



**EU-TURKEY JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Brussels, 8 and 9 April 2019**  
**Joint Statement**

1. The EU-Turkey Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) met in Brussels on 8 and 9 April 2019. During the meeting, the following topics on the agenda were discussed: 1) EU-Turkey relations, 2) SMEs – trade development and investment environment: opportunities between the EU and Turkey, 3) The civil society organisations, including the social partners, and Turkey-EU Accession Process, 4) The modernisation of the EU-Turkey Customs Union, and 5) The visa dialogue.
  2. On the EU-Turkey relations, presentations by representatives from both the EU-side and the Turkish side were made, followed by a general discussion.
  3. On the SMEs – trade development and investment environment: opportunities between the EU and Turkey, two written [reports](#) (one from each side) were presented and discussed.
  4. On the civil society organisations, including the social partners, and Turkey-EU Accession Process, two written [reports](#) (one from each side) were also presented and discussed.
  5. The exchanges were fruitful and informative to both sides, as always. The Joint Consultative Committee deems very important its work as an open channel for exchanges at civil society level, and remains committed to its mandate and to pursuing its dialogue as representatives of the organised civil society from both the EU and Turkey.
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