



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 developments 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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### Draft Programme

For online registration of European companies and organisations  
by **1 May 2018**, please click [here!](#)

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	<b>Official Opening</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>English</i></span>
	<b>Welcome and keynote speeches</b> by high-level Azerbaijani Government and EU representatives
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Plenary Session: Economic Reforms in Azerbaijan</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>English</i></span>
	<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>  <b>Official Opening remarks</b> by a high-level Azerbaijani Government representative  <b>Presentation of the EU Business Climate Report 2018</b> Nigar Bayramli, AHK Azerbaijan, Head of Market Analysis and Communication  <b>Discussion</b> among Azerbaijani and European authorities, Azerbaijani and European companies and experts
13.00 – 14.30	<b>Lunch Break</b>





14:30 – 16:00	<b>Panel 1: Agriculture and Food</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>English</i></span>
	<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><b>Official Opening</b> by a high-level Azerbaijani Government representative</p> <p><b>Discussion</b> among Azerbaijani and European authorities, Azerbaijani and European companies and experts</p>
14:30 – 16:00	<b>Panel 2: Construction and Machinery</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>English</i></span>
	<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><b>Official Opening</b> by a high-level Azerbaijani Government representative</p> <p><b>Discussion</b> among Azerbaijani and European authorities, Azerbaijani and European companies and experts</p>
14:30 – 16:00	<b>Panel 3: Transport and Logistics</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>English</i></span>
	<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><b>Official Opening</b> by a high-level Azerbaijani Government representative</p> <p><b>Discussion</b> among Azerbaijani and European authorities, Azerbaijani and European companies and experts</p>
14:30 – 16:00	<b>Panel 4: ICT and e-Commerce</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>English</i></span>
	<p><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></p> <p><b>Official Opening</b> by a high-level Azerbaijani Government representative</p> <p><b>Discussion</b> among Azerbaijani and European authorities, Azerbaijani and European companies and experts</p>
16:00 – 18.00	<b>Networking Cocktail</b>

