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## Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

**Progress report**  
Bureau of the Assembly

### 1. Report of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

The Committee held a meeting in Paris on 29 March 2019 with Mr Valeriu Ghilechi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) in the Chair.

### 2. Introduction

The Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights assessed the lists of the candidates to the Court in respect of Turkey and Malta.<sup>1</sup>

### 3. Conclusions of the Committee on the lists of candidates submitted by Turkey and Malta

#### Turkey

The Committee interviewed all the candidates on 29 March 2019.

The Committee recommends to the Assembly, with an overwhelming majority, Ms Saadet Yüksel as the most qualified candidate.

#### Malta

The Committee interviewed all the candidates on 29 March 2019.

The Committee recommends to the Assembly, by a majority, Ms Lorraine Schembri Orland as the most qualified candidate, over Ms Abigail Lofaro.

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1. See Appendix 1 for the lists of candidates submitted by the Governments concerned. The full lists and curricula vitae of candidates can be found in Assembly documents: [Doc. 14840](#) (Turkey), [Doc. 14846](#) (Malta).



**Appendix 1 – Lists of candidates submitted by the Governments of Turkey and Malta**

Turkey

- Ms Esra Gül DARDAĞAN KIBAR
- Mr Necati POLAT
- Ms Saadet YÜKSEL

Malta

- Ms Victoria BUTTIGIEG
- Ms Abigail LOFARO
- Ms Lorraine SCHEMBRI ORLAND

## **Appendix 2 – Members of the committee who participated in the meeting<sup>2</sup>**

### **Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)**

- Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI, Republic of Moldova, *Chairperson*
- Ms Alina Ștefania GORGHIU, Romania
- Ms Biljana PANTIĆ PILJA, Serbia
- Mr Attila TILKI, Hungary
- Mr Volker ULLRICH, Germany

### **Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group (SOC)**

- Lord Donald ANDERSON, United Kingdom
- Ms Petra BAYR, Austria
- Ms Eka BESELIA, Georgia
- Mr Boriss CILEVIČS, Latvia
- Mr Titus CORLĂȚEAN, Romania
- Mr Constantinos EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus, *2nd Vice-Chairperson*
- Mr Emanuel MALLIA, Malta

### **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)**

- Mr Edmon MARUKYAN, Armenia
- Ms Olena SOTNYK, Ukraine
- Mr Jordi XUCLÀ, Spain

### **European Conservatives Group (EC)**

- Mr Kostiantyn USOV, Ukraine
- Ms Serap YAŞAR, Turkey

### **Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly**

- Mr Wojciech SAWICKI, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Mr Günter SCHIRMER, Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

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2. Not all the members of the committee participated in all the interviews / deliberations.