

## **GHENT UNIVERSITY POSITION ON COLLABORATION WITH TURKISH UNIVERSITIES**

Starting with the publication of an 'Academics for Peace' petition in January 2016, and further increasing after the attempted coup in July 2016, large numbers of state employees in Turkey have suffered dismissal or other sanctions without due process. Among them are several thousands of academics. Many Turkish universities have actively collaborated in the implementation of these government measures against their employees. Under its Human Rights Policy, Ghent University considers such universities as (co-)perpetrators of serious human rights violations. This means that most types of collaboration with these universities are excluded. Please consider contacting the Committee on Human Rights Policy and Dual Use Research when planning collaborations with Turkish higher education institutions.