

INVITATION
Commemoration of mass Soviet deportations in Central and Eastern Europe

15 June 2021 | 15:00-19:00
Solidarity Square in front of the European Parliament

80 years ago, on 14 June 1941, the first wave of mass deportations swept across Soviet-occupied Baltic states. It left behind millions of broken destinies and thousands of deaths throughout the Soviet Union and its satellite states.

To mark the 80th anniversary, we invite you to jointly commemorate mass Soviet deportations from Central and Eastern Europe on 15 June at **15:00-19:00**, in the **Solidarity square in Brussels**.

At the event, we will remember those who were forcefully deported by the Soviet regime by reading the names of the deportees from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Ukraine and Moldova. We will not be able to read the names of all the deportees as this event will be a symbolic act of collective memory. The names that we will read will be selected randomly to represent different waves of deportation.

We cordially invite members of the Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian, Polish, Ukrainian and Moldovan diasporas to **join us in reading the names of deportees** and encourage you to invite friends, family and colleagues to join us regardless of their country of origin.

You can participate in two ways. You may:

1. Complete the advance registration form below and come to the Solidarity Square to read the names for several minutes at your selected time slot;
2. Come to the Solidarity square, and stay with us at this symbolic commemoration any time on 15 June between 15:00 and 19:00.

You are welcome to stay, take pictures and share the information about this event on social media (#RememberTheirNames). Please be mindful of several restrictions on the location: it is not allowed to film/ photograph the door of the European Parliament or to use drones. We must also comply with the current COVID-19 measures in Brussels.

To register to read the names, fill out the form here: <https://forms.gle/iK98QxUSxgWkNSZdA>.

Please be mindful of a few considerations:

1. **TIME:** We will ask you to select a 15 minute timeslot, during which you will be invited to read the names at the tribune for 2-5 minutes. We will ask you to come 10 minutes before your time and be ready to stay a little bit longer. If impossible, please indicate in the comments.
2. **LANGUAGE:** We want everyone to be comfortable pronouncing the names. Therefore, we will ask you to indicate which language/ country names you are comfortable to read. We cannot guarantee that you will get the list from your selected country, but we will do our best.
3. **MANAGING THE FLOW:** If you have any flexibility in your schedule, please choose the timeslot, in which there are fewer persons registered and/or able to read the names in the language that you can read. You can see the registration statistics in the [registration table](#). The indicative limit is 8 persons for each 15 minute slot.
4. **PERSONAL DATA:** We will ask for your e-mail addresses. They will only be used to send the final information package and updates before the event; they will not be stored afterwards.

If you have any questions, please contact the organizers at julija.ravaityte@europarl.europa.eu

The commemoration is jointly organized by MEP Rasa Juknevičienė together with the members of an informal European Parliament group on European Remembrance, Platform of European Memory and Conscience (PEMC), Lithuanian Embassy in Belgium and Permanent Representation of Lithuania to the

European Union, Latvian, Estonian, Polish, Ukrainian and Moldovan Embassies and/or local communities in Brussels.