



Annual Iraqi – European Business & Investment Forum

Athens, 21-22 April 2016

General Outlook

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The 1st "Annual Iraqi – European Business & Investment Forum" will be held on April 21st-22nd 2016, in Athens, Greece, under the theme "Iraq and Europe: Cooperation and Growth".

This Forum comes at a time we are witnessing wider cooperation and joining of efforts, between the Iraqi private sector and Government officials, to revive the economy and modernize Iraq's infrastructure and acquire new know-how in order to create job opportunities for the youth of Iraq.

This Forum seeks to emphasize on Iraq's rising international status by strengthening its trade and economic relations with the European partners and assist in the creation of new partnerships between Iraqi companies and their European counterparts.

The Forum will be held annually on a rotation basis in European capitals where Arab-European Joint Chambers maintain a presence.

Athens has been selected as the first to host this event, due to its geopolitical proximity to Baghdad and the excellence of relations that Greece and Iraq are enjoying.

Partners and Main Sponsors



Federation of Iraqi Chambers of Commerce



Baghdad Chamber of Commerce

Supporting Organizations: Arab-European Joint Chambers

Forum sectors and topics

- Iraq's Investment Opportunities and Business Environment (Iraqi session)
- Modernizing the Petrochemical Industry and Sustainable Energy in Iraq (joint session)
- Construction Works and Infrastructure Projects in Iraq (joint session)
- Transfer of Technology and Vocational Training (joint session)
- Construction, Energy and Food-Processing industry (Greek session)

The Forum's speakers and program will be announced in detail at a later date.

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Official Auspices

The organizer and the partners and main sponsors have agreed to secure the highest official auspices for this Forum. The list includes the following, with whom we are in contact:

- League of Arab States
- European Commission
- Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Greek Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism
- General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries

Iraqi participation

The Forum has the blessing and support of His Excellency Mr. Fuad Masum, President of the Republic of Iraq. In principle, His Excellency will attend the event, subject to protocol clearance. Iraqi participation will include Ministers and Senior State Officials and high-caliber Iraqi businessmen.

Greek participation

Ministers and State Officials and high-net CEO's and owners of Greek major companies and corporations.

European participation

This is an on-going process, in coordination with our sister Arab-European Chambers in Austria, Belgium, Britain, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal and Switzerland through which we are seeking to ensure the participation of some of their major member-companies and corporations that seek to establish a network and create a basis and presence in Iraq.

Other sponsorships

Member-companies of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Development, with the possibility of including other foreign sponsors.

The **Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Development** is looking forward to all your support and active participation for the success of this event. We shall work towards providing you with other details in the coming few days and weeks.

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