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### RECENT ACTIVITIES

#### TEBD CHAMBER ACADEMY, 2022

A Management Training Program for Chamber Executives

30 May -3 June 2022

Jerez | Spain



The second edition of the Turkey-EU Business Dialogue (TEBD) Chamber Academy took place from 30 May to 3 June 2022 in Jerez, Spain. The Academy provided the 40 participants, 21 Turkish and 19 EU Chamber Representatives, with intensive training on management and strategic planning skills development, as well as a valuable opportunity for networking with fellow chamber managers from the EU and Turkey.

Participants took part in several courses which included:

1. SME Support Services
2. How to Expand your Network and Find Partners
3. Project Management, Reporting and Monitoring
4. Digital Chambers & Shaping Digital Future
5. EU Green Deal, Fit for 55
6. Income Generation & Innovative Services in Chambers
7. Trade and Investment
8. Circular Economy



*"I cannot appreciate only one thing. There are a complex of important things that I can highly appreciate, such as networking between the participants, the interesting sessions, and the exchanging different point of views. The most important result from TEBD Chamber Academy is pass on our knowledge and skills to the companies and to know where and with whom you can build*

*sustainable future relationships."* - **Lyubomir Levicharov, Head of Economic Analysis and Policy at Bulgaria Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

*"TEBD Chamber Academy was a great opportunity for all the participants to network with colleagues from other chambers of different countries and to share new ideas. I got an insight on what other chambers are doing, and at the same time had the chance to improve myself, which in turn will be a good starting point to implement innovative new services for our members in Ankara."*  
- **Oktay YAMAN, Deputy Secretary General at Ankara Chamber of Industry**

*"The Academy was an excellent opportunity to meet chamber colleagues from other countries, to share our best practices and to get inspiration for our further collaboration. I have learned a lot about management and services of other chambers, there in much we can learn from each other. I have received some good tips and fresh ideas for my own chamber and me personally."*  
- **Ginta CESEVICIENE, Head of Vocational Education Department at Penevezys CCI**

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**Eurochambres interview with TOBB President, Rifat  
Hisarcıklıoğlu**

**8 June 2022**



The war in Ukraine is likely to have long-term ramifications on the EU's neighbourhood and enlargement policy, further affecting migration patterns, economic output and security policy.

We talk about this, and the need to strengthen economic, trade and investment relations across Europe, in a new interview with our Vice President and Chairman of the Neighbourhood and Enlargement Committee, Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu, who is also President of TOBB. You can access the full interview [here](#).

## Connecting European Chambers

28-29 June 2022



The 7th edition of Connecting European Chambers took place between 28-29 June 2022 at the premises of TOBB. The 2022 Connecting European Chambers offered local, regional and national chambers within the Eurochambres network the opportunity to learn about EU programmes and discover best Chamber practices. Aimed to develop the capacity for chambers to cooperate on EU projects, building on the network's strengths to enhance synergy and deliver added value services to the business community.

During the second day of the event, participants had the chance to join some working sessions, one of which was hosted by TEBD project Director Oya ERSÖZ, for Neighborhood and Enlargement.

This session offered a presentation of the pre-accession assistance (IPA III), as well as a presentation of the top ten targets for 2025. Focus will be on Western Balkans, Turkey and Eastern Partnership.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



The fifth and last TEBD Study Visit in Europe will focus on **Vocational Education and Training (VET)**. It will be organized for Turkish Chamber executives, and will take place in **Berlin (Germany) and Vienna (Austria) between 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

The objective of this Study Visit is to allow Turkish Chamber Representatives to obtain a better understanding of the Vocational Education and Training in Germany and Austria. The Study Visit consists of an attractive programme for participants including showcases of dual education programmes, apprenticeship-wifi, IBW and visit to VET Provider, among others. We will be also able to visit the Austrian Economic Chamber (WKO) in Vienna, and the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK) and Berlin Chamber of Commerce in order to understand the German Chamber System which are the competent bodies of the Dual System, and how Chambers work with DIHK.

If you are a Turkish Chamber representative and you are interested in participating in the TEBD Study Visit on “Vocational Training and Education”, please submit the application form you can find [here](#), and the **GDPR Form** by

email to [ustarroz@eurochambres.eu](mailto:ustarroz@eurochambres.eu) by **4 July, 4.00pm (Brussels time)**, at the latest.,

Please bear in mind that **participants will be selected based on their personal and institutional experience (more specifically on VET System)**, and motivation and interest on the Study Visit and on both countries we are visiting.



The Turkey-EU Business Dialogue (TEBD) project is currently surveying SMEs across Europe to gauge their views on doing business with Turkey. The results will be used for a report on “*EU-Turkey relations: perspectives from the European business community*”.

The TEBD SME survey is available in 24 EU official languages [here](#). If you are collaborating with Turkish business or interest in Turkey market, please involve in the TEBD SME Survey!

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact us at [tebd@eurochambres.eu](mailto:tebd@eurochambres.eu).

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