



**Avrupa Batı Trakya Türk Federasyonu**  
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**Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe**  
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**Side Event**

**The right to freedom of association of the Turkish Minority of Western Thrace and non-execution of ECtHR judgments by Greece**

**Thursday, 25 April 2013**

**13:00 - 14:00**

**Room 3, Palais, Council of Europe, Strasbourg**

*Sponsored by Mr. Boriss Cilevičs MP (Socialist Group)*

*Organized by the NGO, Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (ABTTF)*

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**13:00 – 13:10 Opening remarks / Welcome addresses**

**Moderator: Mr. Hans Heinrich Hansen**, President, Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN)

**Mr. Boriss Cilevičs MP**, Socialist Group, Second Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

**Mr. Halit Habipoğlu**, President, Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (ABTTF)

**13:10 – 13:25 Presentation on the fact-finding mission on the situation of the Turkish Minority of Western Thrace in Greece**

*This presentation is going to highlight the results of the fact-finding mission in Western Thrace from 16 to 20 October 2012, and submit its recommendations to the Greek Government.*

**Speaker: Mr. Hans Heinrich Hansen**, President, Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN)

**13:25 – 13:55 The right to freedom of association of the Turkish Minority of Western Thrace and non-execution of ECtHR judgments by Greece**

*This discussion is going to highlight the problems the Turkish Minority of Western Thrace faces in the field of freedom of association, and non-implementation by Greece of the three Court judgments (Emin and Others v. Greece, Tourkiki Enosi Xanthis and Others v. Greece and Bekir-Ousta and Others v. Greece) in favor of the Turkish Minority*

**Speakers:**

**Ms. Hülya Emin**, Chairperson, Cultural Association of Turkish Women of the Region of Rodopi

**Mr. Ahmet Kurt**, Chairperson, Xanthi Turkish Union (İTB)

**Interactive discussion / Questions & Answers**

**13:55 – 14:00 Concluding remarks**