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Delegation to Israel
with
Members of the European Parliament and
Policy Advisors
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The EU is Israel's largest trade market and accounts for about a third of Israel's total trade. Israel is the EU's most important trading partner in the Mediterranean area and was ranked as the EU's 24th trade partner globally in 2016. The most traded goods are chemicals and related products, machinery and transport equipment and manufactured goods.

The EU and Israel have continuously worked on improving trade and economic relations and have signed several agreements to that end:

- Agreement on agriculture and fisheries which greatly improved market access (2010)
- "Open Skies" aviation agreement (fully entered into force in 2018) which further opened EU-Israel air travel and the related Eurocontrol association agreement (2016) which helps to coordinate air traffic and ensures security
- Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of industrial products (ACAA) which currently brings mutual recognition of pharmaceutical certification

The sides regularly hold sub-committee meetings which strengthen cooperation. The EU also supports the Israeli market reform process, aimed at lowering the cost of living and including market entry conditions for exported goods, with best practices and support to align Israeli legislation with EU legislation.

The EU and Israel jointly work to protect the environment and to support the implementation of the Paris agreement on climate change. We work together in international forums and in the EU's regional environmental and climate change programmes.

Technical & Financial cooperation

Israel benefits from the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), which provides most of the funding under European Neighbourhood Policy. For the period 2014-2020, the sum of 2 million euros per annum in ENI funding is foreseen for cooperation with the government of Israel to cover Twinning projects. Israeli non-governmental bodies are eligible for support under a variety of programmes funded under ENI and other EU budgets. For more information see Projects.

Education

Israel benefits from Erasmus+, the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport.

Research & Innovation

Israel has been associated to the EU Research and Technological Development Framework Programmes since 1996. The agreement on Israel's participation in the Horizon 2020 programme was signed in June 2014.

Program

N.B.: Please bring your passport to all meetings.

Due to the current political situation, meetings might change last minute.

Sunday, October 27th

*Arrival at the airport and individual check-in at **The David Citadel Hotel** from 15:00 hours onwards*

- 19:15 Meeting in the lobby of the David Citadel Hotel and departure to dinner briefing
- 20:00 Dinner briefing "Overview of Israel's political landscape" with **Prof. Dr Emmanuel Navon**, Lecturer International Relations, Tel-Aviv University and IDC Herzliya, Fellow, Jerusalem Institute for Strategic Studies (JISS)

Jerusalem by night tour – tbc

Restaurant 1868, King David Street 10 Jerusalem

*Overnight at **The David Citadel**, 7 King David Street, Jerusalem, 94101*

Monday, October 28th

- 08:15 Meeting in the lobby and walk to the Old City
- 0830-10:00 Jerusalem Old city tour, holy places with **Elad Bar-Ilan** – part 1
- 10:00-11:00 Strategic Briefing with **Commander of Police Station** and visit of the **Mabat 2000** CCTV command and control center of the old city
- 11:00-13:00 Jerusalem Old city tour, holy places – part 2
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch

*Restaurant **The Eucalyptus** – **Simtat Pelet 14** Jerusalem*

- 14:30 Drive to the Knesset
- 15:00 Meeting with Yuli Edelstein (Likud), Speaker of the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament
- 15:30 Tour of the Knesset
- 16:00-18:30 Meeting with 3 MKs
- 19:00 Return to hotel
- 20:00 Dinner with **Khaled Abu Toame**, Israeli Arab Journalist, Jerusalem Post and CBS News on coexistence and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Restaurant Touro - Sh.A. Nakhon Street 2

Overnight at The David Citadel, 7 King David Street, Jerusalem, 94101

Tuesday October 29th

Check out and departure

- 08:30 Meeting in the Lobby with luggage and drive to Yad Vashem
- 09:00-11:00 Visit of **Yad Vashem**, Memorial of the victims of the Holocaust
Ceremony at the Hall of Remembrance
Drive to restaurant
- 12:15-13:45 Lunch
- Restaurant Modern, Derech Ruppin 11, Jerusalem*
- 14:00 -15:30 Strategic Briefings at the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- 15:00 Briefing with **Alon Ushpiz**, Political Director of the MFA
- 16:00-17:00 Meeting with the **Minister of Foreign Affairs MK Israel Katz** *TBC*
- 17:00 Departure to Tel Aviv
- 18:30 Check in at Royal Beach Hotel
- 19:30 Meeting in the lobby and departure to dinner
- 20:00 Dinner with a panel of officers of the IDF

Restaurant 2 C - 49th floor Azrieli Tower

Overnight at Royal Beach Hotel, HaYarkon St 19, Tel Aviv-Yafo

Wednesday, October 30th

- 08:30 Meeting in the lobby and departure to IDF base
- 09:30 Departure to the North - IDF Helicopter Tour with an on-air briefing
- 10:45 Landing at the Syrian Border, **Mount Bental**. Briefing at the border by the IDF
- 11:45 Departure by helicopter to the Lebanese border. Visit of an **Iron Dome**, Mobile Air Force Base
- 13:30 Lunch in the area

- 15:00 Departure to Tel Aviv
- 16:15 Arrival at Military Base and return to Hotel.
- 18:00 Strategic Briefing on the roof of the IDF HQ by **Brig. General Hiday Zilberman**, IDF Spokesperson
- 19:30 Meeting in the lobby and departure to dinner
- 20:00 Dinner with **Chagai Tzuriel**, Director of the Ministry of Intelligence

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Thursday, October 31st

- 08:30 Meeting in the lobby and departure
- 09:00-10:15 Briefing on EU-Israel relations with EU Head of Delegation, **Emmanuel Giaufret**
- 11:00-12:15 Start-up Nation Central, Briefing about the Israeli start up ecosystem by **Jeremie Kletzki**, VP SNC
- 12:30 Briefing with **Paul Landes**, Head of National Bureau of Counter Terror Financing, Ministry of Defense

Restaurant Meatus, Tel Aviv

- 13:30-16:30 Individual departure of participants leaving for Europe