

DEFENDING THE RULE OF LAW: A SHARED CHALLENGE

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H.E.
Thorbjorn JAGLAND
Secretary General
of the Council of Europe

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Your Excellency, Secretary General

I.1) Europe is facing the worst deterioration of the common values, on which Europe is built. Democracy and human rights are questioned in parts of society in several Council of Europe's member states. But the developments in Turkey have to be seen as destroying both: democracy and human rights. Especially the erasing of an independent judiciary is a key element to make these negative developments possible.

This extraordinary situation has induced all four European Associations of Judges to join together in their activities:

- The Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ),
- The European Association of Judges (EAJ),
- The Judges for Judges and
- The "Magistrats Européens pour la Démocratie et les Libertés" (MEDEL)

And form a Platform: **Platform for an Independent Judiciary in Turkey**



Turkey must ensure fair appeal for Judge Murat Arslan after gross attack on judicial independence, says UN expert

06 February 2019



Four European organisations of judges are appealing to the European Court of Justice against the first instance order refusing them standing to challenge the Council's approval of the Polish Recovery and Resilience Plan.





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