



14th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE EU, TURKEY AND THE KURDS

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS
WEDNESDAY 6TH AND THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2017

Dear Friends,

The EU Turkey Civic Commission (EUTCC) will hold its 14th International Conference on EU Turkey and the Kurds 6-7 December 2017 in the European Parliament. The theme of the conference is:

ALTERNATIVES TO TYRANNY AND CHAOS IN THE MIDDLE EAST - KURDISH VISION AND STRATEGIES-

We are writing this letter to invite you to participate at the Annual International Conference on the EU, Turkey and the Kurds hosted by the EU Turkey Civic Commission (EUTCC) in cooperation with the GUE/NGL Group, the Greens-European Free Alliance and the Groups of the Free Alliance of Socialists and Democrats. The conference will be held on 6 and 7 December 2017 in the European Parliament in Brussels.

For 14 years, the EUTCC has organised annual international conferences in the European Parliament, focusing on the Kurdish question and democratic processes in Turkey. With invited civil society organizations, academics, European, Turkish and Kurdish politicians, policy-makers and activists - these conferences have received international attention – politically and in the media. We are proud that internationally recognised individuals like Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Noam Chomsky, Leyla Zana, Shirin Ebadi, Bianca Jagger, and Vedat Turkali support the work of the EUTCC.

The final resolution of each conference has urged the European Union (EU), the United States (US), the international community and all democratic forces to use their political influence to encourage Turkey to find a peaceful, political solution to the Kurdish question.

Hereby, we are kindly asking you to participate in our conference as your participation will contribute to the quality of the discussions through which you have the opportunity to raise your short comments and questions to the speakers.

Unfortunately, due to our limited budget, we won't be able to cover your travel expense and accommodation cost.

We will be honoured to have as our guest to the conference.

IMPORTANT TECHNICAL INFORMATION
"HOW TO PARTICIPATE AND ENTER THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT"

As an official "European Parliament personal badge/pass" will be provided to all participants to the Conference, all participants **MUST** send us the following details:

- 1) Name and surname
- 2) Date of birth
- 3) Nationality
- 4) Place and country of residence (if possible, the full address of residence)
- 5) Number of a valid document (ex: passport, national ID, etc.)

This information must be sent before 23 November.

Please note that NO ACCREDITATION will be accepted after this deadline, according to the rules established by the Security Department of the European Parliament.

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.**

Please note that all participants must take a good care of their own "EP badge/pass" during both days. If someone loses the "pass/badge" it will be impossible for the conference's organizers to replace it, according to the EP's internal rules.

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

Email: brusselsconferenceep@gmail.com

We are looking forward to your positive response.

Brussels 24 October, 2017

Respectfully yours

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