



**Round-Table Conference on Freedom of Religion in Turkey and the EU member states  
Istanbul, Turkey**

**February 5-6, 2014**

**Working language: English**

Venue:

Marmara Taksim Hotel

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## **Programme**

<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
09.30	Registration
10.00	<b>Opening of the Conference &amp; Introduction</b> <b>– The Ongoing Discussion on Freedom of Religion in Turkey</b>  <i>Gerald Knaus</i> Chairman, European Stability Initiative
11.00	<b><u>Session I:</u></b> <b>Religious Freedom in Turkey and the European Convention on Human Rights</b>  <u>Moderator:</u> <i>Gerald Knaus</i> Chairman, European Stability Initiative  <i>Cengiz Aktar</i> Senior Scholar, Istanbul Policy Center  <i>Elpidophoros Lambriniadis</i> Metropolitan of Bursa and Exarch of Bithynia  Discussion
12.30	Lunch

14.00	<p><b><u>Session II:</u></b>  <b>Non-Muslim Minorities and Citizenship in Turkey in the 21<sup>st</sup> century</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u>  <b>Thomas Cumhur Gür</b>  Senior Advisor, Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation</p> <p><b>Herkül Millas</b>  Columnist, Today's Zaman</p> <p><b>Samim Akgönül</b>  Professor, Université de Strasbourg</p> <p><b>Marina Drymalitou TBC</b>  Project Coordinator, "Minority Citizens – Equal Citizens"</p> <p>Discussion</p>
15.30	Coffee
16.00	<p><b><u>Session III:</u></b>  <b>Workshop on Confronting Obstacles to Reforms in Turkey</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u>  <b>Gerald Knaus</b>  Chairman, European Stability Initiative</p> <p>Discussion</p>
17.00	Free time
18.00 – 19.30	<p><b>Reception hosted by <i>Jens Odlander</i></b>  Consul General of Sweden in Istanbul</p> <p><u>venue:</u> Consulate General of Sweden, Istiklal Caddesi 247</p>
20.30	<p><b>Conference dinner</b></p> <p>Dinner speech  <b>Olof Ehrenkrona</b>  Senior Advisor to the Foreign Minister, Sweden</p> <p><u>venue:</u> Marmara Taksim Hotel</p>

<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
09.30	<p><b><u>Session IV:</u></b>  <b>Perspectives on Religious Freedom in the 21<sup>st</sup> century</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u>  <b>Jens Odlander TBC</b>          Consul General of Sweden in Istanbul</p> <p><b>Temuri Yakobashvili</b>          Senior Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States</p> <p><b>Thomas Cumhuri Gür</b>          Senior Advisor, Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation</p> <p><b>Kerem Öktem TBC</b>          Research Fellow, European Studies Centre, Oxford</p> <p>Discussion</p>
11.00	Coffee
11.30	<p><b><u>Session V:</u></b>  <b>The State and Muslim Affiliations in Turkey in the 21<sup>st</sup> century</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u>  <b>Nigâr Göksel</b>          Editor-in-Chief, Turkish Policy Quarterly</p> <p><b>Bilal Sambur</b>          Associate Professor, Yıldırım Beyazıt University</p> <p><b>Élise Massicard</b>          Editor-in-Chief, Observatoire de la Vie Politique Turque</p> <p>Discussion</p>
13.00	<p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <p><b>Olof Ehrenkrona</b>          Senior Advisor to the Foreign Minister, Sweden</p>
13.15	Lunch