

**STUDY VISIT 2022**

**“VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING”**

Berlin (Germany) & Vienna (Austria) – 5-9 September 2022

**CALL FOR CANDIDATES**

**The Turkey-EU Business Dialogue (TEBD) project**

The **Turkey-EU Business Dialogue** (TEBD) is a project co-funded by the European Union under its IPA II programme with Turkey. TEBD is managed by [EUROCHAMBRES](http://www.eurochambres.eu/), through a grant contract with [CFCU](http://www.cfcu.gov.tr/), in close cooperation with [TOBB](http://www.tobb.org.tr/), as the end beneficiary institution of the project. The TEBD activities are implemented through the European and Turkish Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen mutual knowledge and understanding between Turkish Chambers and their counterparts in the EU, thus promoting the integration of EU and Turkish business communities and ensuring a stronger awareness of the opportunities and challenges of a potential future Turkey’s accession to the EU in both Turkey and the EU.

The TEBD project wants to promote a constructive private sector dialogue between the EU and Turkey that will lead to positive and lasting results for both sides.

**The TEBD Study Visit**

As a part of the TEBD Project, five Study Visits are organised for Turkish Chamber executives in the EU; and five visits are organised for European Union Chamber executives to Turkey.

These Study Visits aim at:

* Enhancing the understanding and knowledge on Turkey, Turkish business culture within the EU Chamber network and business community, and vice versa;
* Offering an opportunity for networking and dialogue;
* Offering the possibility to learn ‘on site’ from other Chambers in Europe, and vice versa;
* Increasing the institutional capacity of the participating Chambers in relation to a specific topic or sector
* Establishing business contacts to develop further collaborations/projects.

**Organisation of the 5th TR Study Visit to Europe**

The fifth EU Study Visit to EU will focus on **Vocational Education and Training**. It will be organized for Turkish Chamber executives, from **5 to 9 September 2022**, and will take place in **Berlin** (Germany) & **Vienna** (Austria).

The objective of this Study Visit is to allow EU Chambers representatives to obtain a better understanding of the Vocational Education and Training in Germany and Austria. The Study Visit consist of an attractive programme for participants including showcases of dual education programmes, apprenticeship-wifi, IBW and visit to VET Provider, among others. We will be also able to visit the Austrian Economic Chamber (WKO) in Vienna, and the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK) and Berlin Chamber of Commerce in order to understand the German Chamber System which are the competent bodies of the Dual System, and how Chambers work with DIHK.

Germany and Austria’s dual system of vocational education and training is highly recognized worldwide due to its combination of theory in the classroom and training in a real-life work environment.

The dual vocational education and training systems in Germany, Liechtenstein, Austria and Switzerland have evolved over time and are considerably influenced by the economic framework conditions and the historical development process in the country in question. They are similar to each other in many respects (socio-economic, socio-demographics and/or historical aspects).

The main characteristic of the dual system is cooperation between mainly small and medium sized companies, on the one hand, and publicly funded vocational schools, on the other. This cooperation is regulated by law. This dual systems offers and excellent approach to skill development, covering initial vocational education and training, further vocational education and training, careers, employability, occupational competence and identity. Thanks to this, those countries enjoys low youth unemployment and high skills levels (ex: Germany about 50% of all school-leavers undergo vocational training provided by companies which consider the dual system the best way to acquire skilled staff).

\*A full programme will be shared accordingly to confirmed participants.

**Participation requirements**

You can participate in the TEBD Study Visit if:

* you are a full-time Chamber employee, for at least two years;
* you have a good communication skills in English;
* you have a specific interest and expertise on Vocational Training and Education;
* you wish to acquire and apply sound knowledge on the proposed topic(s);

Up to **12 Turkish Chamber executives** can participate in the TEBD Study Visit.

**Financial information**

All travel (economy class flight tickets, train and/or bus tickets) and full accommodation expenses, (hotel and meals) will be borne by the TEBD project. The TEBD team, with support of the local support organisation, will manage the entire process.

Personal expenses will be at your own expense, except VISA Cost which will be covered by the TEBD Project (further information will be provided to selected candidates).

**How to apply?**

If you are interested in participating in the TEBD Study Visit on “Vocational Education and Training”, please submit your application form by email to ustarroz@eurochambres.eu by **4 July 2022, 4.00pm Brussels time**, at the latest.

Participants will be selected by the TEBD team and TOBB on the basis of their personal and institutional experience (more specifically on their experience on the VET system) and motivation and interest on the Study Visit, as expressed in the application form.

Selected participants will be notified by **11 July** at the latest, and receive an official confirmation letter.

Participants will be required to travel from their country to Berlin on Monday 5 September, and return from Vienna on Saturday 10 September.

Note: it is recommended to verify your passport and visa status when applying.

**APPLICATION FORM**

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Topic: Vocational Education and Training

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Deadline: July 4th, 2022 (4:00pm)

**\*Please do not fill in the form by hand written**

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| **Gender** |  |
| **First Name** |  |
| **Last Name**  |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Your Chamber** |  |
| **City, Region** |  |
| **Country** |  |
| **Chamber Address** |  |
| **Contact Email Address** |  |
| **Direct Office Phone**  |  |
| **Mobile Phone** |  |
| **Chamber Twitter Account** |  |
| **Chamber Facebook Account** |  |
| **Chamber LinkedIn Account** |  |
| **English Knowledge** | Yes/No |
| **Valid Passport** | Yes/No |
| **Valid Visa** | Yes/No |

**Questions below will be used as a reference in the selection process.**

**The TEBD team may ask for additional information if required.**

**A. YOUR ORGANISATION**

Please describe briefly the main features of your Chamber: (I) Membership (II) Internal structure and (III) Main activities (IV) Expertise on the topic (max 15 lines)

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**B. YOUR BACKGROUND**

Please explain your personal background (short CV): studies, professional experience, role in the Chamber (max 10 lines).

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**C. ABOUT THE STUDY VISIT**

Please explain what previous experience/relations do you have with German/Austrian Chambers (if any), and what is your knowledge and experience about VET System.

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**D. YOUR MOTIVATION AND INTEREST**

Please explain in detail why you wish to participate in the Study Visit, your expectations and interests and which benefits your participation in the visit will bring to your Chamber (max 15 lines).

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Application form to be sent to ustarroz@eurochambres.eu

**MORE INFORMATION**

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