

# Political Cafe “Economic and political challenges in present-day Turkey”

Café Dudok, The Hague, 19:00 14 April 2010



During this meeting we will discuss current economic and political developments in Turkey, social-liberal thinking in present-day Turkey and further European integration. This political cafe serves to stimulate discussion and enhance knowledge about Turkey in and outside political party D66.

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- 19.00 Word of welcome by Marieke van Doorn, Chair of the Turkey working group in the International Democratic Initiative foundation.
- 19.05 General introduction by Lily Sprangers, Director of the Turkey Institute in The Netherlands
- 19.15 Turkey’s meaning in economic affairs? by Erhan Gürer, Advisor on Turkey at NL EVD Internationaal (Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs)
- 19.30 Current political developments in Turkey? By Marietje Schaake, Member of the European Parliament for D66
- 19.50 Observations by Dr Şahin Alpay, Lecturer at Bahcesehir University Istanbul and a columnist for Zaman Daily
- 20.15 Q&A, moderated by Lily Sprangers
- 20.45 Reception

All members of D66 are welcome to participate in the meeting. Please feel free to extend the invitation to non-members interested in Turkish affairs. This political café is organized by the (D66) International Democratic Initiative foundation in cooperation with the Turkey Institute, The Netherlands. The event is financially supported by the Social Transformation Programme Central and Eastern Europe (Matra) of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Participation is free. If you wish to participate, you are kindly requested to register with Mr. David Croese: [d.croese@d66.nl](mailto:d.croese@d66.nl) or 070 356 6066.