

## Article 17 TFEU

Dialogue with Churches, Religions, Philosophical and Non-Confessional organisations

# Discrimination and Persecution of Non-believers around the world



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**#religiousdialogue**

**Wednesday 11 April 2018**

15:00 > 18:00 @ PHS 5B01

Hosted by :

**Antonio Tajani**  
President of the  
European Parliament

**Mairead McGuinness**  
Vice-President for Dialogue  
with Religions and Non-Confessional Organisations



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**Introductory remarks**

- 15:00 - 15:20 Mairead McGuinness**  
First Vice-President of the European Parliament,  
Responsible for the Parliament's implementation of Article 17 TFEU
- Ján Figel'**  
Special Envoy for the Promotion of Freedom of Religion and  
Belief outside the EU
- 15:20 - 15:40 Questions and Answers:** General discussion

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**Panel 1: The legal situation regarding non-believers around the world**

- Chair **Pier Antonio Panzeri, MEP**  
Chair of EP Sub-Committee on Human Rights
- 15:40 - 16:20 Gary McLelland**  
Chief Executive, International Humanist & Ethical Union
- Marie-Thérèse Besson**  
Grande Master, Women's Grand Lodge of France
- Keith Porteous Wood**  
President, National Secular Society, UK
- Ana Gomes, MEP**  
EP Sub-Committee on Human Rights
- 16:20 - 16:45 Questions and Answers:** General discussion

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**Panel 2: Apostasy and anti-conversion laws - regional perspectives**

- Chair **Jean Lambert, MEP**  
Chair, European Parliament's South Asia Delegation
- 16:45 - 17:25 Giulio Ercolessi**  
President, European Humanist Federation
- Guy Haarscher**  
Professor, Legal and Political Philosophy, Université libre de Bruxelles
- Anabela Valente**  
Adjunct Grand Master of de Grand Feminine Lodge of Portugal
- 17:25 - 17:50 Questions and Answers:** General discussion

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**Concluding remarks**

- 17:50 - 18:00 Mairead McGuinness**  
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**Reception**

- 18:00 Reception** - 5th floor, Paul-Henri Spaak Building (PHS 5)