

Parliamentary Exchange and Dialogue Project

“The Symposium on Gender Equality”

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Paris

Doris Bingley, President of the European Centre of the International Council of Women was invited to make a presentation on "Women in Decision Making Mechanisms" at the third and last event of the Parliamentary Exchange and Dialogue Project. The project is jointly carried out by the Grand National assembly of Turkey (GNAT) and the EU. The project covers parliamentarians and political parties represented in the European Parliament and aims to contribute to a better knowledge and understanding between Turkey and the European Union.

The **Symposium on Gender Equality** brought together members of the national parliaments, youth and women branches of political parties, academics, policy makers, media specialists and civil society representatives in order to contribute to a structured dialogue concerning Gender Equality, share experiences at both a National and European level, exchange good practices, highlight future prospects and stimulate informed public debate on issues of gender equality and women in decision making.

80 participants attended the Symposium during which gender equality was discussed from different perspectives. This helped to contribute to the establishment of better structured and well informed political channels for powerful civil society participation in Turkey’s political life.