



**PRESS RELEASE ON
THE “PANEL ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONS:
TURKEY, THE EU AND THE WIDER NEIGHBOURHOOD”
(Istanbul, 22 March 2019)**

PERMIS First Deputy Secretary General, Ambassador Selim YENEL attended a panel in Istanbul, entitled “*Trade and Investment Relations: Turkey, the EU and the wider Neighbourhood*” organized by the **Economic Development Foundation (IKV)** with the cooperation of the **European Commission**.

The IKV Chairman Ayhan ZEYTİNOĞLU, made an introductory statement during the Panel moderated by the Assoc. Prof. Dr. Çiğdem NAS, Secretary General of IKV.

Mr. Petros SOURMELIS, European Commission DG TRADE, Head of Unit for Russia, CIS, Ukraine, Western Balkan, EFTA, EEA and Turkey; Ms. Özlem ÖZYİĞİT, Secretary General of International Investors Association YASED; Prof. Dr. Oktay TANRISEVER, Middle East Technical University and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emirhan GÖRAL, Marmara University were among the participants of the Panel.

Main topics of the Panel were the trade and investment situation and potential in our region and in Asia.

Ambassador YENEL gave information on BSEC as well as its projects and explained how intra region trade was below potential, especially in the agricultural sector and added that more investment was needed.