



European Committee
of the Regions

Brussels, 14 December 2021

**NOTICE OF MEETING
WORKING GROUP ON RELATIONS WITH TURKEY**

Meeting No **26**
Chair **Jens Christian GJESING (DK/PES)**
 Councillor, Haderslev municipal council, Denmark

Venue: Meeting will be held in fully remote format via *Interactio*
Date and time 15 December 2021, 10:00 – 13:00 (Central European Time, CET)
Interpreting: EN/FR/TK (*passive PL*)

In light of the current COVID-19 situation, and in accordance with the decision of the CoR President, this meeting will be held in remote format (participation will be possible only remotely)

Members will receive a PRACTICAL GUIDE on how to connect to the remote meeting platform. All documents for the meeting will be available exclusively online.

All times in CET

09:00 – 10:00 *Interactio* test

Participants who are going to speak (chair, speakers and members who intend to take the floor) should do the test.

10:00 – 11:15 Points 1 – 3

Participants should connect a couple of minutes before the official start.

- 1. Adoption of the agenda and approval of the minutes (COR-2019-05645-00-00-PV-REF) of the twenty-fifth meeting of the European Committee of the Regions Working Group on relations with Turkey held in fully remote format on 14 June 2021**
- 2. Opening remarks by the Chair**
 - **Jens Christian GJESING (DK/PES)**, Councillor Haderslev, Denmark

3. **Recent developments in Turkey and the EU – Turkey relations**

- **Ignacio SÁNCHEZ AMOR (ES/S&D)**, Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur on Turkey
- **Zeynel Abidin BEYAZGÜL (AK Party)**, Mayor of Şanlıurfa Metropolitan Municipality; Acting President and Executive Board Member of the Union of Municipalities of Turkey (TBB)
- **Henrike TRAUTMANN**, Acting Director, Neighbourhood South and Turkey, Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission
- **Amb. Faruk KAYMAKCI**, Turkish Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Director for EU Affairs

Exchange of views

11:15 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:45 Point 4

4. **Thematic session:**

Local economic development in the framework of the post Covid-19 pandemic

- **Cemal BAŞ**, Co-coordinator of CEMR's European Local Finance Expert Group; Councillor, Keçiören Municipality /Ankara
- **Ángel GUTIÉRREZ HIDALGO DE QUINTANA**, Head of Economic and Social Development Section, Delegation of the European Union to Turkey
- **Lale BEKTAŞ (CHP)**, Councillor, Yenimahalle and Ankara Metropolitan Municipality
- **Yücel YILMAZ (AK Party)**, Mayor of Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality and Member of the Assembly of the Union of Municipalities of Turkey (TBB)

Exchange of views

Conclusions by:

- **Amb. Mehmet Kemal BOZAY**, Permanent Delegate of Turkey to the EU

12:45 – 13:00 Points 5 - 6

5. **Any other business**

6. **Concluding remarks by the Chair**

- **Jens Christian GJESING (DK/PES)**, Councillor Haderslev, Denmark