

**Freedom of expression online -
Interplay for Human Rights and ICT**

Public Hearing
Time: 15.00-18.30
5th of May, Thursday
Place: A1G3

Program

14.45-15.00

Gathering and welcoming

15.00-16.30

1st panel - Current issues

Introductory remarks – **Jan Philipp Albrecht & Eva Lichtenberger**

Chair - MEP Heidi Hautala

1. Access to internet – Council of Europe representative - **Jörg Polakiewicz**, Head of the Human Rights Development Department in the Council of Europe
2. Surveillance technology vis à vis freedom of expression – **Erich Möchel**, investigative journalist, orf.at, Vienna
3. North-African recent internet experience - **Rafik Dammak**, Internet freedom activist and blogger, Tunisia
4. Free trade and business and global digital market - **Caroline DeCock**, N-square consulting

Lisa Horner (Head of Research and Policy, Global Partners and Associates, UK and author of the DROI policy paper on Information and communication technologies and human rights¹) **will resume and summarize each panel after the speakers.**

16.30-16.45

Small break, sandwiches and drinks provided

16.45-18.15

2nd panel - solutions

Chair Eva Lichtenberger

1. Providing internet services - **Petter Ericson**, Telecomix
2. Need for EU or wider regulation - **Mr Gerard de Graaf**, Director of Information Society and Media Directorate General, European Commission
3. Role of internet intermediaries and governmental relations - **Susan Morgan**, Global Network Initiative
4. Icelandic Modern Media Initiative- **Smari McCarthy**, Research Director of the Icelandic Modern Media Institute

18.15-18.30

Final remarks by Ms Lisa Hohner and chair MEP Lichtenberger

¹ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/committees/studies.do?language=EN>