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Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Türkiye
100 Yıl Years

BELGIUM LUXEMBOURG BLCCA
Belgian-Luxembourg Chambers of Commerce Abroad
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A century of bridges. 100

A decade of growth ahead.

Your fastest route into the Belgium–Luxembourg–Türkiye corridor, and a voice, through ETTIC, in modernising the EU–Türkiye Customs Union.

Est. 1926 · Centenary edition 2026 · Istanbul



1926

FOUNDED IN ISTANBUL

WHO WE ARE

Founded 1926. Built for what's next.

One of the oldest bilateral chambers of commerce in Türkiye, we grow trade between Türkiye, Belgium and Luxembourg — and bring new companies and people into it.

- Part of the worldwide network of Belgian-Luxembourg Chambers Abroad
- A trusted partner of the Belgian and Luxembourg diplomatic posts
- Member of ETTIC, the Brussels-based European Turkish Trade & Investment Council

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Trade built on trust since 1830

Trade builds trust

Business led; governments followed with treaties in 1838 and 1927.

Openness makes small countries strong

€12B+ Belgium–Türkiye trade; Luxembourg the 7th-largest investor.

Commitment in hard times

War, crises, earthquakes, a pandemic: our members stayed and invested.

1830	Belgium declares independence
1834	Belgian expert Lambert Voisin runs Istanbul's Feshane mill
1837	Sultan Mahmud II recognises Belgian independence
1838	Treaty of Friendship & Commerce; diplomatic ties begin
1839	Treaty of London confirms Belgium and Luxembourg
1859	First regular steamer line Belgium–Levant
1862	New navigation treaty: free passage of the Straits
1867	Treaty of London guarantees Luxembourg's neutrality
1881	Belgian banks hold 7.2% of rescheduled Ottoman debt
1883	Nagelmackers' Orient Express reaches Constantinople
1914	Brussels capital powers Istanbul's trams (Silahtarağa)
1926	Chamber founded, with Gabriel Couteaux of Galata
1927	Belgium-Luxembourg–Türkiye commerce treaty
2026	Queen Mathilde's mission; $15B trade ambition

"Trust is still the most valuable currency we have."

Sources: BLCCT Centennial Keynote; Turkish MFA; Levantine Heritage, "Belgium in the Ottoman capital"

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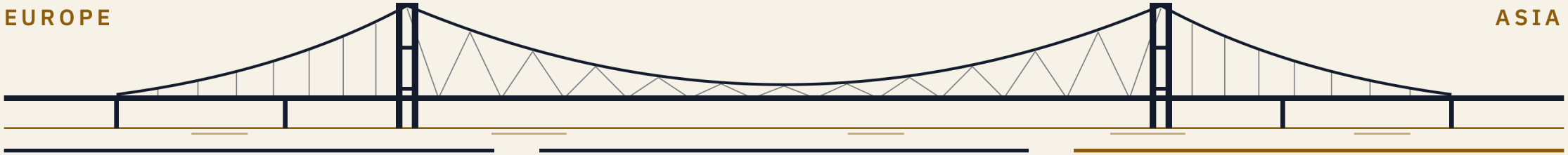
THE MARKET

Türkiye: an industrial power at Europe's doorstep



88M

People (2025 est.)

A large, young consumer market and a deep industrial workforce.

3.6%

GDP growth (2025 est.)

One of the OECD's fastest-growing economies over the past decade.

1995

EU–Türkiye Customs Union

Turkish industry wired into European value chains — and a framework now overdue for an upgrade.

Source: Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce country sheet (IMF / OECD estimates)

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WHY TÜRKIYE MATTERS FOR BELGIAN AND LUXEMBOURG COMPANIES

Türkiye: Europe's strategic gateway

1.3B
people within a 4-hour flight — USD 35T of combined GDP

#4
automotive producer in Europe, #12 worldwide

36M
young, well-educated professionals; 874,000 graduates a year

$288B
FDI attracted 2003–2025; Belgium 8th investor, Luxembourg 7th

Key industries

Dark: strongest fit with Belgian and Luxembourg strengths

Automotive | **Chemicals** | **Defense & Aerospace** | **Energy** | Financial Investments & Startups | **ICT** | Infrastructure | **Life Sciences** | **Logistics & Transportation** | Machinery | Agrofood | Business Services | **Financial Services** | Mining & Metals | Real Estate | Tourism

Sources: Investment Office of the Presidency of Türkiye (invest.gov.tr), "Why invest in Türkiye"; Belgian FPS Foreign Affairs; Embassy of Luxembourg

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THE CORRIDORS

Two corridors, one chamber

Belgium – Türkiye

$9.2B trade, 2025

Turkish exports / imports	**$5.0B / $4.2B**
Belgian FDI in Türkiye, 2002–Jan 2026	**$9.3B**
Belgium's rank among investors	**#8**
Joint trade target	**$15B**

Luxembourg – Türkiye

$9.7B FDI stock

Luxembourg's rank by FDI stock	**#7**
Bilateral trade, 2024	**€218M**
Lux exports / imports	**€164M / €54M**
Türkiye's rank, Lux exports outside EU	**#5**

Sources: Anadolu Agency / Hürriyet Daily News (May 2026, Turkish data); Embassy of Luxembourg in Ankara (2024 data)

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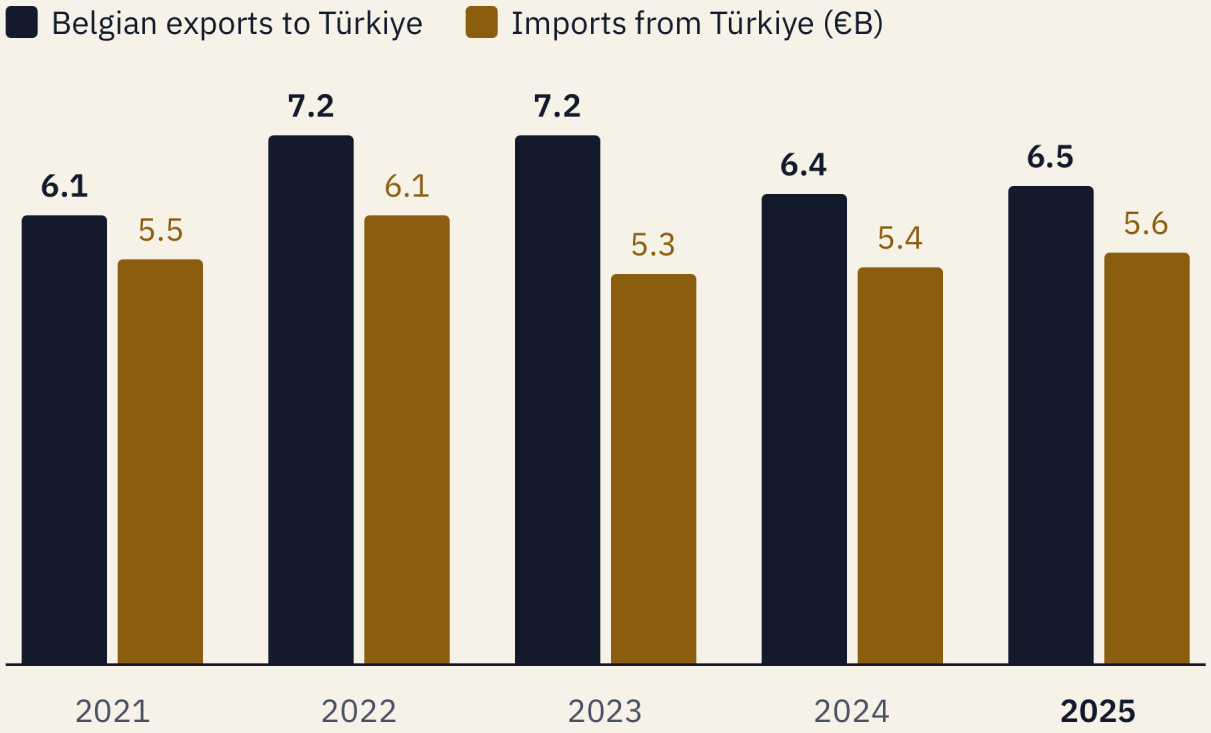
BELGIAN FOREIGN TRADE AGENCY DATA

A steady Belgian surplus with Türkiye



#13 Türkiye's rank among Belgium's export markets, 2025

#15 Türkiye's rank among Belgium's suppliers, 2025

€926M Belgian trade surplus with Türkiye, 2025

Belgium sells

Chemicals 20.7% · Plastics 14.8% · Machinery 13.6%

Belgium buys

Transport equipment 34.1% · Base metals 12.9% · Machinery 10.0%

Source: Belgian Foreign Trade Agency, bilateral trade note Türkiye (2026); € billion; product shares for the latest year

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LUXEMBOURG – TÜRKIYE

A modest trade flow, a heavyweight investor

Goods trade 2024: €218M



Türkiye is Luxembourg's **5th export market** and **7th supplier** outside the EU — with a €110M Luxembourg surplus.

Luxembourg sells

Machinery & electricals, chemicals, plastics, transport material, metal products

Luxembourg buys

Textiles, metals, plastics, machinery

$9.7B — Lux FDI stock in Türkiye — 7th largest

$97M — New Lux FDI in 2024 — 12th largest

~$0.9 B — Turkish investment stock in Luxembourg

☆ **Chambre de Commerce Luxembourg:** a Türkiye country desk, and a Luxembourg national pavilion at the International Astronautical Congress, Antalya, 5–9 Oct 2026.

Sources: Embassy of Luxembourg in Ankara (2024 data); Chambre de Commerce Luxembourg, country sheet Türkiye

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WHY NOW

May 2026 reset the ambition

BELGIAN ECONOMIC MISSION TO TÜRKIYE

Led by Her Majesty Queen Mathilde · 10–14 May 2026

Brussels → Istanbul → Ankara

400+ delegates

First in 14 years

The previous Belgian mission of this scale came in 2012.

Joint Declaration signed

Both governments committed to developing bilateral trade toward $15B.

New agreements

Mobility, defence-industry cooperation, social protection and agri-food safety.



Belgium–Türkiye trade, 2025 vs shared target

+$5.8B of new trade to be won — by the companies already in the room.

Sources: Belgian FPS Foreign Affairs; Joint Statement on the Belgian Economic Mission; DEİK; Anadolu Agency

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WHERE THE GROWTH IS

Five sectors where the next $5.8B will be won

01

Energy transition

Green energy: a top cooperation priority for Belgium

WE HELP

Partner scouting and a sustainability agenda with European chambers

02

Aerospace & defence

Defence-industry agreements signed in May 2026

WE HELP

Institutional introductions and mission follow-up

03

Ports & logistics

The Customs Union links Turkish industry to EU value chains

WE HELP

B2B matchmaking with port and logistics players

04

Life sciences & pharma

Pharma and chemicals lead Belgian exports to Türkiye

WE HELP

Distributor and partner introductions

05

Digital & Industry 4.0

A strategic focus of the 2026 economic mission

WE HELP

Site visits and technology partnerships

Sources: Joint Statement on the Belgian Economic Mission to Türkiye; Anadolu Agency (Prévot interview)

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WHAT WE DO

From contacts to contracts

Networking

Receptions and member gatherings, like our summer cocktail, where decision-makers meet.

Trade missions

Delegations to Anatolian hubs, including the Manisa and Eskişehir chambers of commerce.

Factory visits

Inside Belgian success stories in Türkiye, such as Puratos and Soudal.

CONNECTS

Our digital B2B platform matches members with buyers, suppliers and partners.

Diplomatic access

Direct dialogue with ambassadors, consuls general and trade agencies of all three countries.

Policy advocacy

Through ETTIC and Türkiye's European chambers, we push to modernise the Customs Union.

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OUR PARTNERS

A whole ecosystem behind you

DIPLOMACY

Belgium

Embassy · Ankara

Consulate General · Istanbul

Honorary Consul · Bursa, Izmir, Mersin, Gaziantep, Eskişehir

Luxembourg

Embassy · Ankara

Honorary Consul · Istanbul

TRADE AGENCIES

Flanders Investment & Trade

Flanders

AWEX

Wallonia Export & Investment Agency

hub.brussels

Brussels-Capital Region

CHAMBER NETWORKS

Belgian-Luxembourg Chambers Abroad

BLCCA, of which BLCCT is an accredited member

Voka

Flanders' chambers of commerce

Chambre de Commerce Luxembourg

Luxembourg's business voice

EU POLICY

ETTIC

European Turkish Trade & Investment Council, Brussels

BLCCT is a member. Our shared priority: a modernised EU–Türkiye Customs Union.

For members: one door into every Belgian and Luxembourg trade body in Türkiye.

FIT, AWEX and hub.brussels co-organised the May 2026 Belgian Economic Mission with the Foreign Trade Agency and FPS Foreign Affairs

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OUR MISSION, THROUGH ETTIC

An ETTIC advocacy priority · BLCCT is a member

The Customs Union is 30 years old. Business has moved on.

40%+
of Türkiye's total trade is with the EU

€230B
EU–Türkiye bilateral trade

€210B
European investment in Türkiye since 2002

Still outside the 1995 framework

- Services
- Agriculture
- Public procurement
- E-commerce
- Dispute settlement

Türkiye also does not automatically benefit from the EU's trade deals with third countries.

> *"Still running on Windows 2.0."*
> Dr. Markus C. Slevogt, Chairman, ETTIC

ETTIC = European Turkish Trade & Investment Council. Sources: EU Reporter (June 2025) and EU Today, reporting on ETTIC

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THE ETTIC ADVANTAGE

Our members' voice in Brussels

BLCCT is a member of the **European Turkish Trade & Investment Council (ETTIC)**, a Brussels-based council of European bilateral chambers in Türkiye, set up under Belgian law.

For members: your market-access issues, carried to EU and Turkish policymakers in Brussels, Ankara and Istanbul.

Grant the mandate

Parliament has endorsed modernisation; the Council of the EU must now open negotiations.

Keep trade apart from politics

Decouple the Customs Union upgrade from the stalled accession track.

Build Europe's nearshoring hub

Make Türkiye a friend-shoring base for European supply chains and a gateway to Africa.

Sources: EU Today (ETTIC leaders on modernising EU–Türkiye trade); Belgian Economic Mission directory

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INTEGRITY FIRST

Integrity is our licence to operate

In cross-border business, reputation travels faster than goods. BLCCT champions ethical practice, compliance and trust across all three countries.

Integrity

Zero tolerance for corruption, transparency in every partnership.

Business practices

Compliance know-how shared between European and Turkish firms.

Reputation

Trust with partners, regulators and the public, built to last.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TEİD

Seminar on ethics, integrity and reputation

Organised by BLCCT with TEİD, the Ethics and Reputation Society of Türkiye. [Date · venue · speakers]

160+	400K+	2010
TEİD corporate members	people they employ	TEİD founded

Source: UNCAC Coalition member profile of TEİD (Etik ve İtibar Derneği)

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LAUNCHED IN 2026

The Primus Inter Pares Sustainability Award

First among equals, with climate change in focus.

BLCCT's award recognises companies in the Belgium–Luxembourg–Türkiye corridor that lead on climate action, launched in the year Türkiye hosts the world's climate summit.

COP31 · Antalya · 9–20 Nov 2026. Türkiye holds the COP presidency and leads the Action Agenda.



COP31 dates: 2026 UN Climate Change Conference

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THE PROPOSITION

Membership is not a cost line. *It is a seat at the table.*

In a market where relationships open doors and rules are being rewritten, the Chamber is the shortest path to the right person — and the right policymaker.

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MEMBER BENEFITS

6 ways membership pays from day one

Welcome meeting
A personal onboarding with the board that maps your goals

Three-country network
Decision-makers in Türkiye, Belgium and Luxembourg, one call away

CONNECTS platform
Digital matchmaking with buyers, suppliers and partners

Business services
Free or discounted access to the Chamber's services

Missions & site visits
Seats on trade missions, chamber visits and factory tours

Policy voice via ETTIC
Your Customs Union issues raised in Brussels and Ankara

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HOW IT WORKS

From handshake to partnership

01
Join
Pick the membership that fits your stage and ambition.

→

02
Meet
A welcome meeting with board members maps your goals.

→

03
Match
Introductions and CONNECTS put you in front of the right partners.

→

04
Grow
Missions, visits and policy wins turn introductions into business.

Built for: Belgian & Luxembourg firms entering Türkiye · established subsidiaries scaling up · Turkish companies expanding into the Benelux and the EU

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100. Yıl Years

Join the next *100 years.*

Put a century of relationships — and a voice in modernising the EU–Türkiye Customs Union — to work for your business.

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