

## Invitation

The **Turkey Programme** of the  
**Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)**,  
is organising an **online public discussion** on:

### “What does the new German government mean for Turkey and its relations with the European Union?”

The German government, formed following the 26 September 2021 elections, is a tripartite coalition of the SPD, the Greens and the FDP. Being the second biggest party, the Greens hold the Foreign Ministry, whose head for the first time is a woman, Annalena Baerbock. What does this new government mean for Germany's Turkey policy, the bilateral relations, and Turkey's standing within the European Union? How is the new coalition government viewed in Turkey? Will the rather radical rhetoric of the Greens be put into practice, or will realpolitik push the new government towards a continuation of the conciliatory Merkel approach? These are questions to be addressed in this discussion, roughly 50 days after the German government was sworn in.

#### Speakers:

**Jennifer Hecht**, Project Manager, Stiftung Mercator, Germany

**Ronald Meinardus**, Non-Resident Senior Research Fellow, ELIAMEP, Athens

**Ebru Turhan**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & International Relations, Turkish-German University, Istanbul

#### Moderator:

**Ekrem Eddy Güzeldere**, Non-Resident Senior Research Fellow, Turkey Programme, ELIAMEP

The event will be held in **English**  
on **Wednesday, 26 January 2022 at 16:00-17:30 (EET)/ 15:00-16:30 (CET)**  
and live streaming will be available on the [ELIAMEP website](#)  
and on ELIAMEP's official account on [YouTube](#).

You may submit **your questions**  
prior to and during the live discussion at: [events@eliamep.gr](mailto:events@eliamep.gr)