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Beyond Chapters – The Future of Turkey in Europe

convened by

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Speakers

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Venue: TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Ankara

Turkey and the EU face a series of common challenges that go beyond the scope of membership negotiations. However, the stalemate of the accession process limits the capacities required in solving some of today's most urgent issues. The reshuffling of political institutions in the EU and Turkey has now opened a window of opportunity to bring relations back to the political agenda.

'Beyond Chapters' provides a platform to discuss challenges shared by Turkey and the EU and highlights the necessity for cooperation. As part of an event series convened by Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Hannes Swoboda, it brings together advocates for the future of Turkey in Europe with high-level decision makers.

Program

- 14.30 - 14.40 Welcome by **Şaban Kardaş** and **Fuat Keyman**
- 14.40 - 14.50 **Hannes Swoboda**
Turkey as the EU's Partner for Peace in the Region
- 14:50 - 15.00 **Burak Erdenir**
New EU Strategies of Turkey
- 15.00 - 15.10 **Gerald Knaus**
Strict and fair? The Visa Process and the Future of Accession Talks
- 15.10 - 15.20 **Erdal Yalçın**
The European Union's Trade Policy Agenda and its Implication for EU-Turkish Relations
- 15.20 - 15.30 Remarks by Discussant **Fuat Keyman**
- 15.30 - 16.00 Open Discussion chaired by **Şaban Kardaş**

Biographies

Burak Erdenir is the Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry for European Union Affairs of Turkey, which oversees Turkey's EU accession process. His portfolio includes accession policies, EU law and research activities. He has been with the Ministry since October 2000. He holds a B.Sc. degree from Middle East Technical University, MBA from Georgetown University and MPA from Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Erdenir received his Ph.D. in Political Science and Public Administration from Ankara University.

Şaban Kardaş is President of Middle East Strategic Research Center (ORSAM) and Assistant Professor at TOBB University of Economics and Technology. He has published on issues related to security studies, human rights, energy policy and the Turkish domestic and foreign policy issues. In addition, Kardas is the co-editor of the journals *Insight Turkey* and *Perceptions*. He holds a PhD from the University of Utah.

Fuat Keyman is Director of Istanbul Policy Center and Professor of International Relations at Sabancı University. Keyman is a leading Turkish political scientist and an expert on democratization, globalization, international relations, Turkey – EU relations, Turkish foreign policy, and civil society development. He is a member of the Science Academy and has worked as a member on the Council of Wise People as part of the Peace Process to the Kurdish issue. Keyman serves on advisory and editorial boards for a number of respected international and national organizations as well as for academic journals.

Gerald Knaus is President of the European Stability Initiative and one of the two founding analysts. He oversees the strategic development of the institution, manages outreach and fundraising activities from the Istanbul office, and co-ordinates field research across Southeastern Europe and Turkey, where he spends much of his time. He is involved in the research and drafting of all ESI publications.

Hannes Swoboda is a former member of the European Parliament and Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow at Istanbul Policy Center. Swoboda was elected as President of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) in 2012. As a staunch pro-European and a dedicated member of the Social Democratic Party in Austria (SPÖ), he joined the European Parliament right after Austria's accession to the EU and was the leading candidate of the SPÖ in the following elections (2004, 2009).

Erdal Yalçın is an economist and Deputy Director of the Ifo Center for International Economics in Munich. Prior to this position he worked as a lecturer at Hohenheim University as well as a visiting researcher for the World Trade Organization's Economic Research and Statistics Division in Geneva. He holds a PhD from the Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen.