



**Jointly organized by ELDH, AED and MAF-DAD**

**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:**

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- **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:**

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- **Mauro Palma**

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

**Keynote Speeches:**

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- **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

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**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

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**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.