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The ceremony will take place on Wednesday 16 December, at noon.

Journalists can express their interest in conducting an **online** interview with representatives of the Belarusian democratic opposition expected to be present at the ceremony, including Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, by sending an email to:

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by Monday 7 December at 12.00 CET at the latest.

Please note that making a request **does not guarantee you an interview**. You will receive **confirmation of whether you have an interview slot only on Friday 11 December, not earlier**. Ms Tsikhanouskaya speaks English, Russian and Belarusian.

Interviews slots are foreseen for Tuesday 15 December and Wednesday 16 December. Journalists who wish to have interpretation must inform the EP Press Service in advance if they need such assistance.

The democratic opposition in Belarus, 2020 Sakharov Prize laureates

The democratic opposition in Belarus are this year's Sakharov Prize laureates, following a decision by European Parliament President David Sassoli and the political groups' leaders [on 22 October](#). The opposition is represented by the Coordination Council, an initiative of brave women, as well as prominent political and civil society figures.

Precautionary measures due to COVID-19

Due to the exceptional circumstances linked to the COVID-19 pandemic and the precautionary measures and travel restrictions that this entails, please be aware that the availability of individual laureates, language combinations and interpretation, other technical details and the scheduling and length of interview slots, will be communicated individually to journalists after they have made a request.