

PROGRAMME
ISTANBUL, NOVEMBER 28-30, 2014

28 November, Friday

Hotel transfers from airport and check-in at Le Meridien Etiler Hotel.

Wellcome reception in the Esmâ Sultan Yalısı, 1st Floor.

Welcome Dinner in Esmâ Sultan Yalısı attended by Turkish Minister. Wellcome speech by HE Yaşar Yakış followed. During dinner there will be speeches given by the Turkish Minister and the Rt. Hon. The Lord William Wallace of Saltaire PC, Government Whip for the FCO & Cabinet Office.

29 November, Saturday

Breakfast in the main restaurant of the Le Meridien Hotel.

Spouses / Partners Programme: Transfer from the Le Meridien Hotel to the Sultanahmet Area. General information about the historical Peninsula and Hagia Sophia tour. This will be followed by a tour of the Blue Mosque and the Basilica Cistern. Lunch at the Matbah Restaurant. After lunch, there will be a shopping tour of the Grand Bazaar and return to the hotel after.

Group A:

Chair: Rt. Hon. Jack Straw, MP.

Session IA: "Who Decides? – Constitutional issues: Devolution of Power, Presidential system / Parliamentary system, results and impact of the Scottish referendum."

Speaker Turkey: Mr. Rıza Türmen & Mr. Osman Can.

Speaker UK: Lady Justice Mary Arden.

Group B:

Chair: Mr. Mehmet Öğütçü

Session IB: "Keeping the Lights On: Energy Policy, EU preparations for Energy Union, other related energy issues: TANAP, Russia – Ukraine, etc."

Speaker UK: Bud Fackrell BP and Mr. John Roberts

Group C:

Chair: HE Yaşar Yakış

Session IC: "The Neighbours – East & South – Regional Issues: ISIL, Iraq, Syria, Libya and Iran."

Speaker Turkey: Mr. Murat Yetkin & Dr. Talip Küçükcan

Speaker UK: Sir David Reddaway

(In the likelihood of Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu's presence, he will speak too.)

Coffee Break

Group A:

Session IIA: "Who Decides? – Constitutional issues: Devolution of Power, Presidential system / Parliamentary system, results and impact of the Scottish referendum."

Speaker Turkey: Mr. Mehmet Gün.

Speaker UK: Baroness Royall of Blaisdon

Group B:

Session IIB: "Keeping the Lights On: Energy Policy, EU preparations for Energy Union, other related energy issues: TANAP, Russia – Ukraine, etc."

Speaker UK: Dr. Garreth Winrow

Group C:

Session IIC: "The Neighbours – East & South – Regional Issues: ISIL, Iraq, Syria, Libya and Iran."

Speaker Turkey: Mr. Soli Özel & Şaban Kardeş

Speaker UK: Rosemary Hollis

Lunch in the main restaurant of the Le Meridien Hotel.

Group A:

Chair: Sir David Logan

Session IIIA: "The Neighbourhood – North & West – Regional Issues: Black Sea Region, Russia – Ukraine conflict, Balkans and Caucasus."

Speaker Turkey: Mr. Mehmet Tekelioğlu

Speaker UK: Sir Roderic Lyne

Group B:

Chair: Ms. Pelin Akın.

Session IIIB: "Culture & Connections – The impact of new media on Behaviour, Business and Security."

Speaker Turkey: Mr. Serdar Turan

Speaker UK: Sir Julian Horn-Smith.

Group C:

Chair: HE Ünal Çeviköz

Session IIIC: "Health & Happiness – Developments and Cooperation in the health sector."

Speaker Turkey: Mr. Eyüp Gümüş & Ms. Gediz Balkanay

Speaker UK: Professor Sir Malcolm Grant.

Free time at Le Meridien Hotel alongside the session rooms.

Gala Dinner with speeches from the President of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York accompanied by a short piano concert performed by Aysedeniz Gökçin.

30 November, Sunday

Breakfast in the main restaurant of the Le Meridien Hotel.

Closing Plenary Session in the Ball Room of the Le Meridien Hotel. Reports and feedback from the chairmen of the Saturday sessions – chaired by the Rt. Hon. Jack Straw MP (followed by a very short coffee – break).

Round up of the Tatlıdil weekend and Q & A's. A look forward to next year.

Closing speech by a Turkish minister (to be advised) – chaired by HE Yaşar Yakış and the Rt. Hon. Jack Straw MP.

Following the closing session, there will be a Canape Reception in the Boaz Bar Teras on the 34th floor of Le Meridien Hotel.