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‘Game Not Over’: 
Revisiting Turkey-EU Relations

Speakers
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Date: February 11, 2015, 12.30-14.00
Venue: Sheraton Hotel Ankara
(Noktalı Sok. Kavaklıdere)

The EU and Turkey have encountered a series of critical junctures over the past few years. Concurrently, the gap between decision makers in Brussels and Ankara is widening while public interest in Turkey’s EU bid is fading. Further relapse of Turkey-EU relations bears considerable risks for both sides. It is hence of great importance that Turkey actively takes part in the debate on the future architecture of the EU. At the same time, a strong and stable Turkey which protects civil liberties and the rule of law must be a priority for the EU.

As part of an event series convened by Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow Hannes Swoboda, ‘Game Not Over’ Revisiting Turkey-EU Relations brings together advocates for the future of Turkey in Europe with high-level decision makers. The event aims to provide a platform for experts to discuss challenges faced by Turkey and the EU and to generate concrete policy recommendations and areas of further cooperation.

The event will be held in English in the form of a casual lunch.