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## Hearing: Ruslan Kotsaba – Ukrainian prisoner of conscience

### Organised by EFA MEP Tatjana Ždanoka

A hearing to consider the case of imprisoned Ukrainian journalist and blogger Ruslan Kotsaba will take place in the European Parliament on Tuesday 26 January from 14:00 to 15:30 in room ASP 5E1, organised by Latvian MEP **Tatjana Ždanoka**.

The Ukrainian journalist, blogger and Maidan activist Ruslan Kotsaba is being prosecuted for "Betrayal of the Motherland" because of his reports on the conflict in the Donbass area.

**RUSLAN KOTSABA**  
**PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE**  
**IN UKRAINE**

Tuesday, January 26, 14:00 - 15:30  
ASP5E1



Hosted by Tatjana Zdanoka, MEP, Greens/EFA

**Speakers**  
Tetiana Montian (Ukraine), legal representative of Ruslan Kotsaba  
Denis Krivosheev, regional deputy programme director (ECA) of the  
*Amnesty International*  
Adrien Collin, project officer at the *International Federation of Journalists*

He has also made a public appeal against conscription. Kotsaba was arrested in Ukraine in February 2015, and his pre-trial imprisonment is regularly prolonged.

Two days after his arrest, on 9 February 2015, Amnesty International called upon the Ukrainian Government to free the journalist and described Kotsaba as a prisoner of conscience.

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- Ms Katherine Morris, head of Europe and Central Asia of Article 19

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