

FUEN Congress 2015 – Komotini

*Hosted by the Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (ABTTF),
the Western Thrace Minority University Graduates Association (WTMUGA)
and the Friendship, Equality, Peace Part (FEP Party)*



Wednesday, 13 May 2015

- 14:00 - 19:00 Arrival
Congress registration at Chris & Eve Hotel
- 20:00 Dinner
Chris & Eve Hotel, Komotini
- 21:30 Unofficial Opening and Introduction
Welcome for the participants
Minority Market

Thursday, 14 May 2015

Official Opening and Main Issues

- 08:30 Congress registration in Chris& Eve Hotel, Komotini
- 09:00 **Official opening of the congress**
Hans Heinrich Hansen, President of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN)
Ahmet Mete, President of the Consultative Committee of the Turkish Minority of Western Thrace (CCTMWT - BTTADK) and Mufti of Xanhti (Elected)

Welcome Speeches

- 10:30 Coffee Break

- 11:00 **Session I: The Problem of Political Representation of National Minorities in Europe**
Moderator: Lorant Vincze, FUEN Vice President and International Secretary of Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ)

Speakers:

1. **Hunor Kelemen**, President of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ), Romania
2. **Csaba Sógor**, MEP, Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ), Romania
3. **Herbert Dorfmann**, MEP, South Tyrol People's Party (SVP), Italy
4. **Mustafa Ali Çavuş**, President of the Friendship Equality Peace (FEP) Party, Greece

Questions-Answers

- 12:30 Lunch, Chris & Eve Hotel, Komotini





14:00

Session II: Current Situation of the Turkish Minority of Western Thrace

Moderator: Dieter Paul Küssner, FUEN Vice President and Former Chairman of Sydslesvigsk Forening (SSF), Danish Minority in Germany

Speakers:

1. **Pervin Hayrullah**, Executive Director of the Culture and Education Foundation of Western Thrace Minority (P.EK.E.M. - C.E.FO.M.)
2. **Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Hüseyinoğlu**, Balkan Research Institute, Trakya University
3. **Halil Mustafa**, Lawyer, Member of the Hellenic League for Human Rights
4. **Onur Mustafa Ahmet**, MA, Department of International Economic Relations and Development, Democritus University of Thrace

Questions-Answers

15:30

Coffee Break

16:00

Session III: Hot topic in Europe: the situation in Ukraine

Moderator: Olga Martens, FUEN Vice President and Vice Chairwoman of Internationaler Verband der Deutschen Kultur (IVDK)

Speakers:

1. **Gennadiy Druzenko**, Commissioner for Ethno-national Policy of the Ukrainian Government
2. Representatives of the minorities from Ukraine present at the Congress

Questions-Answers

20:00

Dinner

Hosted by ABTTF, WTMUGA and FEP Party
Komotini Turkish Youth Union, Komotini





Friday, 15 May 2015

09:00 **Session IV: Minorities Rights Experts: Experiences and Proposals for Solutions**

Moderator: Halit Habip Oğlu, FUEN Vice President and ABTTF President

Speakers:

1. **Willy Fautré**, Director of the Human Rights Without Frontiers International (HRWF Int'l)
2. **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Konstantinos Tsitselikis**, Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia, President of the Hellenic League for Human Rights
3. **Hercules Millas**, Writer and Columnist, Member of the Greek Minority in Istanbul
4. **Jørgen Kühl**, Chairman of the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI)

Questions-Answers

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 **Session V: Ups and downs from Flensburg to Komotini – One year of minority protection in Europe**

Moderator: Bernhard Ziesch, Vice President of FUEN and Secretary General of Domowina

Each organisation will have the opportunity to give a report of 3-5 minutes on what happened in their minority since the FUEN Congress in 2014.

Starting with an invitation to the Macedonian minority in Greece, Aromanian/Vlach minority in Greece, and Prof Dr Mustafa Kaymakçı, President of the Rhodes, Kos and Dodacanese Culture and Solidarity Association

Questions-Answers

12:30 Lunch, Chris & Eve Hotel, Komotini





14:00 **Session VI: Minority Dialogue Forum**

Moderator: Lorant Vincze, FUEN Vice President and International Secretary of Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ)

Keynote speech:

Nils Torvalds, MEP, Co-chair of the Minority Intergroup

Panel discussion on different approaches towards the same goal: minority and language protection.

Participants:

Hans Heinrich Hansen, President Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN)

Jørgen Kühl, Chairman of the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI)

Meirion Prys Jones, CEO Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity (NPLD)

Johanna Green, Program Manager Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organisation (UNPO)

Johan Häggman, Think Tank Magma, Swedish-speaking community in Finland

Matic Germovšek, President Youth of European Nationalities (YEN)

Questions-Answers

15:30 **Ibrahim Baltalı**, The Owner of Minority Magazine “*Rodop Rüzgarı*” :
Presentation on “**Destruction of Ottoman heritage monuments and artifacts in Western Thrace**”

16:00 Visit to Turkish minority associations

20:00 Dinner
Village of Kırköy (Kırno), Xanthi





Saturday, 16 May 2015
FUEN Assembly of Delegates

- 08:30 Registration of the Delegates
- 09:00 **FUEN Assembly of Delegates**
- 13:00 Culture Trip
(Visit to Seyyid Ali Sultan Tekke Dervish Lodge in Evros and to Büyük Derbent village)
- 19:00 Dinner
Chris & Eve Hotel, Komotini

Sunday, 17 May 2015

Departure

