

## STATEMENT

9<sup>th</sup> June, Porto, Portugal

The Participants of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Nanterre Network, taking place in Porto – Portugal, deeply regret that for the first time the Turkish partner Universities were unable to attend and represent themselves at this scientific gathering.

It is with great concern and anguish that we face the absence of information or news concerning our Colleagues in Turkey, fearing that this silence may be related with the recent political evolution occurring in their home country.

The politically motivated disciplinary measures towards Professors and other academic staff members at Turkish Universities impact negatively and even disruptively on the normal and wealthy functioning of the European higher education system, including Turkey.

The dismissal of thousands of Professors and other academic staff members appears to us as contrary to a constitutional democratic thinking and offends academic freedom. State action should be aligned with the basic tenets of the rule of law and with the core idea of a pluralist democracy.

Therefore, we declare our solidarity with all our Turkish colleagues, especially those that are possibly being stigmatized on groundless accusations.

We call for the reintegration and respect of academic liberty.

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