

REGIONAL FORUM 2010

SMART GROWTH FOR TURKEY – Istanbul
Friday 22 October 2010



PROGRAMME

9:00

Opening address

Philippe de Fontaine Vive, Vice-President, European Investment Bank

9:15

Key-note speech

Mehmet Şimşek, Minister of Finance, Turkey

Panel I

PAVING THE WAY FOR EU ACCESSION – INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE

9:30

Key-note speech

Štefan Füle, EU Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy

Moderator:

Katinka Barysch, Deputy Director, Centre for European Reform (CER), UK

Panel:

- **Cüneyd Düzyol**, Deputy Undersecretary, State Planning Organisation, Turkey
- **Süreyya Yücel Özden**, Advisor to the Board of Directors, Gama, Turkey
- **Seung Soo Lee**, Chief Executive Officer, Eurasia Tunnel Project, Turkey
- **Jean-Patrice Poirier**, Europe Development Director, Veolia Water, France
- **Christine Lins**, Secretary General, European Renewable Energy Council
- **Ziya Akkurt**, Chairman, Akbank, Turkey

Questions & Answers

Over the last decade Turkey has shown an impressive ability to transform itself and has demonstrated a high level of stability and resilience facing the prevailing financial and economic crisis. Ongoing accession negotiations with the EU are an important catalyst for further change and economic growth. This session will look at the importance of investments in the various infrastructure sectors in order to support the country's economic growth and EU integration. Special attention will be dedicated to the aspects of financing and operating the infrastructure and how this will contribute to a balanced strengthening of trade and economic relations in the run-up to accession.

11:15 **Coffee break**

Panel II RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

11:45 **Key-note speech**

Mohan Munasinghe, co-winner of the Nobel Prize for Peace 2007

Panel:

- **Murat Yalcintas**, President, Istanbul Chamber of commerce and President of the Association of Mediterranean Chambers of commerce & industry
- **Erman Ilıcak**, Board Member and President of the Information Society and New Technologies Committee (TÜSIAD), Turkey (*invited*)
- **Prof. Dr. Ömer Anlağan**, Vice-President, Tübitak, Scientific and Technological Research Council, Turkey
- **Dr. Thorsten Posselt**, Director of the Fraunhofer Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Germany
- **Prof. John Wood**, Chairman of the European Research Area Board (ERA)
- **Mete Çakmakcı**, Secretary General, TTGV, Technology Development Foundation of Turkey

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13:30 **Forum Closing**

Matthias Kollatz-Ahnen, Vice-President, European Investment Bank

14:00 **Buffet lunch**

The second panel of the conference will be dedicated to research and development, innovation and sustainable growth. The economic crisis has served as a reminder that national economies need to diversify their industrial base. At the cross-road between the high-tech Western Europe and low cost Far East, the way to go for Turkey is to move up the value chain. To do this, the country needs to further strengthen education and training, improve the efficiency of markets and foster innovation and entrepreneurship.

Simultaneous interpretation into Turkish and English will be provided throughout the conference

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