



Delegation to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

MISSION REPORT

Istanbul, Turkey (2 November 2018)

Meeting of the Bureau of the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)

Participating Members:

European Parliament (EP)

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Summary

The EU-Turkey JPC Bureau held a constructive joint meeting marked by a positive atmosphere. The Bureau agreed on the date, place and agenda of the 78th EU-Turkey JPC meeting. This marks an important step forward in the normalization of inter-parliamentary relations between the EU and Turkey after three years of pause (2nd official Bureau meeting this year, while the 77th JPC was held in April 2018 after 3 years without any meetings).

Joint EU-Turkey JPC Bureau Meeting

In the joint meeting Bureau Members agreed that the 78th EU-Turkey JPC meeting would take place on 19 and 20 December 2018 in Ankara. The substantive points of the JPC agenda were agreed as follows:

- EU-Turkey relations and state of play of the accession negotiations
- Economic cooperation between Turkey and the EU
- Security challenges

Conclusions

Successful, timely and positive mission creating conditions for regular continuation of the EU-Turkey inter-parliamentary relations.

Follow-up required

Preparation of the 78th EU-Turkey JPC (19-20 December 2018, Ankara).

Attachments:

- Program
- List of participants