

**SYMPOSIUM ON REFORMS IN TURKISH JUDICIAL SYSTEM, HIGH COUNCIL OF JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS
(HCJP) FROM PAST TO PRESENT AND ITS COMPARISON TO EUROPEAN PRACTICE
October 25-27 Istanbul
(Draft Program)**

Monday 24 October 2011

From

14:00 Check-in Hotel Swisshotel The Bosphorus

18:00 Dinner in the Hotel

Tuesday 25 October 2011-Swisshotel the Bosphorus

08.30 Registration of the participants

OPENING SPEECHES

09.00 Mr. Sadullah Ergin, Minister of Justice President of the High Council for Judges and Prosecutors

09.10 Mr. Haşim KILIC President of The Constitutional Court,

09.20 Family Photo

FIRST SESSION

GENERAL INTRODUCTION OF TURKISH JUDICIARY

Chairman: **Mr. Nazim Kaynak**, President of The Court of Cassation

10.00 Mr. İbrahim Okur, President of the First Chamber of HCJP
General Description of Turkish Judicial System (15 min.)

Dr. Mehmet Murat Yardımcı:

Judicial Reform Process of Turkish Judiciary (15min.)

Mr. Christos Macridis, Deputy Head of Unit at European Commission

From European Perspective, Efficiency of Judiciary and the High Council for Judges and Prosecutors (15 min.)

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

SECOND SESSION
HIGH COUNCIL OF JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS
Chairperson: **Mr. Huseyin Karakullukcu**, The President of Court of State

- 11:20 Mr. Birol Erdem, member of HCJP
Why Was the Constitutional Amendment Needed and What Did Change? The Working Procedure of the New HCJP (15min.)
- Mr. Harry Gstöhl, Member of Venice Commission
From the Perspective of Venice commission Judicial Reform Process of Turkey and the New High Council of Judges and Prosecutors”(15min.)
- Prof. Dr. Mr. Bülent Çiçekli, member of HCJP
The Principles Determined in the Last Plenary Session of ENCJ and Compatibility of the New Structure of HCJP to These Principles (15min.)
- Miguel Carmona Ruano, President of European Network of Councils for the Judiciary
General evaluation of HCJP and Councils for the Judiciary in terms of the principles of ENCJ (10 min.)
- 12:15 Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch

THIRD SESSION
THE ROLE OF COUNCILS FOR THE JUDICIARY IN TERMS OF EFFICIENCY

Chairman: **Mr. Ahmet Hamsici**, The Vice President of the HCJP

- 13.45 Mr. Ömer Köroğlu, member of HCJP
The Analysis Of The Situation In The Judiciary Meetings And Evaluation Of Consequences Of The Analysis Of The Situation In The Judiciary In Terms Of Efficiency, Effectiveness, Transparency And Accessibility Of The Judiciary (15 min.)
- İlker Çetin, the chief Public Prosecutor of Diyarbakir:
The Analysis Of The Situation In The Judiciary Meetings, From The Perspective Of Practitioner (10 min.)
- Irakli ADEISHVILI- The President of European Commission for the efficiency of justice (CEPEJ)
An Evaluation Of The New Structure Of HCJP And The Councils For The Judiciary In Terms Of Efficiency(10 min.)
- Prof.Dr.James HANLON- Law Faculty, Okan University
The effectiveness of Judiciary in terms of the European Union law, Evaluation of the councils for judiciary and structure of HCJP in this perspective.(10 min.)
- Fuzio RICCARDO- Member of CSM Italy
Efficiency of Judiciary and Practice of Italy(10 min)
- 14.40 Discussion
- 15:10 Coffee break

FOURTH SESSION
JUDICIARY AND MEDIA
Chairman: **İbrahim Okur**, President of the First Chamber of HCJP

- 15:25 **Mr. Taha Akyol**, journalist New structure of HCJP and Media (15 min.)
- Mr. Yavuz Baydar**, journalist New structure of HCJP and Media (15 min.)
- Erik van den Emster**- Chairman of the Netherlands, Council for the Judiciary
An Evaluation Of The Councils For The Judiciary In Terms Of Relations Between Judiciary And Media(15 min.)
- Orlando AFONSO- President of Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE)
An Evaluation Of Justice In Terms Of Relations Between Judiciary And Media(15 min.)
- 16:25 Discussion
- 16:50 Mr. İbrahim Okur,
Short Evaluation Of The Day And Informing The Participants About Next Day's Programme(10min.)
- 17:00 End of the proceedings
- 18:00 Trip to Dolmabahce Palace
- 20:00 Dinner at Adile Sultan Palace
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Wednesday 26 October 2011- Swisshotel the Bosphorus

FIRST SESSION
EVALUATION OF HCJP IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PRINCIPLES OF
INDEPENDENCE AND IMPARTIALITY OF JUDICIARY

Chairman: Nesibe Ozer, The President of the Second Chamber of HCJP

- 09.00 Prof. Dr. Mrs. Serap Yazici: Academician at Law Faculty of Istanbul Bilgi University
Independence of Judiciary and HCJP (15 min.)
- Av. Vedat Ahsen Cosar, president of Turkish Bar Associations,
HCJP, from the perspective of defense (15 min.)
- Prof. Dr. Mr. Mustafa Koçak: Dean of Law Faculty of Okan University
Impartiality of Judges and HCJP (15 min.)
- Joao Manuel DA SILVA- President of Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE)
Councils For The Judiciary In Terms Of Independence And Impartiality Of Judges(15 min.)
- Vito MONETTI- The President of Magistrats Européens pour la Démocratie et la Liberté
The Importance Of Judges Organizations In Terms Of Judicial Independence And Relations With Councils For The Judiciary, And The New Structure Of HCJP In This Context" (15 min.)
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:45 Coffee Break

CLOSING SESSION

- 11.15 Mr Thomas Giegerich
General Evaluation of HCJP and Independence and Impartiality of Judiciary(30 min.)
- 11:45 Closure Speech: **Mr. Ahmet Hamsici**, Deputy President of HCJP,
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13:30 Excursion to Historical Peninsula
- 16:45 Boat Trip on the Bosporus & Dinner on the boat