

11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

**“THE EUROPEAN UNION, TURKEY, THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE KURDS”**

**“CHAOS AND CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST:**

**NEW REGIONAL ORDER AND THE KURDS”**

**Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th of December 2014 - Room ASP 1G2**

**European Parliament, Brussels (B)**

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**- Wednesday 10th of December 2014, from 14h00 until 16h00**

**- Thursday 11th of December 2014, from 08h30 until 10h00**

**- Thursday 11th of December 2014, from 14h30 until 15h30**

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| Wednesday, 10th December 2014, 15.00-16.00 **Opening Session, Room ASP 1G2** |

* **Prof. Kariane WESTRHEIM**, Chairwoman of the EU-Turkey Civic Commission,

University of Bergen, Norway

* **MEP Gaby ZIMMER**, Chairwoman of the European United Left - Nordic Green

Left Group (GUE/NGL) in the European Parliament

* **Adem UZUN,** Executive Member of the Kurdistan National Congress (KNK)

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| Wednesday, 10th December 2014, 16.00-18.30 **Panel I, Room ASP 1G2**  **Strengthen the Turkish-Kurdish Peace Process:**  **A New Chance for Turkey and the Region**  Moderators:  **Judge Essa MOOSA**, International Peace and Reconciliation Initiative (IPRI), South Africa  **Dersim DAGDEVIREN**, President of KURD-AKAD, Germany |

* The Road Map for Real Negotiations

**Prof Dr. Hans-Joachim GIESMANN,** Director of Berghof Foundation,Germany

* The Role of Abdullah Ocalan in the Peace Process

**MP Pervin BULDAN,** Group-spokeswoman of HDP in the Turkish Parliament, Turkey

* The EU Policy Towards the Kurds in Europe

Member of the European Parliament (name TBC)

* The Peace Process and Turkish Civil Society

**Huseyin YAYMAN,** Journalist, Turkey

* New Developments in the Region and the Peace Process

**Arzu YILMAZ,** PhD, Ankara University, Turkey

* EU Contribution and Obstacles for the Solution of the Kurdish Issue - Delisting the PKK from the Anti-terror List

**Marieke van EIK,** Lawyer, Prakken d’Oliveira, The Netherlands

Questions and discussion with moderators & discussants

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| Thursday, 11th December 2014, 09.30 - 13.00 **Panel II, Room ASP 1G2**  **What are the Alternatives to the Chaos in the Middle East?**  **Security, Stability and Welfare in the Region**  Moderators:  **Prof. Michael GUNTER,** EUTCC Secretary General, United States  **Osman KAVALA,** Civil Society Activist, Turkey |

* The Iraqi Crisis, ISIS and the Kurdistan Region

**Prof. Abbas VALI,** Bogazici University -Turkey

* Suraqiland and the Shifting Paradigms in the Middle East

**Prof. Ofra BENGIO,** Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University, Israel

* West-Kurdistan, ISIS and the Assad Regime

**Bahar SIMSEK,** PhD candidate Ankara University, Turkey

* The Kurdish Multi-Ethnic and Sectarian Solutions

**Salih MUSLIM,** Co-President of PYD, Rojava-Syria

* Possible Contributions of the EU for Peace, Stability and Securityin the Middle East

**Fréderike GEERDINK,** Journalist, The Netherlands

* The EU Policy in the Middle East and Kurdistan

**MEP Bodil CEBALLOS,** Greens/European Free Alliance Group in the E.P.

Questions and discussion with moderators & discussants

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| Thursday, 11th December 2014, 15.00 - 17.30 **Panel III, Room ASP 1G2**  **Responsibilities for Resolving the Crisis in the Middle East**  **Moderators:**  **Jürgen KLUTE,** former GUE/NGL MEP, Germany  **Asli AYDINTASBAS,** Journalist, Turkey |

@ 15h00 – SPECIAL OPENING REMARKS

**Archbishop Emeritus Desmond TUTU**

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Honorary Elder (founding member and chair of the Elders 2007-13); a veteran anti-apartheid activist and peace campaigner widely regarded as ‘South Africa’s moral conscience’, South Africa

* The EU-Turkey Relationship and Kurdish Issue

**Dr. Phil. Günter SEUFERT,** SWP Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Germany

* The Paris Murders of Sakine Cansiz, Fidan Dogan, and Leyla Saylemez: Two Years Later

**Me Antoine COMTE**, Lawyer, France

* Radical Islam in the Middle-East

**Sirin PAYZIN,** Journalist, Turkey

* Women’s Perspectives for the Solution of Crisis

**Gonul KAYA,** Kurdish Women Movement Representative

* The Expectations and Plights of the West

**Dr. Michael RUBIN,** American Enterprise Institute, United States

* Kurdish Contribution to a New Democratic Turkey based on Unity of Diversities

**MP Selahattin DEMIRTAS**, Co-President of HDP, Turkey

Questions and discussion with moderators & discussants

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| Thursday, 11th December 2014, 17.30 - 18.30 **Resolution & Final Remarks, Room ASP 1G2**  **EUTCC Board Members**  **Francis WURTZ,** Former President of GUE/NGL Group in EP, France  **MP Nazmi GUR**, Vice President of the HDP, Turkey |