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The Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan
in cooperation with the
German-Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce (AHK)
has the pleasure of inviting you to the

EU-Azerbaijan Business Forum

Tuesday, 5 June 2018

JW Marriott Absheron Baku Hotel
674 Azadlig Square, Baku, Azerbaijan

Latest economic development and reforms in Azerbaijan,
expert speeches, discussions
and business-to-business meetings

Central themes:

- (1) Ongoing Economic Reforms, (2) Agriculture and Food,
- (3) Construction and Machinery, (4) Transport and Logistics,
- (5) ICT and E-commerce

Guest speakers and participants:

High-level Azerbaijani Government and EU representatives,
Azerbaijani and EU businesses

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Online registration for EU businesses and organisations: [here](#)
 Extended registration deadline: **15 May 2018**

Participation is only possible with confirmation by the organisers.

Tuesday, 5 June 2018, JW Marriott Absheron Baku Hotel	
11:00 – 18:00	B2B meetings (available throughout the day via App)
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
10:00 – 11:00	Official Opening English
	<p>Moderation: Tobias Baumann, <i>Executive Director, AHK Azerbaijan</i></p> <p>Official Opening remarks by a high-level Azerbaijani Government representative, <i>tbc</i></p> <p>Welcome speech: Lawrence Meredith, <i>Director for East Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG Near), tbc</i></p> <p>Keynote speech: Mr. Shahin Mustafayev, <i>Minister of Economy, tbc</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Plenary Session: Economic Reforms in Azerbaijan English <i>In recent years, Azerbaijan started a series of economic reforms aiming at diversifying the economy and growing exports. This plenary session will deal with the latest developments and the current impact on the Azerbaijani economy.</i>
	<p>Moderation: Lawrence Meredith, <i>Director for East Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG Near), tbc</i></p> <p>Presentation of the EU Business Climate Report Azerbaijan 2018: Nigar Bayramli, <i>AHK Azerbaijan, Head of Market Analysis and Communication</i></p> <p>Opening remarks: Natig Amirov, <i>Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Industrial Issues, Head of Department, tbc</i></p> <p>Discussion among Azerbaijani and European authorities, Azerbaijani and European businesses and experts</p>

13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Panel 1: Agriculture and Food <i>English</i></p> <p><i>With regard to the Government's reform agenda, agriculture is one of the most important pillars of the non-oil economy. Its contribution to the country's GDP is expected to grow and it has considerable export potential. During the panel, the current development will be discussed further.</i></p>
	<p>Moderation: Serge Krebs, <i>Baku Office of the French Treasury, Head of Economic Services Baku</i></p> <p>Opening remarks: Inam Karimov, <i>Minister of Agriculture, tbc</i></p> <p>Discussion among Azerbaijani and European authorities, Azerbaijani and European businesses and experts</p>
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Panel 2: Construction and Machinery <i>English</i></p> <p><i>The construction and machinery sectors are recording a promising recovery after a period of decline. A range of construction projects and machinery activities have been launched in recent years. This panel will deal with the current development of these sectors.</i></p>
	<p>Moderation: Umberto Boeri, <i>Embassy of Italy, Deputy Head of Mission</i></p> <p>Opening remarks: High-level Azerbaijani Government representative, <i>Ministry of Economy, tbd</i></p> <p>Discussion among Azerbaijani and European authorities, Azerbaijani and European businesses and experts</p>
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Panel 3: Transport and Logistics <i>English</i></p> <p><i>Azerbaijan is at the crossroads of the North-South and the East-West Transportation Corridors. Transforming Azerbaijan into a transport and logistics hub is one of the Government's priorities. The implementation of this vision offers various opportunities for both European and Azerbaijani businesses.</i></p>
	<p>Moderation: Theresa Schönfeld, <i>German Embassy, Deputy Head of Mission, tbc</i></p> <p>Opening remarks: High-level Azerbaijani Government representative, <i>Ministry of Transport, Communication and High Technologies, tbd</i></p> <p>Discussion among Azerbaijani and European authorities, Azerbaijani and European businesses and experts</p>

14:30 – 16:00	Panel 4: ICT and E-commerce <i>Digital connectivity is gaining importance worldwide. In Azerbaijan, legal frameworks and e-services have been gradually implemented. This offers substantial opportunities for European and Azerbaijani businesses. During the panel, future perspectives are going to be discussed further.</i>	English
	Moderation: Stephen McCormick, <i>Deputy Head of Mission, UK Embassy, tbc</i> Opening remarks: High-level Azerbaijani Government representative, <i>Ministry of Transport, Communication and High Technologies, tbd</i> Discussion among Azerbaijani and European authorities, Azerbaijani and European companies and experts	
16:00 – 18.00	Networking Cocktail	