

## **Sweden-Türkiye 2. Joint Economic Trade Commission (JETCO)**

### **Business Roundtable**

**3 September 2024, Lunden, 14.00**

**H.E. Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat,**

**H.E Minister for International Development Cooperation and  
Foreign Trade Johan Forssell,**

**Ambassadors, Deputy Minister Mustafa Tuzcu,**

**President and CEO of Business Sweden Jan Larsson,**

**Our Business Council Chair Bahadır Balkır,**

**Private Sector Representatives,**

I greet you all on behalf of Foreign Economic Relations Board-DEİK and happy to be here 11 years later.

DEİK, is a business platform which has been carrying its activities for 39 years in order to enhance economic relations between Türkiye and other countries, our motto is “Business Diplomacy” and we have 152 country to country Business Councils all over the world.

Today’s 2 topics are Green Deal and Ukraine. But having a bilateral trade of \$4,1 billion, I’ll mention few points which I believe will help to develop that:

- Apart from others, since Digital Agenda and Green Deal are on the table, modernization of Customs Union between Türkiye and EU is a must for business world.
- We'll speak about Green Deal but, since green and digital transformation go hand in hand, digital transformation is another area to cooperate and DEİK's Digital Technologies Business Council is ready for that.
- Contracting business and renewable energy are other 2 main areas to work together and DEİK Energy Business Council can act more role together with our Türkiye-Sweden Business Council.
- Finally, partnerships in third countries is important as well as reconstruction of Ukraine.

I would like to finish with a Swedish saying if I can pronounce well, **“Ingen ko på isen”** (*İngin kopoyisin*), which means, **“No cow on the ice”**

That means, even if a situation seems challenging, there is no danger, stay calm and continue to work towards your goal.

I'd like to thank to Kalyon and Balorman Holding for their support, and all participants.

Thank you.

**Nail OLPAK**

**President of DEİK**