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Press Release

FUEN TAG Spokesman Halit Habip Ođlu paid a working visit to Ankara

Working Group of Turkic Minorities/Communities in FUEN (TAG) Spokesman Halit Habipođlu paid a working visit to Ankara, the capital of Türkiye, on 25-29 December 2023.

FUEN TAG Spokesman Halit Habipođlu paid visits of courtesy to Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye Yasin Ekrem Serim and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director of EU Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye Ambassador Mehmet Kemal Bozay and informed regarding the activities of FUEN TAG.

During his meeting with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye Yasin Ekrem Serim, Habip Ođlu introduced TAG, which was established in 2013 with his initiative while he was serving as Vice-President of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN), the largest umbrella organisation of national minorities in Europe. Habip Ođlu indicated that they bring together Turkic minorities and communities from the Balkans to the Caucasus under the umbrella of TAG, and explained about the current issues and needs of the Turkic minorities and communities that are TAG members.

During the meeting with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye Ambassador Mehmet Kemal Bozay, Habip Ođlu conveyed the support provided by TAG and the work carried out to make the voices of Turkic minorities, whose issues are of urgent importance, among FUEN TAG members, heard at the EU level and other international organisations.

In this context, the TAG Spokesman met with the members of the Turkish Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Mehmet Akalın (Iyi Party/Edirne), Zeynep Yıldız (AK Party/Ankara) and Namık Tan (CHP/Istanbul) in their offices. During the meetings with the deputies, the TAG Spokesman touched upon the efforts to increase the presence of Turkic minorities in the Council of Europe along with the goals they have set for 2024.