

Hisarcıkliođlu in EUROCHAMBRES again by record vote



Turkey storms the European Chambers Union... The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) President M. Rifat Hisarcıkliođlu has been elected to the post of Deputy President of the European Chambers of Commerce and Industry with a record number of votes.?

Hisarcıkliođlu won the votes of 43 of the attending 45 countries in the EUROCHAMBRES Plenary Assembly in Brussels. Hisarcıkliođlu will be holding the office of Deputy President in EUROCHAMBRES, which represents 19 million establishments and an employment volume of 120 million in 45 countries, throughout 2012-2014.

EUROCHAMBRES member countries represent 37% of world economy with a total of 22 trillion dollars. The Union consists of 18 EU members and 27 Non-EU countries.

Stating the importance of the election of a Turkish member to the office of Deputy President to the most widespread representative of the business world of Europe in a time when negotiations between Turkey and the European Union have lost momentum, Hisarcıkliođlu said;"The fact that the European business world unites behind a Turkish candidate with a record number of votes honors us. The strong image of Turkey's economy in a time when many countries are struggling with economic crises in Europe also strengthens the position of Turkish businessmen. This election is the recognition of Turkey's economy's strength in European business establishments. It is the proof of the Turkish economy's strength in Europe. We set

ourselves a goal in 2002. We stated that we should take positions in the decision making processes of the international establishments of which we are members. My election to this office for the second time represents an important step towards this goal. EUROCHAMBRES elections show once again that the driving force behind integration with Europe is economy, it is the business world."EUROCHAMBRES passes on its findings from the "joint position" process with the participation of member countries' chamber and unions regarding economic developments and stances to European Union institutions. Turkey is represented in the 12 workgroups created for this purpose by TOBB.

The EUROCHAMBRES workgroups are:

- 1- EU Enlargement / Neighborhood
- 2- Europe 2020
- 3- Small Business Act
- 4- Free Trade
- 5- Resources, Energy
- 6- Resources, People
- 7- Global Europe
- 8- Innovation
- 9- Digital Europe
- 10- Internal Market
- 11- Resources, Finance
- 12- Smart Regulation