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film screening and discussion

"The other Chelsea - A Story from Donetsk"

1st February, 17.00-19.30, ASP 01 G3

Since the 2004 Orange Revolution, Ukraine has experienced a profound transformation, both internally as well as in the relations with its two biggest neighbours: the European Union and Russia. With the Presidential elections in February 2010 and Victor Yanukovich's success, Ukraine has taken another direction. Ukraine has again come into the focus of the international attention, especially since the trials against Yulia Tymoshenko and other opposition politicians. The association agreement with the European Union, which was due to be signed by the end of last year, has come to a halt.

But life in Ukraine is more than politics. With the film "The other Chelsea - A story from Donetsk", an unconventional perspective on Ukraine is taken: the entanglement between football, business and politics.

About the movie:

Donetsk is the coal-mining area of Ukraine. Here most people work for low wages in the run down mines, while others make a lot of money. No matter which side of the social divide you are on, coming from Donetsk you will almost certainly be an opponent of the Orange Revolution and a fan of the local football team, Shakhtar Donetsk. Billionaire Akhmetov invests heavily in the club, which is becoming a major European force during the season followed by the film. Yet this sporting success funded by an Oligarch fortune only seems to highlight the wider social and political stagnation of the region. Off the pitch, the outlook appears bleak...

Programm:

17.00 Welcome by Rebecca Harms, Co-President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament

17.15 Screening "The other Chelsea - A story from Donetsk"

18.45 Panel Discussion with

- Jakob Preuss, Director of "The other Chelsea - A story from Donetsk"
- Olga Shumylo-Tapiola, Research Visiting Scholar at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Brussels

19.30 Cocktail Reception

Hosted by

Rebecca Harms, Co-President, Greens/EFA

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