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Subject: Choosing economic cooperation with Türkiye without clear political conditions goes against European values

Choosing economic cooperation with Türkiye without clear political conditions goes against European values, putting the credibility of the Union at risk.

The ‘High-Level Economic Dialogue’ between the EU and Türkiye, held under the auspices of the Commission with the participation of the Turkish Minister of Finance, raises questions about the EU’s consistency. The dialogue, the first since 2019, is taking place at a time when Türkiye is stepping up attacks on press freedom and the persecution of mayors and others.

The EU-Türkiye Joint Parliamentary Committee has decided to postpone the meeting in Ankara and, despite the correct decision of the Commissioner for Enlargement to cancel her participation in the diplomatic forum in Antalya and her participation in the Parliamentary Committee, the EU - by way of its decision to co-organise the economic dialogue - is raising questions about the consistency of its approach towards Türkiye. The EU must ensure that economic relations with Türkiye do not undermine its unwavering commitment to democratic principles and the rule of law.

The Commission is therefore asked:

1. What criteria were taken into account for the resumption of the economic dialogue?
2. How is it ensured that the resumption of EU-Türkiye economic relations is not perceived by Türkiye as a reward for its authoritarian policies?

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