

## CCBE Webinar on the situation of the legal profession in Turkey – 10 December 2020 (3.00 – 4.00 pm CET)

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On the occasion of the International Human Rights Day, the CCBE is organising a webinar on the situation of the legal profession in Turkey with the participation of:

- The UN Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Mr. Diego García-Sayán
- Mr. Sergey Dikman from the Human Rights National Implementation Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI), Council of Europe
- Mr. Münci Özmen, representative for the Union of Turkish Bar Associations (UTBA)
- Ms. Yasemen Öztürkcan, Member of the human rights center of the Istanbul Bar Association

The aim of this webinar is to discuss the current situation and possible solutions and synergies between European and International institutions and representatives of the National and local Turkish Bars. The topics for discussion are as follow:

- The current situation of lawyers in Turkey: Persecution of lawyers, harassment, threats, arbitrary detention, inadequate minimum standard detention conditions (including isolation, inadequate personal space, sanitary risks including those related to the COVID-19 pandemic), the principle of non-identification of lawyers with their clients and broad terrorist related charges, right to fair trial, the fact that Judges and Lawyers have been arrested with the accuse of being in flagrante delicto, a circumstance not confirmed; (see under Turkey's tab: <https://www.ccbe.eu/actions/human-rights-portal/defence-of-the-defenders/>)
- Assessment under European and International case law (i.e.: the Havana Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers, adopted by the United Nations, Havana, Cuba 27 August to 7 September 1990; ECtHR case law, etc)
- Structure of the Bar and intervention of political authorities in this structure ([impact of the law n°7249 on the system of Turkish bar associations](#)) and its impact on the rule of law.

Timing	Speaker	Comments
15h (5 min)	CCBE President, Ranko Pelicarić	Opening remarks + welcome the participants
15h05 (5 min)	Chair of CCBE Human Rights Committee, Stefan von Raumer	Brief introduction of the webinar's topics for discussion
15h10 (5 min)	Mr. Münci Özmen, representative for the Union of Turkish Bar Associations (UTBA)	Individual intervention
15h15 (5 min)	Ms. Yasemen Öztürkcan Member of the human rights center of the Istanbul Bar Association	Individual intervention
15h20 (5 min)	Mr. Diego García-Sayán, UN Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	Individual intervention
15h25 (5 min)	Mr. Sergey Dikman from the Human Rights National Implementation Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI), Council of Europe	Individual intervention
15h30 (-+ 20/30 min)	Debate between the speakers and members of the CCBE steering group in charge of the organisation of the event, moderated by the Chair of CCBE Human Rights Committee, Stefan von Raumer	Debate /Q&A
16h	Chair of CCBE Human Rights Committee, Stefan von Raumer	Closing of the webinar