

TURKEY AND THE EUROPEAN UNION: REASONS FOR A HISTORIC CHOICE



International Conference, 6 and 7 December 2004 **EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (PHS 1A002), Brussels**

Draft Program

Monday, 6 December 2004

09:00 – 13:00 Arrival of participants
14:00 - 15:00 Registration of participants and coffee at the conference venue

Opening Session

15:00 - 15:30 *Welcome Address*
Graham Watson (*President of the ALDE Group at the EP*)

Introductory remarks
Emma Bonino (*Member of the European Parliament*)

15:30 – 17:00 **First Panel**
Constitutional and legislative reforms in Turkey

Chair: Véronique De Keyser (*Member of the European Parliament*)

Keynote speakers: Andrew Duff (*MEP, Vice Chairman of the EP Delegation to EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee*)
Saadet Arikan (*Director General for International Relations at the Ministry of Justice*)

Speakers: Nazan Moroğlu (*Istanbul Bar Association*)
Jonathan Sugden (*Human Rights Watch*)
Hon Ersin Arýođlu (*Member of the Grand National Assembly*)
David Barchard (*Turkish Area Studies Specialist*)

Discussion

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17:00-18:30

Second Panel
Is Turkey a 'European State' according to history and culture?

Chair: Cem Özdemir (*Member of the European Parliament*)

Keynote Speaker: İlber Ortaylı (*Ankara University – Ottoman History*)
Marco Pannella (*Member of the European Parliament*)

Speakers: Mehmet Altan (*Professor at the Istanbul University*)
Ayse Kulin (*Novelist*)
Emre Kongar (*Professor at the Yıldız Technical University*)
Mehmet Ali Bayar (*True Path Party-DYP*)
Stephanos Yerasimos (*Professor and Historian, University of Paris VIII*)

Discussion

18:30 – 19:00

Opening of a special exhibition of photographer Manuel Çitak

19:00 – 20:00

Piano Concerto, performed by Ufuk Dördüncü and Bahar Dördüncü
(*Espace Yehudi Menuhin, EP*)

Tuesday, 7 December 2004

09:00 - 10:15

Third Panel
The importance of Turkey's accession from a political and geo-strategic perspective

Chair: Edward McMillan-Scott (*Vice President of the European Parliament*)
Daniel Cohn-Bendit (*President of the Greens/European Free Alliance Group at the EP*)

Keynote speaker: Mehmet Dulger (*Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Grand National Assembly*)
Özdem Sanberk (*former Undersecretary of the MFA, former Ambassador to the EU*)

Speakers: Mehmet Ali Birand (*Journalist, CNN*)
Michael Emerson (*Centre for European Policy Studies*)
Cengiz Çandar (*Journalist, Tercüman*)
Gerald Knaus (*Director, ESI*)
Thanos Dokos (*Director of Studies, ELIAMEP*)

Discussion





10:15 - 11:30

Fourth Panel

The importance of Turkey's accession from an economic perspective

Chair:

João De Deus Pinheiro (*Member of the European Parliament*)

Geoffrey Van Orden (*Member of the European Parliament*)

Keynote speakers:

Muzaffer Akpınar (*CEO, Turkcell*)

Daniel Gros (*Director, Centre for European Policy Studies*)

Speakers:

Tuğrul Kutadgobilik (*Chairman, MESS*)

Imregul Gencer (*Board Member, Global Investment Holding*)

Davut Ökütçü (*President, IKV*)

Emre Alkin (*Secretary-General, Turkish Exporters' Assembly*)

Ismet Berkan (*Chief Editor, Radikal Newspaper*)

Discussion

11:30 - 12:30

Conclusions

Pierre Mirel (*Director in charge of Turkey, DG Enlargement, European Commission*)

Johannes Swoboda (*Vice-Chairman, European Socialists Group*)

Aydin Dumanoglu (*Chairman of the Turkish Delegation to EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee*)

Joost Lagendijk (*Chairman of the EP Delegation to EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee*)

Mehmet Aydin (*Minister of State, Professor of Religious Studies*)

Josep Borrell Fontelles (*President of the European Parliament*)

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