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"Germany is the top trading partner of Turkey"

Interview with H.E. Dr. Mehmet Muş, Minister of Trade of Turkey, by Helene Rang, CEO of NUMOV



H.E. Dr. Mehmet Muş, Minister of Trade of Turkey

Your Excellency Dr. Muş, it is my distinct pleasure to have the honour to speak with you. Thank you for taking the time for us. Turkey is historically and traditionally a very important partner for Germany. How do you assess the current situation and the prospects of German-Turkish relations, especially with regards to the economy?

First of all, I would like to thank you for your kind interview offer and your interest. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to address economic topics and issues for the private sector representatives of both countries and I always try to keep the communication channels open with the business community. As the Minister of Trade, I believe that we can solve the problems faster by working in close cooperation with the business world. With this aim, I do my best to be accessible to business people and the associations.

From the very beginning of my tenure, I have been trying to discuss our commercial relations with Germany in all aspects with my counterparts. For this reason, one of my first official visits abroad was to Germany. Here, I had the opportunity to meet with both my German counterpart and friend H.E. Peter Altmaier as well as private sector representatives. On this visit, I had the opportunity to observe once again how strong the political and economic ties between our countries and the relations between our business worlds are. As you mentioned in your question, Turkey and Germany enjoy close and multi-faceted relations. The Turkish community in Germany acts as a human bridge between our countries. In many areas of life, they make an outstanding contribution to Germany. We are proud of the two behind the corona vaccine, Dr. Uğur Şahin and Dr. Özlem Türeci, the founders of BioNTech.

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