



EU-Egypt High-Level Event

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اجتماع رفيع المستوى بين الاتحاد الأوروبي وجمهورية مصر العربية
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HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

**Implementing the EU-Egypt Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership:
Accelerating Strategic Investment, Industrial Transformation and Innovation**

**22 OCTOBER 2025
14:00 – 20:00**

**EUROPEAN COMMISSION,
CHARLEMAGNE BUILDING,
RUE DE LA LOI 170, 1000 BRUSSELS**

Nineteen months after the launch of the EU-Egypt Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership, the first-ever EU-Egypt Leaders' Summit marks a pivotal opportunity to convert shared ambition into concrete results across all six Partnership pillars. Underpinned by landmark achievements – like the Investment Conference in 2024, the launch of the EU-Egypt Investment Platform in 2025, the EUR 5 billion Macro-Financial Assistance package and the successful conclusion of Egypt's association to Horizon Europe – our cooperation is already delivering real momentum.

By convening top political and business leaders from the EU and Egypt, financial institutions, industry association and business pioneers, the event will help give visibility, operationalise and advance our partnership's forward-looking agenda and set the stage for a more resilient, competitive and innovation-driven EU-Egypt future. It will focus on driving sustainable competitiveness and high-impact investments in strategic sectors like clean tech value chains, fostering a dynamic innovation ecosystem that connects public and private stakeholders across both regions. The discussions will catalyse dialogue on co-investment opportunities, strategic public-private partnerships, and the regulatory reforms needed to unlock capital, attract long-term private investment and support a competitive, future-ready economy.

AGENDA

14:00 – 14:30 | Opening Session

- **Dubravka Šuica**
European Commissioner for the Mediterranean
- **H.E. Badr Abdelatty**
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- **Hassan ElKhatib**
Minister of Investment & Foreign Trade of the Arab Republic of Egypt

14:30 – 15:30 | High-level Panel: Building a Strategic Investment Corridor between Egypt and Europe

A focused dialogue on macroeconomic reforms, regulatory environment, and Egypt's comparative advantages.

This session will offer a focused dialogue on how Egypt and the EU can deepen economic cooperation and unlock strategic investments across key sectors. Discussions will highlight Egypt's reform momentum, its regulatory environment, and comparative advantages—including its industrial potential and role as a gateway to regional markets. The session will also reflect on how strategic investments in critical infrastructure, sustainable industrial value chains, and enabling sectors can drive shared resilience, competitiveness, and long-term prosperity.

Moderator: Michael Karnitschnig,

Deputy Director-General, European Commission, Directorate-General for the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf

Speakers

- **Valdis Dombrovskis**
European Commissioner for Economy and Productivity
- **Rania Al Mashat**
Minister of Planning, Economic Development, and International Cooperation of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- **Gelsomina Vigliotti**
Vice-President, European Investment Bank (EIB)
- **Tarek Tawfik, President**
Federation of Mediterranean Business Organizations (Business MED)
- **Lapo Pistelli**
Director for Public Affairs, ENI

15:30 – 16:30 | High-level Panel: Strengthening industrial competitiveness and sustainable value chains

Advancing EU–Egypt cooperation to future-proof industries, foster public-private investment, and align with global market trends

This session will explore how to strengthen industrial competitiveness by scaling sustainable, future-oriented value chains and promoting the uptake of clean and resource-efficient technologies. Discussions will highlight how deeper public-private cooperation, targeted innovation, and enabling frameworks can support Egypt's ambitions to modernise its industrial base, align with evolving global standards, and access new market opportunities. The session will also present the forthcoming T-MED Initiative as a catalyst for deepening cooperation and attracting investment.

Key sectors targeted: clean tech manufacturing, hard-to-abate industries (fertilisers, cement, power generation, steel), hydrogen, logistics and shipping

Moderator: Ambassador Angelina Eichhorst,

Head of Delegation of the European Union to Egypt

Speakers

- **Hassan ElKhatib**
Minister of Investment & Foreign Trade of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- **Mark Bowman**
Vice-President for Policy and Partnerships, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- **Ditte Juul-Jørgensen**
Director-General, European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy
- **Mohamed ElSewedy**
Chairman, Federation of Egyptian Industries
- **Hans Jakob Hegge**
Chief Financial Officer, SCATEC

16:30 – 17:30 | High-level Panel: Innovate to Elevate: putting research and innovation at the heart of competitiveness

This session will focus on strengthening Egypt's innovation ecosystem by fostering closer ties between industry, academia, and incubators—ensuring that research translates into market-ready solutions and industrial impact. With a focus on applied innovation, digitalisation, and industrial modernisation, the discussion will explore how public–private cooperation can accelerate technology deployment, support local manufacturing capabilities, and create new business opportunities. Speakers will also reflect on how Egypt and the EU can jointly scale up innovation platforms, investment in R&D infrastructure, and entrepreneurship to drive sustainable competitiveness.

Moderator: Pilvi Torsti,
Director, European Training Foundation

Proposed speakers

- **Ekaterina Zaharieva**
European Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation
- **Hassan ElKhatib**
Minister of Investment & Foreign Trade of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- **Mounir Nakhla**
Founder and CEO, MNT- Halan
- **Norela Constantinescu**
Acting Director, Innovation and Technology Centre, IRENA
- **Frank Wouters**
Director, EU MED-GEM Network

17:30 – 17:45 | High-Level Closure

- **H.E. Ursula von der Leyen**
President of the European Commission
- **H.E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi**
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt

18:00 – 20:00 | Networking cocktail

An opportunity to connect, extend conversations and explore partnerships