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**Hosted by: Massimiliano Smeriglio
Member of the European Parliament (MEP)**

Political Prisoners: Isolation, ill-treatment and torture

11 April 2024 – 14.30-17.30 CET

Location: Brussels, European Parliament, Room: ASP3G3

Opening speeches:

- **Heike Geisweid**

Co-president of Association for Democracy and International Law (MAF-DAD)

- **Juan Prosper**

Co-president of European Democratic Lawyers (AED)

- **Urko Aiartza Azurtza,**

Co-president of European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and World Human Rights (ELDH)

Video message:

- **Mauro Palma**

Former Chair of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)

Keynote Speeches:

- **Edre Olalia**

Transitional prexy of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers and the chairperson of the National Union of People's Lawyers, Philippines

- **Dr. Gülşah Kurt**

Expert in criminal law and human rights law, member of Academics for Peace

First Panel: Examples from Europe

Moderation: Helene Debaty, president of the Le Syndicat des Avocats pour la Démocratie.

- **Aurora D'agostino,**
Co-president of the Democratic Lawyers of Italy (GD):
The Case and Prison Conditions of Ilaria Salis in Hungary
- **Bego Atxa**
Representative of "Sare herritarra"
The situation of political prisoners in Basque Country

Second Panel: Turkey & İmralı Prison

Moderation: Deepa Driver, Co-vice chair of the Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers

Lena Charlotta LAGNANDER,
Lawyer, Representative of the İmralı delegation-2024
Presentation of the findings of the delegation 2024

Mazlum Dinç,
Lawyer, Asrın Law Office
The situation in İmralı Prison and Right to Hope

Discussion:

Moderation: Rengin Ergül (MAF-DAD) & Şerife Ceren Uysal (ELDH)

The discussion will focus on the political prisoners' situation particularly in Turkey. The aim of the discussion will be a better understanding of the difficult prison conditions and legal challenges and identifying possible legal actions to ensure, protect and strengthening the political prisoners' rights.