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Press Release

**Turks living in Kosovo and North Macedonia to be presented at the EP Intergroup on
Minorities**

Turks from Kosovo and North Macedonia will be presented at the meeting of the European Parliament (EP) Intergroup on Traditional Minorities, National Communities and Languages, to be held in Strasbourg on 30 April 2026.

With the initiative and support of the Working Group on Turkic Minorities/Communities (TAG) of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN), Sevgi Buş Kika, Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo responsible for Minorities, Fikrim Damka, will deliver a presentation on the Turks of Kosovo, and Şeval Nuredin, Vice President of the Turkish Democratic Party (TDP), will give a presentation on the Turks of North Macedonia.

During the presentations at the meeting, which will be chaired by Intergroup Chair Loránt Vincze (EPP, Romania) and attended by MEPs, the current challenges faced by the Turks of Kosovo and North Macedonia—including their language rights, access to education, and the need for greater visibility within the European framework—will be raised under the auspices of the European Parliament, as these communities play a vital role as the cornerstones of multicultural identity and democratic development within their respective societies.

The meeting will contribute to enhancing the visibility and recognition of Turks living in North Macedonia – recognised as a candidate for European Union (EU) membership – and in Kosovo, which has applied for EU membership, within the European Parliament.

The EP Intergroup on Traditional Minorities, National Communities and Languages aims to lead the development of European legislation that will strengthen the protection of minorities at the national level in the long term, emphasising that minority rights are an integral part of fundamental human rights. Comprising MEPs, the Intergroup aims to inform the European Commission about the situation of national minorities living in Europe.

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