

11<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
**“THE EUROPEAN UNION, TURKEY, THE MIDDLE EAST  
AND THE KURDS”**

**“THE CHAOS and CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST:  
NEW REGIONAL ORDER AND THE KURDS”**

**European Parliament, Brussels, 10th & 11th of December 2014 Room: ASP Room .....**

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**10. Dec. 2014**

OPENING SESSION: 15.00 – 16.00

- Prof. **Kariane WESTRHEIM**, EUTCC Chairwomen, Norway
- Archbishop Emeritus **Desmond TUTU**, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (1984), South Africa
- EP Presidency
- EU Presidency
- Ms. **Gabriele ZIMMER**, MEP, Chairwomen of Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL)
- EP Group Chairs
- KNK Representative

SESSION I: 16.00 – 18.00:

**Strengthen the Turkish-Kurdish Peace Process -  
A New Chance for Turkey and the Region?**

**Moderators:** Judge **Essa MOOSA**, IPRI, South Africa & Ms. Dersim **DAGDEVIREN**, President of KURD-AKAD, Germany

- The Road Map for Real Negotiations  
**Berghof Foundation**, Germany
- The Role of Abdullah Ocalan in the Peace Process  
Ms. **Pervin BULDAN**, MP, Group-spokeswomen of HDP in The Turkish Parliament, Turkey
- The EU Policy Towards the Kurds in Europe  
MEP **Ana GOMES**, S&D Group, Portugal
- A Third-Party Facilitator  
MP **Tom KOENIGS**, German Bundestag, Bündnis 90 / Green Parliamentary Group
- The Peace Process and the Turkish Parliament, Turkey  
Mr. **Sezgin TANRIKULU**, Vice President of CHP, Turkey (TO BE CONFIRMED)
- The Peace Process and Turkish civil society  
Mr. **Huseyin YAYMAN**, Journalist, Turkey
- New Developments in the Region and the Peace Process  
Ms. **Arzu YILMAZ**, PhD, Ankara University, Turkey

Questions and discussion with moderators & discussants

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SESSION II: 09.00 – 12.00

**What are the Alternatives to the Chaos in the Middle East?  
(Security, Stability and Welfare)**

**Moderators:** Prof. **Michael GUNTER**, EUTCC Secretary General, US & Mr. **Osman KAVALA**,  
Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV), Turkey

- The Iraq Crisis, ISIS and the Kurdistan Region  
**Deputy of KRG-Kurdistan, Iraq (TO BE CONFIRMED)**
- Surqiland and the Shifting Paradigms in the Middle East  
Ms. **Ofra BENGIO**, Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University, Israel
- West-Kurdistan, ISIS and the Assad Regime  
PhD. **Bahar SIMSEK**, PhD candidate Ankara University, Turkey
- The Kurdish Multi-Ethnic and Sectarian Solutions  
Mr. **Salih MUSLIM**, Co-President of PYD, Rojava-Syria
- Possible Contributions of the EU for Peace, Stability and Security in the Middle East  
Ms. **Frédérique GEERDINK**, Journalist, The Netherlands
- The EU Policy in the Middle East and Kurdistan  
Ms. **Bodil CEBALLOS**, MEP, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

Questions and discussion with moderators & discussants

SESSION III: 15.00 – 17.00

## **Responsibilities for Resolving the Crisis in the Middle East**

**Moderators:** Mr. **Jurgen KLUTE**, former MEP of the Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL), Ms. **Asli AYDINTASBAS**, Journalist, Turkey

- The Paris Murders of Sakine Cansiz, Fidan Dogan, and Leyla Saylemez: Two Years Later – What Do We Know?  
Mr. **Antoine COMTE**, Lawyer, France
- Radical Islam in the Middle-East  
Mr. **Sirin PAYZIN** Journalist, Turkey
- United States Policy in the Middle East and Kurdistan  
Dr. **Max HOFMAN**, Center of American Progress (CAP), United States
- Kurdish Contribution to a New Democratic Turkey based on Unity of Diversity  
Mr. **Selahattin DEMIRTAS**, Co-President of HDP, Turkey
- EU Contribution and obstacles for the solution of the Kurdish Issue - Delisting the PKK  
Ms. **Marieke van EIK**, Lawyer, Prakken d'Oliveira, The Netherlands
- The Expectations and Plights of the West  
Dr. **Michael RUBIN**, American Enterprise Institute, United States

DISCUSSION: 17.00 – 17.30

Questions and discussion with moderators & discussants

CONCLUSION: 17.30 – 18.00

### **Resolution & Final Remarks:**

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