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## ALDE SEMINAR

Gender equality in Turkey and the EU

18 March 2009

16.00 - 18.30

**Room: József Antall 4Q1**

*The seminar will cover topical issues, such as the representation of women in business and political life, gender equality in socio-economic life and the role of women in the EU accession process. The discussion will focus on EU experience and lessons learnt through the analysis of policies. Civil society representatives will also share their practical experience of the daily life of women in both the EU and Turkey. One of the focus points will be the impact of the enlargement process on gender equality policies, and whether a progressive improvement can be observed. Finally, the seminar will assess the current situation of gender policies in the EU and in Turkey.*

- 15.30 - 16.00 Registration
- 16.00 – 16.05 Welcome - MEP Karin Riis-Jørgensen
- 16.05 – 16.10 Opening remarks-President of TUSIAD Arzuhan Dogan Yalcindag
- 16.10 – 16.15 Opening remarks–The EU Commissioner for Enlargement Mr Olli Rehn
- 16.15 – 16.20 Opening remarks President of KAGIDER Gulseren Onanc
- 16.20 – 18.00 Interactive panel debate - moderator (Dr Bahadır Kaleagasi International Coordinator, TUSIAD - Turkish Industry & Business Association)
  1. The President of KAGIDER: Gulseren Onanc
  2. Director of European Womens Lobby Turkey & Lecturer, Ankara University Department of Women Studies: Dr. Selma Acuner
  3. Chairwoman of TUSIAD Gender Equality Group: Feryal Menemenli
  4. European Commission - *tbc*
  5. MEP Karin Riis-Jørgensen
  6. MEP Diana Wallis
  7. The Republican Peoples Party - CHP Brussels Representative: Kader Sevinç
  8. Justice and Development Party: Chairwoman of AK Party Women's Branch Headquarters & Head of External Relations: Hümeyra Gökçen Keskin
- 18.00 – 18.30 Q&A and closing remarks - MEP Diana Wallis
- 18.30 – 19.00 Cocktail

