



**STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF TURKISH JUDICIARY ON
FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION
EUROPEAN UNION - COUNCIL OF EUROPE JOINT PROJECT**

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ANNOTATED AGENDA



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

***Protection and Promotion of Freedom of Expression and Media
Freedom***

27 March 2017, Sheraton Hotel, Ankara

09:00 – 09:30 – Registration

09:30 – 10:00 – Opening and Welcome

Mr Mikhail Lobov, Head, Human Right Policy and Cooperation Department, Council of Europe

Mr Ireneusz Fidos, Head of Political Section, EU Delegation to Turkey

Mr Yilmaz Akçil, President, Justice Academy of Turkey

10:00 – 10:15 – Family Photo/ Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:30 – Session I

Striking fair balance between freedom of expression and right to respect for private and family life: balancing the conflicting rights in the context of Article 10 and 8 of the ECHR

Potential topics for discussion:

- What are the criteria to ensure that the interventions into freedom of expression, even in the form of mere compensation, are proportionate to the aim pursued in order to protect the rights of others?
- Principle of proportionality within the Context of Freedom of Expression balanced approach in personal data protection

Moderator:

Mr Mikhail Lobov, Head, Human Right Policy and Cooperation Department, Council of Europe

Speakers:

Ms Mirjana Trajkovska- Lazarova, former President of the First Section, European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe

Ms Sophie Kwasny, Head, Data Protection Unit, Council of Europe

Mr Vuslat Dirim, Deputy Head, Human Rights Commission/President, the 13th Criminal Chamber, Court of Cassation of Turkey

11:30 – 11:45 – Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:00 – Session II

Protection of free speech while countering terrorism: the security and freedom balance

Potential topics for discussion:

- How can the fight against terrorism be maintained and balanced having due regard to freedom of expression?
- Discussion on proportionality aspects of balancing Freedom of expression with National Security, in fair judicial processes- Discussion on ECtHR cases against Turkey: Zana versus Turkey

Moderator:

Mr Mustafa Artuç, Deputy President, Justice Academy of Turkey

Speakers:

Mr Osman Doğru, Professor, Human Rights Law/Director, Department of Human Rights, Faculty of Law, Marmara University

Ms Tuğçe Duygu Köksal, Former Lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights/Lawyer registered in Istanbul Bar Association

Mr Ali Alper Saylan, Public Prosecutor (Trainer), Court House of Ankara

13:00 – 14:30 – Lunch

14:30 – 15:15 – Session III

Freedom of expression, freedom of media and internet

Potential Questions for discussion:

- What are the main threats faced by journalists and media organization in general?
- Council of Europe Platform on Safety of Journalists.

Moderator:

Ms Yasemin Kök, Journalist, Daymedia

Speakers:

Mr Bertil Cottier, Full Professor, Faculty of Communication Sciences, University of Lugano, Switzerland

Mr Mehmet Taştan, Public Prosecutor for Press-Related Crimes (Trainer), Court House of Ankara

15:15– 15:30 – Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:30 – Session IV

Freedom of expression online in relation to hate speech and defamation

Potential Topics for discussion:

- On-line “Hate Speech” and exercise of FoE on internet : Service provider’s Liability for the content provided by internet users- Discussion on ECtHR jurisprudence;
- Applying proportionality test while balancing freedom of expression and defamation
- The impact of the judgments of the national courts in regard to “hate speech” defamation and “FoE.”

Moderator:

Mr Murat Tumay, Assistant Professor (Long Term Consultant), Constitutional Law, Istanbul Medeniyet University

Speakers:

Mr Gökçe Türkyılmaz, Lawyer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe

Mr Yusuf Demirci, Judge (Trainer), Department of International Relations and Projects of the Justice Academy of Turkey

16:30– 17:00 – Closing Remarks

Ms Pınar Başpınar, Deputy Head, Council of Europe Programme Office in Ankara

Mr Mustafa Artuç, Deputy President, Justice Academy of Turkey