

## Programme for online conference on the situation of lawyers Ebru Timtik and Aytaç Ünsal and their ongoing hunger strike

11 August 2020, 16:00-16:45 (CEST) / 15:00-15:45 (GMT+1) / 17:00-17:45 (TR)

Moderators: Ayşe Bingöl Demir & Şerife Ceren Uysal

- 16.00-16.03** Opening, welcome, list of the organisations present at the meeting and introduction of the programme by **Ayşe Bingöl Demir**, human rights lawyer
- 16.03-16.05** Message from **Aytaç Ünsal** for the conference, be read by **Şerife Ceren Uysal**, Progressive Lawyers Association
- 16.05-16.10** A general assessment of the fair trial and rule of law issues seen in the lawyers' trials in Turkey, the involvement of the international legal community in the trials and key actions taken by them so far by **Irma van den Berg**, Lawyers for Lawyers
- 16.10-16.15** Background of the joint statement by a group of international lawyers' organisations on the situation of Ebru Timtik and Aytaç Ünsal and presentation of the statement to the conference, **Tony Fisher**, human rights lawyer
- 16.15-16.25** Current threats to the independence of the legal profession in Turkey, updates on the hunger strike of Ebru Timtik and Aytaç Ünsal, their demands and what could be done by **Mehmet Durakoğlu**, President of the İstanbul Bar Association
- 16.25-16.30** Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe's support for Ebru Timtik and Aytaç Ünsal's and other lawyers' demands in Turkey by **Artur Wierzbicki**, President of the Human Rights Commission, Fédération des Barreaux d'Europe (FBE)
- 16.30-16.40** Current challenges to the legal profession in Turkey, statement from several bar associations in Turkey on the hunger strike of Ebru Timtik and Aytaç Ünsal and the steps ahead by **Özkan Yücel**, President of the İzmir Bar Association
- 16.40-16.45** Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe's support for Ebru Timtik and Aytaç Ünsal's and other lawyers' in Turkey by **Jacques Bouyssou**, Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)
- 16.45-17.00** Q&A for the members of the press
- 17.00-17.10** Break
- 17.10-17.40** Discussion among the lawyers community about future steps for adherence to fair trial principles and respect for the rule of law in Turkey
- 17.30-17.35** Closing Remarks by Tony Fisher