

MEDIA ADVISORY

The European Union is organising an **International Donors' Conference "Together for the people in Türkiye and Syria"** on **20 March 2023** in **Brussels** following the devastating earthquakes.

The aim of the Donors' Conference is to raise funds to support the people in Türkiye and Syria and coordinate the response in the areas affected in both countries.

The conference will be co-hosted by the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, and by the Prime Minister of Sweden, Ulf Kristersson, for the Swedish Presidency of the Council, and is being organised in coordination with the Turkish authorities.

You are invited to register your participation no later than **16 March 2023 13:00 CET** via this <u>link (https://scic.ec.europa.eu/ew/register/dgscic/Turkiye Syria Brussels 2023/e/lk/k/)</u>. In case you need any assistance with your registration, please contact <u>NEAR-DONORS-CONFERENCE-PEOPLE-IN-TURKIYE-AND-SYRIA@ec.europa.eu</u>

Media are invited to consult the Conference <u>website</u> for up-to-date information. The Conference will be **live streamed** via the Conference website.

1. MEDIA ACCREDITATION

All journalists, including those holding a European Commission accreditation badge, need to register for the Conference.

Media are invited to register as soon as possible via following the above-mentioned <u>secure link</u> (in the Organisation/company box, please mark "press")

For those who do not have an accreditation badge, please send by e-mail to <u>NEAR-DONORS-CONFERENCE-PEOPLE-IN-TURKIYE-AND-SYRIA@ec.europa.eu</u> with subject "Press accreditation request":

- the number of your passport or identity card (scanned document)

- the scan of a valid press card

Deadline: 16 March 2023 13:00 CET

Journalists needing a visa are advised to register as soon as possible (see section on visas below).

You may be asked to send additional documents or information to demonstrate that you fulfil the media accreditation criteria. For more information on our accreditation policy, see our terms and conditions.

You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt by email and you may access your profile at any time to check the status of your application.

Badge collection

Accreditation badges must be collected in person at the Charlemagne building (Rue de la Loi 170, 140 Brussels, Belgium). An early badge collection is strongly encouraged.

Badge collection preferably on Friday 17 March 2023 between 13.00 and 18.00 CET

or

on Monday 20 March 2023 as of the morning

2. PHOTO/TV/MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

Due to limited space, media **will not** have access to the main conference room but will be able to follow the conference from the **press listening room (Jenkins room**).

During the Conference, photo corners will be available for the other interview/photo opportunities with media.

Media are invited to consult the Conference <u>website</u> for up-to-date information, **including on the programme and media opportunities.**

3. VENUE

The conference will take place in the **Gasperi room** of the Charlemagne building (Rue de la Loi 170).

The press room will be set up in the **Jenkins room** of the Charlemagne building (Rue de la Loi 170).

The press Conference scheduled at 17:00 on 20 March will take place in the pressroom of the Berlaymont building (Rue de la Loi 200).

The opening hours will be: 12:30 to 19:00

The press room facilities will offer:

- 120 places with WiFi connection,
- the equipment/screens to follow the main conference room including interpretation

Meals, refreshments and light cold meals can be bought at a self-service restaurant on the ground floor. Permanent running coffee will be served in the lobby of the press room.

The press office cannot reserve work places in the press room. Reserved places not occupied at the beginning of the Conference may be taken by others.

4. HOST BROADCASTER

Public parts of the Conference can be watched via the **Europe by Satellite (EbS) website**.

All host broadcaster footage will be available for download in broadcast quality (MPEG-4 - 16/9 format).

A selection of photographs taken by Commission photographers will be published on <u>EBS</u>. The high-resolution photographs can be also downloaded and used free of charge for non-commercial use (provided the copyright "European Union" is mentioned).

5. INTERPRETATION

The conference will be facilitated by simultaneous interpretation into: **English, French, German, Turkish** and **Arabic.**

6. VISAS

Media representatives must hold a valid visa, if required, to enter the Belgian territory. They are therefore advised to obtain their visa in advance by presenting the necessary documentation to the Belgian consular office competent for their country of residence.

7. SECURITY MEASURES

Access to the Charlemagne and to the Berlaymont buildings will be through a dedicated security point, upon presentation of the nominative conference badge and proof of identity. All participants will undergo a security check. Any additional security measures will be communicated at a later stage if relevant.

8. ACCOMMODATION & OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The European Commission does not organise centralised booking for media accommodation.

A list of hotels as well as other information on the Brussels region can be found on the visit Brussels website: https://visitbrussels.be/.

Media representatives can find information on public transport in Brussels on the following website: http://www.stib.be.

The conference venues are close to the Schuman metro station.

9. CONTACTS

For updates on the conference please go to the conference website: https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/stronger-europe-world/donors-conference-turkiye-and-syria_en

For questions related to the programme and discussions at the conference please contact:

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