



**17th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
"THE EUROPEAN UNION, TURKEY, THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE KURDS"**

Brussels, European Parliament
Wednesday 8th March – 15.30 – 18.30
Thursday 9th of March - 09.30 – 18.30

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Wednesday, 8 March 2023, 15.30-16.00

OPENING SESSION, Room SPAAK 05B01

Interpretation in
Kurdish, Turkish, French, English, German

Opening Speeches and Greetings

- Ms. Kariane Westrheim, Chair of EUTCC, University of Bergen, Norway
- Ms. Dersim Dagdeviren, Kurd-Akad, EUTCC Board Member, Germany
- Mr. François Alfonsi, MEP, Greens/European Free Alliance (Greens/EFA), France

Wednesday, 8 March 2023, 16.00-17.30

Panel I – Room SPAAK 05B01

100 Years Republic of Turkey: Continuations, Contradictions and Change

Moderator: Ms. Amberin Zaman, Senior Correspondent, UK

Interpretation in
Kurdish, Turkish, French, English, German

Elections in Turkey: New Start versus Continuity

- Ms. Meral Daniş Beştaş, HDP Group Deputy Chair, Turkey

100 Years of Turkish Republic and Treaty of Lausanne: Historical Continuations and Present Realities

- Mr. Baskın Oran, Historian, Turkey

European Perspectives on Turkey

- Ms. Evin Incir, MEP, Socialists and Democrats (S&D), Member of The EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee, Sweden

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

Wednesday, 8 March 2023, 17.30-18.30

Panel II – Room SPAAK 05B01

The Causa İmralı and European Institutions: Law, Obligations and Deficits

Moderator: Ms. Barbara Spinelli, ELDH Co-Chair, Italy

Interpretation in
Kurdish, Turkish, French, English, German

The Imprisonment Conditions of Abdullah Öcalan: From an Individual Case to Lawlessness of Whole Turkey

- Ms. Raziye Öztürk, Asrın Law Office, Turkey

Preventing Torture: Limits and Obligations

- Mr. Giuliano Pisapia, MEP, Socialists and Democrats (S&D), Italy *tbc*

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

Thursday, 9 March 2023, 09.30-10.30

Panel III – Room SPAAK 05B01

The Autonomous Administration of Northern and Eastern Syria: In the Crossfire of Interests

Moderator: Ms. Ezo Özer, Journalist, Germany

Interpretation in
Kurdish, Turkish, French, English, German

Interview with

- Ms. Ilham Ahmad, Co-Chair of the Executive Committee of Syrian Democratic Council, Syria
- Mr. Andreas Schieder, MEP, Socialists and Democrats (S&D), Austria

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

Thursday, 9 March 2023, 10.30-11.15

Panel IV – Room SPAAK 05B01

Turkey, the Kurds and the Middle East: Continuations and Challenges

Moderator: Mr. Joost Jongerden, EUTCC Board Member, University of Wageningen, Netherlands

Interpretation in
Kurdish, Turkish, French, English, German

War crimes in Kurdistan: From Halabja to Today

- Mr. Salar Mahmoud, Head of Kurdistan Genocide Writers Union, Iraq

The Alleged Use of Chemical Weapons by Turkey: Questions and Options

- Mr. Jan van Aken, Biologist, Member of Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War's (IPPNW) Scientific Advisory Board, Germany

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

Thursday, 9 March 2023, 11.15-12.15

Panel IV – Room SPAAK 05B01

In the Shadow of the Ukraine War – Chaos in the Middle East

Moderator: Mr. Michael Gunter, Tennessee Technological University, EUTCC Secretary General, US

Interpretation in
Kurdish, Turkish, French, English, German

Turkey's New War: Drones and Deals

- Mr. Georges Henri Beauthier, Lawyer, Belgium

Turkey's Crimes Against Humanity: Eocide, Femicide, Genocide

- Ms. Bedia Özgökçe, former HDP MP and Mayor of Van, Turkey

Turkey and the NATO Accession of Finland and Sweden

- Mr. Pierre Schori, politician and former diplomat, former International Secretary for the Social Democratic Party & close assistant to former PM Olof Palme, Sweden *tbc*

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

Thursday, 9 March 2023, 12.15-13.00

Panel VI – Room SPAAK 05B01

The European Union, Turkey and the Kurds: Challenges and Recommendations

Moderator: Ms. Kariane Westrheim, Chair of EUTCC, University of Bergen, Norway

Interpretation in
Kurdish, Turkish, French, English, German

- Mr. Sergey Lagodinsky, Greens/EFA Member of The EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee, Germany *tbc*
- Mr. Frank Schwabe, Chair of the Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Germany *tbc*

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

Thursday, 9 March 2023, 15.00-16:45

Panel VI – Room SPAAK 05B01

The EU and the Kurds: Expectations and Options

Moderator: Ms. Berivan Aymaz, Vice-President of the NRW State Parliament, Germany *tbc*

Interpretation in
Kurdish, Turkish, French, English, German

Kurdish Expectations of Europe

- Ms. Nilüfer Koc, Kurdistan National Congress Foreign Affairs Spokesperson, Belgium

De-Listing: Lifting Political Barriers

- Ms. Besra Güler, Association for Democracy and International Law (Maf-Dad), Germany

The December 23 Attack in Paris: Many Questions – Less Answers

- Ms. Berivan Firat, Democratic Council of Kurds in French Foreign Relations Committee, France

Europe and the Kurdish Question: Contradictions and Options

- Mr. Nikolaj Villumsen, MEP, Vice-Chair The Left, Denmark

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

Thursday, 9 March 2023, 16:45-17.45

Panel VIII – Room SPAAK 05B01

Women Waving Future: Obstacles and Opportunities

Moderator: Ms. Nese Özgen, Antropologist, Germany

Interpretation in
Kurdish, Turkish, French, English, German

Jin – Jiyan – Azadî: A paradigm for freedom

- Ms. Maryam Fethi, East Kurdistan Free Women Society, Spain

Living International Solidarity – Creating Women Alliances

- Ms. Düzen Tekkal, Journalist, Germany

Building Bridges in Politics: United Against Patriarchy and Repression

- Ms. Ana Miranda, MEP, Greens/EFA, Spain

Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers

Thursday, 9 March 2023, 17.45-18.30

Closing Session – Room SPAAK 05B01

Conclusions, Recommendations and Final Resolution

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