

# PHARAONIC PROJECTS CONFERENCE

26-27th OCTOBER ISTANBUL TAXIM HILL HOTEL



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# 26th October, Saturday @ taxim hill otel

## 10:00-10:15 Opening Remarks

Helene Flautre (MEP-Greens-EFA, Co-Chair of EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee)  
Arif Ali Cangi (Co-Spokesperson of Greens and Left Future Party)

## 10:15-10:40 Keynote Speech: “The Construction of the Forum Against Unnecessary Imposed Mega Projects: An Historic Necessity”

Paolo Prieri (Unnecessary Imposed Mega Projects Network )

## 10:40-11:00 Coffee Break

## 11:00-12:30 Panel: Overview of Mega Projects in Turkey and in Europe

Towards a better understanding of environmental conflicts in Turkey: A Mapping Exercise  
Begüm Özkaynak, Cem İskender Aydın, Pınar Ertör Akyazı, Irmak Ertör (Boğaziçi University, Political Economy Working Group), Lisa Ariemma (The High-speed Train Movement, Italy )  
Codruta Nedelcu (Association ARIN, Romania), Daniel Popov (Bankwatch and Centre for Environmental Information and Education, Bulgaria), Kostas Loukeris (Green Party of Greece)

## 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break

## 13:30-14:15 The Case of Canal Istanbul: A Scientific Counterview

Cemal Saydam (Hacettepe University), Ethem Gönenç (İstanbul University)

## 14:15-15:45 Urban Transformation in the light of Mega Projects in Turkey

Cihan Uzunçarşılı Baysal (City Movements) , Çare Olgun Çalışkan (Northern Forests Defence Platform), Uğur Dündar (Mimar Sinan University) Korhan Gümüş (Taksim Platform)

## 15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

## 16:00-18:00 Panel and Discussion: Developmentalist Agenda and Green Responses

Cengiz Aktar (Political Scientist, GLFP CG Member), Fikret Adaman, Bengi Akbulut (Political Economy Working Group), Haluk Levent (Galatasaray University, GLFP CG Member), Ahmet Atıl Aşıcı (İstanbul Technical University, Greens and Left for the Future Party), Sedat Kalem (WWF-Turkey)

# 27th October, Sunday @ taxim hill otel

## 10:00-10:30 Public Participation in Decision-Making Process:

“Citizen Engagement in the EU: Democratic Processes and Institutional Responses”  
Olga Kikou (Green Party-Greece, Green Institute Greece)

## 10:30-12:00 Panel and Forum: What We Can Do to Stop Environmentally Destructive projects?

Hande Atay (Lawyers for Environment, Ecology Collective Turkey )  
Yakup Şekip Okumuşoğlu (Lawyers for Environment)  
Oya Ayman (Greens and Left Future Party), Murat Güvenç (İstanbul Şehir University),  
Fidanka Bacheva (McGrath, CEE Bankwatch Network), Kostas Loukeris (Chair of Green Institute Greece )

## 12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

## 13:00-15:30 Mega Projects and Environmental Journalism in Turkey:

Pelin Cengiz - Moderator (Journalist)  
Mehveş Evin (Milliyet), Gürhan Savcı (Zaman/Aksiyon), Utku Zırığ (IMC TV-Yeşil Bülten),  
Filiz Yavuz (Freelance Journalist), Seçkin Ürey (Habertürk), Güray Öz Tekin (Cumhuriyet)  
Serkan Ocak (Radikal), Yonca Poyraz Doğan (Today's Zaman)

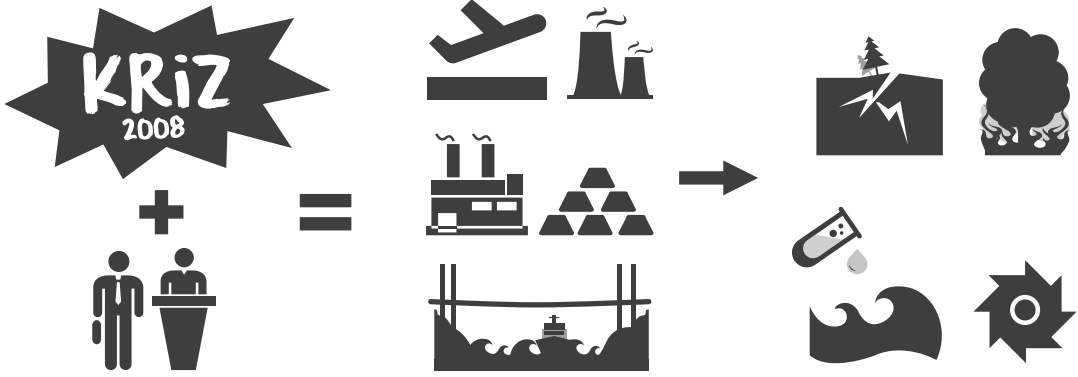
## 15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

## 15:45-16:30 General Evaluation and Concluding Remarks End of Conference

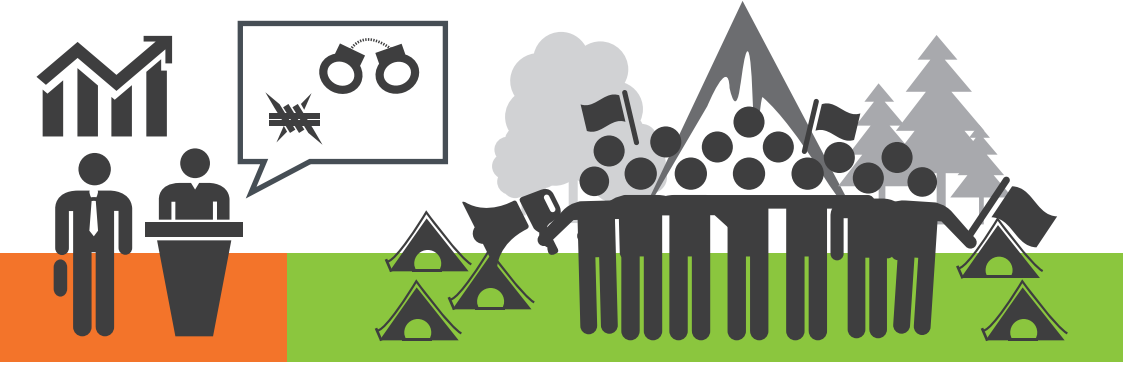


In response to the Global Crisis of 2008, which is still taking its toll especially in Balkan countries, governments in the region have found short term solutions which are environmentally and socially destructive:

## “PHARAONIC PROJECTS”



“Development-at-all-costs”, in other words, short-sighted economic-growth oriented policies are one of the biggest threats to the well-being of societies today. Yet, governments deny the rights of citizens to participate in the decision-making process in the planning of these projects which have substantial consequences in peoples’ lives.



Nowadays, the technocratic “developmentalist” agenda and the lack of democracy go hand in hand. But it has been widely documented that the economic growth cannot be sustained in the absence of democracy.



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