

EU-TÜRKİYE BUSINESS SUMMIT

From Dialogue to Action: Building a Stronger EU-Türkiye Economic Future
17 November 2025, Egmont Palace, Brussels

DRAFT AGENDA

17 November, MONDAY

08.00 - 09.00

Registration

09.00 – 09.15

Welcoming Words

- Arnaud Thyssen, Director-General, European Business Summit
- Mehmet Ali Yalçındağ, Coordinating Chairperson, DEİK/Türkiye-Europe Business Councils
- Nail Olpak, President, Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK)

09.15 – 09.25

Keynote Speeches via Videoconference

- Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission (tbc)
- Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye (tbc)

09.25 – 09.40

Opening Remarks

- Marta Kos, Commissioner for Enlargement, European Commission
- Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat, Minister of Trade, Republic of Türkiye

09.40 – 10.35

Session – 1: Customs Union 2.0: Renewing the EU–Türkiye Customs Union for Global Competitiveness

Keynote Speeches

- Gerassimos Thomas, Director-General for Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission
- Mustafa Tuzcu, Deputy Minister of Trade, Republic of Türkiye

Moderator: Jack Parrock, Journalist

Panelists:

- Markus Beyrer, Director General, BusinessEurope (tbc)
- Murat Yalçıntaş, General Manager, OYAK (tbc)
- Akın Garzanlı, CEO, Beko Europe
- Pascal Kerneis, Managing Director, European Services Forum
- Katalin Skram, VP Regulatory Affairs, DHL
- Dr. Markus Forscher, Member of the Board of Management, Robert Bosch GmbH (tbc)
- Ignacio Garcia Bercero, Senior Fellow, Bruegel

10.40 – 11.30

Session – 2: Bridging Digital Frontiers: Unlocking the Potential for EU and Türkiye's Joint Digital Future

Keynote Speeches

- Henna Virkkunen, Executive Vice President Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy, European Commission (tbc)
- Mehmet Fatih Kacır, Minister of Industry and Technology, Republic of Türkiye (tbc)

Moderator: Jennifer Baker, Journalist

Panelists:

- Eva Maydell, Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, European Parliament (tbc)
- Ümit Önal, CEO, Türk Telekom (tbc)
- Mariangela Marseglia, Amazon Vice President EU Stores (tbc)
- Çağlayan Çetin, President, Trendyol Group

- Renate Nikolay, Deputy-Director General DG Connect, European Commission (tbc)
- Alper Tunga Burak, CEO, Odine

11.30 – 12.00

Fireside Chat – 1

- Bernd Biervert, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security Maros Sefcovic

12.00 – 13.00

Networking Lunch

13.00 – 14.00

Session – 3: Defense at a Crossroads: Redefining EU–Türkiye Cooperation in an Unstable World

Keynote Speeches:

- Prof. Dr. Haluk Görgün, Secretary of Turkish Defense Industries (tbc)
- Micael Johansson, President and Chairman of the Board, The Aerospace, Security and Defense Industries Association of Europe (ASD) (tbc)

Moderator: Teri Schultz, Journalist

Panelists:

- Osman Okyay, Deputy Chairperson, Kale Group & Chairperson of the Defense and Aerospace Industry Manufacturers Association (SASAD)
- Renzo Tomellini, Brussels Office General Manager, Leonardo
- Ian Lesser, Executive Director, German Marshall Fund Brussels Office (tbc)
- Gabriel Munuera Vinals, Ambassador, Head of the Türkiye Unit, EEAS
- Haluk Bayraktar, CEO, Baykar (tbc)

14.00 – 14.30

Fireside Chat – 2

- Mehmet Kemal Bozay, Deputy Minister & Director for EU Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Türkiye

14.30 – 15.30

Session – 4: From Mines to Markets: Building a Greener, Stronger EU–Türkiye Supply Chain

Keynote Speeches:

- Dr. Alparslan Bayraktar, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Republic of Türkiye (tbc)
- Dubravka Suica, Commissioner for Mediterranean, European Commission (tbc)
- Fatih Birol, Director-General, International Energy Agency (tbc)

Moderator: Ana Rovzar, Journalist

Panelists:

- Ebru Özdemir, Chairperson, Limak Holding
- Elchin Ibadov, CEO, SOCAR Türkiye
- High Level Speaker from Kalyon Holding
- Elisabetta Falcetti, Managing Director for Türkiye and Caucasus, European Bank for Investment and Development
- High Level Speaker from EON Energy
- High Level Speaker from Siemens, EnBW, Umicore (tbc)
- Giles Dickson, CEO, WindEurope

15.30 - 15.45

Coffee Break

15.45 – 16.45

**Session – 5: Accelerating EV and Mobility Innovation: Reimagining the EU
– Türkiye Automotive Nexus**

Moderator: Jack Parrock, Journalist

Panelists:

- Nicole Walker, Executive Director, Ford Motor Europe
- Mitja Schulz, Head of Brussels Office & VP European Affairs, German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA)
- Maria Linkova-Nijs, Executive Head of Policy and Strategy, ACEA (European Automobile Manufacturers' Association)
- Léon Delvaux, Director, DG Trade, European Commission
- Gürcan Karakaş, CEO, TOGG (tbc)
- Okan Baş, CEO, Karsan

17.00 – 17.30

Fireside Chat – 3

- Gilles Roth, Minister of Finance, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (tbc)
- Mehmet Şimşek, Minister of Treasury and Finance, Republic of Türkiye (tbc)

17.30 – 18.00

Future of Türkiye-EU Relations

- Kaja Kallas, High Representative/Vice-President Foreign Affairs and Security, European Commission (tbc)
- Hakan Fidan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Türkiye (tbc)

18.00 – 18.15

Closing Words

- Arnaud Thyssen, Director General, European Business Summit
- Mehmet Ali Yalçındağ, Coordinating Chairperson, DEİK/Türkiye-Europe Business Councils
- Nail Olpak, President, Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK)

18.15 - 19.00

Cocktail Reception