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New dynamic step for German economic cooperation with the UAE and Qatar



H.E. Katherina Reiche, German Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy

On 16th November 2025, the German Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy H.E. Katherina Reiche started her visit to the UAE and Qatar. Her goal was to prepare ground for securing and furthering long-term strategic cooperation between Germany and the two countries. An additional topic of the visit, the takeover of the German plastics and raw materials producer, Covestro by Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) was also discussed. The importance of cooperation with the Gulf cannot be overstated. In 2024, trade between Germany and the UAE reached EUR 11.6bn, of which EUR 9.7bn were

German exports. These include automobile industry products, machine parts, and chemical products. In the same year, Qatar was Germany's third-largest trade partner in the Gulf, with a total trade volume of USD 2.01bn in 2024. Germany exported USD 1.39bn to Qatar with similar products like machinery and chemicals. Board members of NUMOV, Silvio Konrad, COO Energy & Resources, TÜV Nord, and Thomas Bareiß, Member of the Federal German Parliament and former Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs both took an active part in the high-level dialogue. From the state officials, Martin Blessing, the German

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