

INVITATION TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

TURKISH INVASION OF AFRIN  
&  
KURDISH ACADEMICS DISCUSS THEIR VISION FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOLUTION TO THE  
CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS  
THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018

The EU Turkey Civic Commission (EUTCC) together with the Kurdish Institutes Brussels-Koln- and Stockholm and Network of Kurdish Academics (KURD-AKAD) will hold an International Conference on *The Turkish Invasion in Kurdistan & Kurdish Academics Discuss Their Vision for A Democratic Solution to The Crisis in The Middle East*.

We are writing this letter to invite you to the International Conference which is organized in cooperation with the political groups in European Parliament, *The Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D)*, *European United Left–Nordic Green Left (GUE-NGL)* and *The Greens-European Free Alliance (Greens-EFA)*.

The AKP government's attacks on the Kurds have expanded beyond Turkey's borders and into North Syria (Rojava) and South Kurdistan (Northern Iraq). Under the pretext of attacking the Islamic State (ISIS) in Syria, Turkey has launched attacks on Kurdish defence groups fighting ISIS.

The Erdogan government has taken the colonial ambitions of the Turkish state to a whole new level. It now aims to destroy all the gains made by the Kurds in both the South and West of Kurdistan. The Turkish state is maintaining its age-old policy against the Kurds and Kurdistan, aiming to leave the Kurds without any rights yet again.

With the support of most of the Kurdish political parties in all parts of Kurdistan and Kurdish Academics, the EUTCC with its co-partners in the European Parliament wishes to discuss these problems and to explore the possible solutions. The conference will focus on perspectives for a democratic transformation of the Middle East.

Your participation will contribute to the quality of the discussions and the broader recognition of the conference.

We are looking forward to your positive **response until 21st June 2018**.

04 June 2018

Sincerely yours,

Kariane Westerheim

EUTCC -Chairwomen

PS: An official "European Parliament personal badge/pass" will be available for all ALREADY REGISTERED participants to the Conference.

Your "personal badge / pass" will be available at the main entrance of the European Parliament (Place de Luxembourg - main European Parliament's building "Altiero Spinelli" - just after the sliding doors you'll find a conference desk), **during and only the following date / hours:**

**- Thursday 28 June, 08.30 – 09:15**

All participants must take care of their own "EP badge / pass" during both days; if someone lose the "pass / badge" it will be impossible for the conference's organizers to replace it, according to the E.P. internal rules.

For any additional information, please contact the conference's secretariat:  
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