 – 14:15 *Opening speech*

Jan Koukal, Director of Prague House in Brussels, Czech Republic (TBC)
Luis Alberto Lacalle, former president, ICDC member, Uruguay

14:15 – 14:30 *Opening videogreetings from Cuba*

14:20 – 15:45 *1st panel: Situation on the Island – What are the Results of the Current
EU Policy?*

Moderator: **Igor Blažević**, People in Need, Czech Republic

Speakers: **Carlos Alberto Montaner**, Cuban Liberal Union, Cuba/Spain
Topic: Situation on the Island in the past year

Blanca Reyes, representative of Damas de Blanco, Cuba/Spain
Topic: Damas de Blanco

Arnold Vaatz, MP, ICDC member, Germany
Topic:

Benoit Hervieu, Reporters without Borders, France (TBC)
Topic: Independent press in Cuba

15:45 – 16:15 *Coffee and Snack*

16:15 – 16:45 *Keynote speakers:*

Václav Havel, former president, ICDC member, Czech Republic
Vytautas Landsbergis, former head of state, ICDC member, Lithuania

16:45 – 18:00 *2nd panel: Recommendations for New Approach*

Moderator: **Milan Nič**, Pontis Foundation, Slovakia

Speakers: **Edward McMillan-Scott**, Vice-president of the EP, ICDC member, United

Kingdom

Topic: European Parliament Recommendations to Council of EU

Cecilia Malmström, MEP, ICDC member, Sweden

Topic:

Josef Jařab, Senator, Czech Republic

Topic:

Nicolas Pascual de la Parte, Policy Unit of Council of EU, Spain

Topic: An EU Policy towards Cuba

Jiří Knitl, People in Need, Czech Republic

Topic: Results of the Prague Meeting – recommendations of the European NGOs working in Cuba

18:00 – 18:30 **Closing remarks**

Speaker: **TBC**

Working languages of the conference: Czech, English, Spanish

