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**Join the #VIADUCT_EU Guest Lecture on the results of the December European Council, with @UniCologne's Wolfgang Wessels and @SenemAydnDzgit from @sabanciu ■**

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On Dec. 10-11, the European Council met, discussing among other topic, EU-Turkey relations in light of recent developments and the October conclusions.

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In October, the Council concluded that they would pursue better EU-Turkey relations

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Since then, the international community has been outraged by Turkish actions in Cyprus, France has withdrawn its diplomatic actors from Turkey, and #Erdogan has signalled opposition to "overt attacks on our nation"

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The scene has been set, now meet our speakers: @SenemAydnDzgit from @sabanciu and @ipc_ipm, and Wolfgang Wessels from @UniCologne, who is Project Coordinator of #VIADUCT_EU

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"One major assumption on which Turkish foreign policy in the East Mediterranean builds on is the assumption that EU cannot act as a whole, and that the EU is not yet ready to burn all bridges with Turkey"

- @SenemAydnDzgit from @sabanciu/@ipc_ipm

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"The EU can act, but sometimes it takes time to build up this action over time. Therefore there is possibility for the situation to escalate further throughout 2021"

- @SenemAydnDzgit from @sabanciu/@ipc_ipm

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"The EU will work with the new administration in the USA, highlighting that Turkey will be a key factor in the renewed EU-US relations in the context of a #Biden administration"

- @SenemAydnDzgit from @sabanciu/@ipc_ipm

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"My analysis is short: let's meet again in March, because very little has changed"

- Wolfgang Wessels, #VIADUCT_EU Project Coordinator, @UniCologne

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"The most important thing was the request of work from the HR/VP to investigate the prospects of relations. When you don't want to take a decision, you ask someone to produce a study."

- Wolfgang Wessels, #VIADUCT_EU Project Coordinator, @UniCologne

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After these initial contributions from our two speakers, we now move to a Q&A Session

Get your questions in to the #Zoom Chat!

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After an interesting and dynamic Q&A session, this #VIADUCT_EU comes to an end

Thank you to our participants @SenemAydnDzgit from @sabanciu/@ipc_ipm and Wolfgang Wessels from @UniCologne

On 17 December, tune in for another Guest Lecture!

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