



19th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
"THE EUROPEAN UNION, TURKEY, THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE KURDS"

Brussels, European Parliament  
Wednesday 26th March 2025 17.00 - 20.00  
Thursday 27th March 2023 - 09.30 - 18.30

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**- Wednesday 26th March 2025, 15.30 - 16.30**

**- Thursday 27th March 2025, 08.00 - 08.30**

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**Wednesday, 26th March, 17.00-18.00**

OPENING SESSION, Room SPAAK 04B01

Interpretation in  
English, Farsi and Turkish (with possibility to speak French and Kurdish)

**Opening Speeches and Greetings**

- Ms. Kariane Westrheim, Chair of EUTCC, University of Bergen, Norway
- Mr. Andreas Schieder, MEP, Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, Austria
- Ms. Jody Williams, Nobel Laureate, US
- Ms. Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Laureate, UK

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 18.00-20:00

Panel I – Room SPAAK 04B01

**The Middle East in Turmoil: Interactions and Challenges**

**Moderator:** Mr. Cahit Mervan, journalist, Belgium

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English, Farsi and Turkish (with possibility to speak in French and Kurdish)

**Keynote Speech**

- Ms. Ilham Ehmed, Democratic Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria Foreign Relations Representative, Syria

**Panel debate:**

- Mr. Michael Gunter, EUTCC Secretary General, Tennessee Technological University, US (online)
- Ms. Czarina Golda S. Musni, Human Rights Lawyer, Phillipines
- Mr. Ali Duran Topuz, journalist, Turkey
- Ms. Hannah Neumann, MEP, The Greens/EFA, Spain
- Mr. Vladimir Prebilic, MEP, The Greens/EFA, Slovenia
- Ms. Melissa Camara, MEP, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair of the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee, The Greens/EFA, France
- Mr. Thijs Reuten, MEP, Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, Netherlands
- Mr. Pernando Barrena, MEP, The Left, Spain

**Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers**

**Thursday, 27th March 2025, 09.30-11.00**

Panel II – Room SPINELLI 1G2

**A New Chapter in Turkey: Obstacles and Opportunities for Peace and Reconciliation**

**Moderator:** Ms. Dersim Dagdeviren, EUTCC board member, Kurd-Akad, Germany

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English, French, German, Italy, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish (with possibility to speak in Kurdish)

- Mr. Tuncer Bakirhan, DEM Party MP, member of the Imrali delegation, Turkey
- Mr. Cengiz Yürekli, Asrin Law Office, Turkey

**Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers**

**Thursday, 27th March 2025, 11.00-13.00**

Panel III – Room SPINELLI 1G2

**Turkey in the New World Order**

**Moderator:** Ms. Latife Akyüz, Europa University Viadrina, Germany

Interpretation in

English, French, German, Italy, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish (with possibility to speak in Kurdish)

- Mr. Sezgin Tanrikulu, CHP MP, Turkey (online)
- Mr. Ferda Cetin, journalist, Belgium
- Mr. Hüseyin Cicek, University of Vienna, Austria
- Mr. Joost Jongerden, Wageningen University, Netherlands

**Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers**

**Thursday, 27th March 2025, 15:00-16:30**

Panel IV – Room SPINELLI 1G2

**The European Union, the Kurds and Turkey in the Context of Progress and Democracy**

**Moderator:** Ms. Arzu Yilmaz, University of Kurdistan Hewler, Kurdistan Region of Iraq

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English, French, German, Italy, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish (with possibility to speak in Kurdish)

- Ms. Meral Danis-Bestas, DEM Party MP, Turkey
- Ms. Evin Incir, MEP, Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, Sweden
- Mr. Jonas Sjöstedt, MEP, The Left, Sweden
- Ms. Li Anderson, MEP, The Left, Finland
- Mr. Per Clausen, MEP, The Left, Denmark
- Ms. Leila Chaibi, MEP, The Left, France
- Mr. Leoluca Orlando, MEP, The Greens/EFA, Italy **tbc**

**Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers**

**Thursday, 27th March 2025, 16.30-18:00**

Panel V – Room SPINELLI 1G2

**Promoting Democracy – Shaping the Future**

**Moderator:** Ms. Christine Löw, University of Gießen, Germany **tbc**

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English, French, German, Italy, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish (with possibility to speak in Kurdish)

- Ms. Shilan Fuad Hussain, Institute of Domestic Violence, Religion & Migration, UK
- Ms. Nilüfer Koc, Kurdistan National Congress Foreign Relations Spokesperson, Belgium

**Questions and Discussion with Moderators and Speakers**

**Thursday, 27 March 2025, 18.00-18.30**

Closing Session – Room SPINELLI 1G2

**Conclusions, Recommendations and Final Resolution**

Board of EUTCC

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