

The European Union and Turkey offices of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung

and the **European Parliament Turkey Forum** have the honour to invite you to an expert meeting on:

Turkey's New Presidential System: Limits and Challenges for Turkish European Cooperation

In the presidential and parliamentary elections of 24 June 2018, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan was re-elected as the President of Turkey. These elections were particularly critical as they put into effect the new presidential system. However, there is still little understanding of how the new system will work in practice.

An opinion of the Venice Commission, adopted ahead of the Constitutional referendum held in Turkey on 16 April 2017, warned that the proposed amendments did not follow the model of a democratic presidential system based on the separation of powers. In a resolution adopted last year, the European Parliament called to formally suspend the accession negotiations with Turkey if the amendments were to be adopted.

Given the current Turkish rapprochement with EU Member States, the question looms, what kind of cooperation is possible with a restructured Turkey.

The purpose of this debate is to discuss the constitutional changes of the new presidential system and analyse their impacts on the domestic situation in Turkey and Turkey's relations with the EU.

Date: 16 October 2019

Time:

12:30 - 15:00 (light lunch: 12:30 -13:00)

13:00 - 13:10 Welcome:

Klaus Linsenmeier, Head of Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

13:10 - 13:45 Input by:

- **Selim Koru**, Black Sea Fellow at FPRI and an analyst at the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPA)
- **Şule Özsoy Boyunsuz**, Professor of Constitutional Law, Galatasaray University
- **Kemal Can**, journalist
- **Moderator: Charlotte Joppien**, Political anthropologist and managing co-director at Türkei Europa Zentrum, Hamburg University

Location: Social Platform, Square de Meeûs 18, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium

The debate will follow Chatham House Rule.

Working languages: English and Turkish.

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