

European Filmmakers' Appeal to
SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF BELARUS

Belarus's peaceful demonstrations in defense of free, unadulterated elections are being bloodily suppressed by the authorities. People are getting killed, and thousands are being arrested, repressed, and imprisoned. Amongst them are our colleagues, including filmmakers and journalists, who are bravely documenting these dramatic events.

We, European filmmakers, demand from the Belarusian authorities to immediately cease the violence, to respect the freedom of choice of the Belarusian people, and to release at once all detainees.

We demand to fulfill the wishes of the Belarusian people: the release of all political prisoners; the resignation of president Lukashenka, and the holding of free and fair elections.

We demand from all European authorities and governments to take decisive action to persuade the Belarusian authorities to implement the above measures and to support the Belarusian people fighting for human rights.

On the fortieth anniversary of the foundation of the Polish Solidarity movement, which changed the face of Europe and triggered the liberation of the Eastern Bloc from totalitarian regimes, we call on Europe to show solidarity with Belarusians.

Accademia del Cinema Italiano - Premi David di Donatello

Czech Film and Television Academy

DaKino Film Festival

DFP - Deutsches Filminstitut & Filmmuseum

Directors' Guild of Poland

European Film Academy

European Producers Club

FERA I Federation of European Film Directors

goEast – Festival des mittel- und osteuropäischen Films

Haifa International Film Festival

Icelandic Film- & TV Academy

Krakov Film Festival

Polish Film Academy

Polish Screenwriters' Guild

SCANORAMA European Film Forum

ScripTeast Master Scriptwriters Training

Slovak Film and Television Academy

Sofia International Film Festival

Swiss Film Academy

The Polish Producers Alliance (KIPA)

Ukrainian Film Academy

Warsaw Film Festival