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## INVITATION

The « Platform for an Independent Judiciary in Turkey » composed of all four European judges associations kindly invites the distinguished members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe to attend an exchange views on:

### **The situation of the Turkish justice system before and after the coup d'Etat . How to restore the Rule of Law in Turkey ?**

on Monday 10 October 2016  
13.00-14.00  
Palais de l'Europe, Room 6

Moderator: Anne Brasseur, former PACE President, ALDE, Luxembourg

Speakers:

**Edith Zeller**, President of the European Association of Administrative Judges (AEAJ)

**Christophe Régnard**, President of the European Association of Judges (EAJ)

**Tamara Trotman**, President of Judges for Judges

**Simone Gaboriau**, Administrateur de Magistrats Européens pour la Démocratie et les Libertés (MEDEL)

The rule of law and the independence of judges and prosecutors in Turkey have further deteriorated after the 15 July failed coup d'Etat. This attempted coup constituted an attack against the democratically elected representatives of the state and must be condemned. However, we cannot turn a blind eye on the fact that in the aftermath of the failed coup hundreds of judges and prosecutors have been dismissed and detained, and the fundamental right to a fair trial has been suspended. The Platform for an Independent Judiciary in Turkey is receiving reports which raise most serious concerns. The side event during the PACE session will provide information, contribute to raising awareness and discuss how to restore the rule of law in the country.

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