



# FREE INFORMATION, STRONG DEMOCRACY



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15:00 - 18:00



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## 15:00 Welcoming remarks

**IRATXE GARCÍA-PEREZ** - President of the S&D Group

**ANA CATARINA MENDES** - S&D Vice-President

## 15:15 The imperative of Media freedom in Europe

Moderated by **SANDRO RUOTOLO** - S&D CULT Member

**RICARDO GUTIÉRREZ** - Secretary General, European Federation of Journalists

**SIGFRIDO RANUCCI** - Italian Journalist

**THIBAUT BRUTTIN** - Director General, Reporters without Borders (RSF)

**OTMAR LAHODYNSKY** - Honorary President of the Association of European Journalists (AEJ)

## 16:30 Challenges for youth in the age of online disinformation and foreign interference

Moderated by **HANNES HEIDE** - S&D CULT Coordinator

**JAKUB ŚLIŹ** - Founder and President of the Pravda Association

**SIRKKU KOTILAINEN** - Professor at University of Tampere

**RAFFAELE SAVONARDO** - Professor, Department of Social Sciences University of Naples

## 17:45 Wrap-up and concluding remarks

**ANNA HEROLD** - Head of Unit, Audiovisual and Media Policy, DG CNECT, European Commission

**SANDRO RUOTOLO** - S&D CULT Member

**HANNES HEIDE** - S&D CULT Coordinator