



Churches Together for Human Rights
The Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Conference of European Churches
“Advancing Freedom of Religion or Belief for All”
6-9 September 2015, Halki/ Istanbul, Turkey
Venue: Theological School Halki

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Arrivals – 6 September

I. DAY – Monday, 7 September

Halki

09:00-10:00

Moderator: Archimandrite Aimilianos (Bogiannou), Director of the Liaison Office of the Orthodox Church to the European Union

- a) Welcome by Metropolitan Elpidophoros of Bursa, Abbot of Holy Trinity Monastery
- b) Message from the Right Revd Bishop Christopher Hill KCVO, DD, President of CEC
- c) Keynote Address by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

10:00-11:30 European churches’ engagement; human rights, democracy and rule of law – current trends in Europe

Moderator: OKR’in Katrin Hatzinger, EKD

- a) Ms Lena Kumlin, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
- b) Mr Pasquale Ferrara, Secretary General - European University Institute
- c) Ms Katharina von Schnurbein, European Commission

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:30 European perspective of implementation of international legal standards of freedom of religion or belief I

Moderator: Prof.Dr. Yannis Ktistakis, Boğaziçi University of Istanbul & Democritus University of Thrace, Legal Advisor to the Ecumenical Patriarchate

- a) Ms Sema Kilicer, Delegation of the European Union to Turkey
- b) Dr Peter Petkoff, Oxford University
- c) Dr Mine Yildirim, Freedom of Belief Initiative & Norwegian Helsinki Committee

14:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:00 History of Halki - Metropolitan Elpidophoros of Bursa, Abbot of Holy Trinity Monastery

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

17:00-18:30 European perspective of implementation of international legal standards of freedom of religion or belief II – religious response

Moderator: Mr Colin Dürkop, Director of Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Ankara

- a) Prof. Emre Öktem, Galatasaray University
- b) Dr José Luis Bazán, COMECE
- c) Dr Altana Filos, Evangelical Church of Greece
- d) Mr. Stephanos Stavros, ECRI

18:30 Vespers

19:30 Diner

II. DAY Tuesday, 8 September

Halki – Istanbul-Halki

07:55-8:55 Ferry to Istanbul

09:15-11:00 Visit to Hagia Sophia

11:30-12:30 Visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate – reception with HE Metropolitan Athinagoras of Cydonia

12:30-14:30 Visit of Moni tis Choras (Kariye Musesi)

15:15-16:00 Ferry back to Halki

18:00-19:30 Present challenges for religious tolerance, non-discrimination and freedom of religion or belief

Moderator: Rev Dr Guy Liagre, General Secretary of CEC

- a) Mr Cole Durham, President, International Consortium on Law and Religion Studies
- b) Prof. Dr Gün Kut, Turkish representative in ECRI
- c) Bishop Dr Michael Bünker, General Secretary of CPCE
- d) Mag Katerina Karkala-Zorba, Orthodox Academy of Crete

19:30 Vespers

20:00 Dinner

III. DAY Wednesday, 9 September

Halki

09:00-10:30 The Role of Religious Communities in promoting and protecting freedom of religion or belief

Moderator: Rev. Canon Dr Gary Wilton, Wilton Park - UK

- a) Fr. Heikki Huttunen, Secretary General, Finnish Ecumenical Council
- b) Mag. Elizabeta Kitanovic, CEC Human Rights Secretary
- c) Ms Tina Mercep, KAS Brussels
- d) Mgr. Tatoul Anoushian, Armenian Apostolic Church in Turkey
- e) Representative of Dyanet (tbc)

10:30-11:00 Advancing Freedom of Religion or Belief in Europe - Next steps
Final statement – Archimandrite Aimilianos (Bogiannou) Director of the Liaison Office of the Orthodox Church to the European Union and Mag. Elizabeta Kitanovic, CEC Human Rights Secretary

11:00 Departure