



PROGRAMME (in CET Brussels time)

Are Turkey's aspirations aligned with European interests ?

16:00-16:05

Welcome address

François PAULI- Board member of the Institute of European Democrats IED

16:05-16:10

Introduction

Dr Marios EVRIVIADES– Professor of International Relations, Neapolis University, Pafos
Moderator of the event.

16:10-16:45

Session 1: Turkey, a challenge for EU's Soft power

- Turkey's behaviour on foreign policy issues vis a vis EU members Greece and Cyprus
- Turkey's management of the refugee issue and its ambitions in the middle East
- What are the limits of EU's Enlargement policy ?
- What are the options of the EU in terms of foreign action ?

Speakers:

Dr Klearchos A. KYRIAKIDES – Assistant Professor (UCLan Cyprus)

Dr Ioannis MAZIS – President of the Faculty of Turkish Studies and Modern Asian Studies, Athens University

Dr Costas MAVRIDES - Member of the European Parliament
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Q&A with the Audience

16:45-17:30

Session 2: Turkey, a challenge for Democracy and the Rule of Law

- Inside Turkey: how can the EU address the lack of democratic governance and the absence of due process?
- How can the authoritarian tendency in Turkey influence other EU countries?
- How can it affect the EU neighborhood policy (Azerbaijan) ?
- How crucial is it for the EU to strengthen Democracy, Human rights and the Rule of Law in Turkey ?

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Wrap-up and conclusion **Dr Marios EVRIVIADES**

