

# TURKEY AND EUROPEAN UNION RELATIONS: THE WAY FORWARD

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Palazzo Rondinini  
Via del Corso, 518  
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09:15 – 09:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:30 – 10:00

**OPENING SPEECHES**

**Ömer Cihad Vardan** – President, IKV

**Ettore Greco** – Director, IAI

**Alaattin Büyükkaya** – Turkey's Deputy Minister for EU Affairs

**Luigi Mattiolo** – Head of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs'  
Directorate General for the European Union

10:00 – 11:30

**FIRST SESSION:**

**TURKEY AND THE EU – A COMPLEX RELATIONSHIP**

**Trade and Investment Relations between Turkey and the EU: From a Business Perspective**

**Zeynep Bodur Okyay** – Deputy President, IKV; President, Kale Group

**Turkey as an EU Candidate: State of Economy**

**Omer Bolat** – Member of the Central Decision-Making and Executive Board, AK Parti; Former Chairman, MUSIAD; Former Expert, İKV

**Free movement of Turkish Citizens in the EU and the Visa Issue**

**Gerald Knaus** – Chairman, ESI

*Questions & Answers*

11:30 – 11:45

Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:30

**SECOND SESSION:**

**BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF ACCESSION – OPEN ISSUES IN TURKEY-EU RELATIONS**

**Turkey in the Midst of an Electoral Cycle: Trends and Prospects**

**Ali Çarkoğlu** – Dean, Koç University College of Administration, Sciences and Economics

**Turkish Foreign Policy and Identity in Turbulent Times**

**Ali Resul Usul** – Chairman, Center for Strategic Research

**Turkey and Europe: Prospects for Closer Ties**

**Nathalie Tocci** – Deputy Director, IAI

*Questions & Answers*