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## FOREWORD

Dear DBA member, dear DBA partner, dear reader,

As we kick off the second quarter of 2022, I hope you and your families are well. Now that several parts of the world have opened up again in relation to COVID, the world is facing another terrible crisis because of the military intervention of Russia in the Ukraine. We all hope for a cease-fire to be announced in the nearest future.

As a result of the loosening of COVID related measures, we are in the fortunate position that we can restart organising the face to face gatherings we all missed so much. We are well aware that network possibilities have a great added value to all of you. Although we have been very active with webinars over the past period, they can not really replace a good network gathering and we like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their loyal support during the pandemic when these events have been scarce. We will do our best in the following months to serve you with new network cocktails and connecting opportunities the best way we can!



To this end, we made a good start with our New Year's Drinks at the Grand Hyatt in January and the February hybrid seminar at the Dutch Consulate General with our member Level International about the global reset of tax.

On 24 March we brought you our well attended hybrid quarterly economic outlook in cooperation with the Dutch Consulate, as always passionately presented by our fixed economist Mr Osman Cevdet Akçay.

During the launch of our Sounding Board initiative, we met some of you online. We noted several idea's, suggestions and remarks on which we will elaborate in the coming months.

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We thank our Board Member Aysegül Akay, Executive Vice President of ING Turkey, for her powerful talk on Women and Sustainability at Women's Day, an event organised by our partner WoMen of Orange at the Consulate General.

To facilitate business between the Netherlands and Turkey two ways, DBA participated on 31 March in the "Doing Business Internationally" Event in Rotterdam, organised by MKB Rotterdam, VNO-NCW West, Rotterdam Partners, WTC Rotterdam and NLinBusiness.

Our membership base is growing steadily and we welcome aboard the new members from diverse sectors that have joined us over the past three months: Saca Europe, YapiKredi, Anne Koçu Istanbul, DMT, One-stop-tax, Kensi Store, SNS International, Berg Electric, Ekora, Greeneks, Betaland, SecureWay, Vanderlande and Scale Up Company. We are proud that these companies joined DBA Turkey and are looking forward to intensify our cooperation.

You may have followed DBA's active participation in the "NLinIzmir" week, organised by the Economic and Diplomatic Network of the Dutch Embassy in Ankara. In line with the circular textile and green mobility agenda, we visited several Dutch companies and Turkish companies with links with the Netherlands in these sectors, as well as the Board of the Textile and Apparel Exporters Association Izmir. Following up on all positive feedback and responses, DBA Turkey will open a chapter in Izmir which will be officially launched on 21 April. With this initiative, we will be able to connect and help our new and existing members in the Aegean region better and continue to roll out our services over Turkey, with Antalya and Gaziantep as our next focus area's.

While concluding, let me share with you that the accreditation process with our partner NLinBusiness to be their official Business Hub for Istanbul is in full process, to be completed in 2022. At the same time we are finalising the Sustainability Development Goals for our Association for 2022 with a strong focus on Women Empowerment. We will share our initiatives in this field with you in the upcoming quarter.

Keep following us on LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook to stay up to date with our activities, events and initiatives. Suggestions, ideas, concerns from our members are valuable, please share them with us. You can reach us easily by phone or through our website or LinkedIn.

I am looking forward to welcome you at one of our events!

With warm regards,

Véronique van Haaften  
General Manager DBA Turkey

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## DBA NEWS

### Gala Auction Items

Following in the footsteps of our charity auction for Lösev at our DBA Turkey Gala last December, we handed out all of the items to the winners of the bids.

If you want to know more about Lösev, please visit: [www.losev.org.tr](http://www.losev.org.tr)



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### Gala Auction Items



The total amount raised was handed to the Lösev representatives Gulcag Tuncer and Zuhall On by our General Manager Véronique van Haaften at the end of the successful evening.



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## DBA NEWS

### 21 - 27 February 2022 NL week in Izmir

Between 21-27 February, a delegation consisting of the members of the Economic and Diplomatic Network of the Embassy of the Netherlands in Turkey Helene Rekkers, S. Ceren Coroglu, Seyit Akyüz and our General Manager Véronique van Haaften, paid an extensive visit to the Izmir region in order to meet Dutch companies as well as the Turkish counterparts of the Dutch companies working in the textile-garment and mobility-transportation industries.



The NL week in Izmir was kicked off with a concert of the Dutch Concertgebouw Chamber Orchestra, an event sponsored by ING Bank. During the successful week and in line with the circular textile and smart and green mobility agenda of the Embassy, the priority was given to meeting and visiting the leading Turkish companies in these fields and their management as well as the Textile and Apparel Exporters' Association within EİB / Ege İhracatçı Birlikleri / Aegean Exporters' Associations Board.



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## DBA NEWS

### 21 - 27 February 2022 NL week in Izmir

Goal for the DBA Turkey was to investigate a possible opening of a DBA chapter in the Aegean region.

Following all positive responses we received from our prospects in that region, combined with the businesses of our existing members, we are pleased to announce that we will be launching our DBA Chapter Izmir on 21 April!



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### 1 March 2022 Luncheon at Palais de Hollande

The Consul General Arjen Uijterlinde hosted a luncheon at the Palais de Hollande for the members of the Dutch economic network in Turkey. Aim of the gathering was to foster the cultural links and dialogue between the Netherlands and Turkey and cooperate on themes such as sustainable economic & urban development, social and economic inclusion.

During the pleasant gathering we were updated on the future activities and projects scheduled for 2022 and themes were identified for cooperation. It was a fruitful meeting with fresh insights!

ING Bank, Eurocross, Ipragaz, Shell, Tata Steel, Baymak, Triodor/Azerion, DSM, Randstad, NN, Philips Medical, Signify, Anadolu Hayvancilik, Leaseplan, KLM, Unilever, DAF, DBA Turkey, Eureko Sigorta, Rabobank



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## NEW MEMBERS

### SNS International

SNS is a leading freight forwarding company providing full logistics service to meet your specific requirements in cargo transport.

Located in Istanbul, which has an important strategic position for transportation and transit of goods, SNS offers the best freight rates for any kind of offer on behalf of track record of success, gathered experience, earned reputation and associates/partners worldwide. SNS has Ankara and Dubai branches.



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## NEW MEMBERS

### Berg Electric

Berg Electric established in 1989, manufactures electrical Switchgear and controlgear under license from Westinghouse Electric USA in its own factory located in Gebze 25 km from Istanbul.

Berg has been serving the largest 100 domestic companies among them being the Turkish petroleum refineries, petrochemical industry, several steel mills, Paper mills and cement mills.

Berg is also a pioneer in the Turkish renewable energy market as it undertakes turn-key power plant solutions of power plants as an Engineering Procurement and Construction company. Berg has undertaken contracts for hydroelectric power plants, geothermal power plants, solar power plants, wind power plants and biomass energy plants in Turkey and has a great contribution to Turkey's efforts in environment-friendly renewable and sustainable green energy production.



Berg electric currently owns and operates 5 renewable energy power plants in several provinces of Turkey.



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### Ekora

Since 2010 Ekora has been focusing on Circular Energy projects in Turkey.

#### Wind Energy

Ekora develops wind energy projects, refurbishing Wind Turbines in the Netherlands, transporting, installing commissioning and Operations Maintenance of the Turbines in Turkey.

#### Biomass & Bio-energy

The conversion of Olive Cake into Green Hydrogen and Biochar, the aim is to install these Plants alongside the Aegean and Mediterranean coastal regions where Olive Cake can be obtained as a residue of the Olive Oil pressure process.



#### Green Hydrogen

Ekora has a base of over 500 systems with the inclusion of the world's longest-running PEM Power Plant, the world's first Megawatt size PEM Power Plant and the world's largest PEM Power Plant. Together with Nedstack, Ekora is pursuing to convert the diesel traction of the ferries into Hydrogen based fuel cells at the Metropolitan Municipalities in Turkey.



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## NEW MEMBERS

### Greeneks

Greeneks International Transport has been providing integrated logistics services since 1994 with full proficiency on-road transportation between Europe and Turkey.

Besides road transportation with very own and EU norm trailers we have;

High qualified and various language skilled Sales & Operations Teams are always in clients' service with full time accessibility at our head office located in Istanbul, Turkey.



We also have agents and teams all around Europe especially in Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Austria and Italy in case of quick and on-site actions and for customs clearance services.



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## NEW MEMBERS

### Anne Koçu Istanbul

Anne Koçu provides birth trauma prevention coaching and post-partum support for a positive and healthy birth experience; this promotes a good start to (new) motherhood and long-term health for mother and child.

Products/packages:

- I can do it coaching trajectory; birth trauma prevention coaching
- Support from another mom coaching trajectory; Postpartum support
- Mom Starter's Kit (comes with I can do it package and Support from another mom package, but is also available separately. Compare; Kraamdoos in the Netherlands)
- Birth experience satisfaction session after birth

“Feel confident before, during and after birth.”



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## NEW MEMBERS

### SACA Europe B.V.

SACA Europe B.V. was incorporated in Eindhoven, the Netherlands in Nov 2018. The founders have more than 30 years of experience in the Electronic Components Distribution market.

The company offers a wide spectrum of products made mainly by European and American manufacturers.

SACA Europe, which coordinates the technical infrastructure with its experienced staff, from the beginning to the end, with “Quality and Reliability” as a customer focused center;



- To provide customer satisfaction,
- Never give up honesty, science and universal ethical values,
- Identification with the concepts of “Quality” and “Reliability” in all the services we provide,
- To ensure that all our employees and interested parties are regularly trained to achieve and sustain the company’s shared quality understanding,
- Having environmental responsibility and consciousness, making environmental awareness a fundamental part of our company culture by showing priority to the efforts to fulfill the responsibilities of this responsibility,
- To comply with legal requirements, to fulfill the applicable conditions and to work continuously to improve our system, our quality policy has been established in order to accept our commitments.



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## NEW MEMBERS

### Yapi Kredi Bankasi AŞ

As the ideal business partner of its customers in banking, Yapı Kredi is an entry point to the local market for international investors in Turkey with its wide range of products including cash management, foreign trade, project finance, treasury products, investment banking products and internet banking service.

Yapı Kredi centralized its service model, which covers the needs of International and Multinational Companies in Turkey with the International and Multinational Companies Banking Unit. IMB (International and Multinational Companies Banking) has been serving since 2012 with the International Banking Branch established specifically in this field.



It consists of customer representatives and sales support representatives who are experts in IMB, who can speak different foreign languages, who have experience working with Multinational and International companies, and who are knowledgeable about the possible needs and expectations of these companies. Yapı Kredi operates with more than 800 branches in Turkey and direct subsidiaries abroad in Azerbaijan and the Netherlands.



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## NEW MEMBERS

### DMT Prefabricated Buildings

DMT Plant has been established on a 35.000 m<sup>2</sup> land in Ankara/Turkey mainly to serve Middle East, Europe, CIS Countries and Africa markets, with all necessary equipment and machines for manufacturing Prefabricated Buildings with its well organized and over twenty years experienced staff in the industry.

DMT products are used as Housing, Offices, Residential & Commercial Buildings, Hotels, Hospitals, Schools and on Construction Sites.



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## PAST EVENTS

### 20 January 2022 New Year's Drink

We had our New Year's Drink at the Grand Hyatt Istanbul in a casual setting so that our members could catch up with one another.

The event was organized for our esteemed members and new members to ring in 2022.

We were honored by the presence of Consul General Arjen Uijterlinde and Head of Press, Public Diplomacy and Cultural Affairs David Naves.

We sincerely thank all our members for their participation in this event. We created a very special atmosphere together.



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## PAST EVENTS

### 1 March 2022 To Pay or not To Pay Seminar

To Pay or not To Pay was the title of our hybrid DBA Turkey event today. Founding partners Robert de Liefde and Ramazan Bicer of Level International gave an interesting insight into the re-set of global tax. After the presentation, talks continued during the networking reception.

The event was organised in the Chapel of the Dutch Consulate in Istanbul. We thank our Dutch Consul General Arjen Uijterlinde and his team for hosting us.

You can view the complete presentation transcript [here](#)



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## PAST EVENTS

### 7 March 2022 To Pay or not To Pay Seminar

We gathered for the International Women's Day event in Palais de Hollande.

Our Board Member, Ms. Aysegül Akay, Wholesale Banking Executive Vice President at ING, held an inspirational talk on the role of women in the area of sustainability.

After the talk there was a networking cocktail allowing people from different backgrounds and areas of expertise to get to know each other.

We thank WoMen of Orange and our Consul General Arjen Uijterlinde for hosting this event.



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## PAST EVENTS

### 24 March 2022 Economic Outlook 2022 Q1

Quo Vadis Turkey, the new Economic Model; Model, Programme, Both or Neither?

Our second DBA hybrid event of 2022, organized in cooperation with the Dutch Consulate General and our guest speaker economist Osman Cevdet Akçay took place at the Chapel of the Palais de Hollande.

With a healthy mix of online- and offline participants (60%-40%), twice the amount as the last Economic Outlook of Q4 2021, we can call this a great success!



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## FUTURE EVENTS

### 21 April 2022 Launch DBA Turkey Izmir

As DBA Turkey, we have the ambition to serve as many Dutch companies that have a business in Turkey and Turkish companies with ties to the Netherlands as possible.

After our official foundation in Turkey in 2019, we are now rolling out our services from Istanbul to the rest of Turkey, with Izmir as our first focus point.

Following up on our successful “NLinIzmir”- week, we are happy to announce that on 21 April, we will launch our DBA Chapter Izmir!

This official launch moment will be held at the Mövenpick Hotel Izmir and be followed by a network cocktail.

For more information visit our event calendar [here](#)



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## ECONOMIC UPDATE

“Following announcement of measures to support TRY savings and control demand for FX assets, a relative stability has returned to financial markets, though it is quite fragile, as we have seen some pressure lately in key market variables with rising geopolitical risks.

For the inflation outlook, as widely agreed, the current policy framework does not address disinflation. Inflation is at 20-year high with strong and broad-based price pressures on the back of significant currency weakness in the aftermath of monetary easing delivered by the CBT, uptrend in commodity prices, large administrative price hikes along with other supply side factors, while inflation expectations that are on an uptrend have remained unanchored. The latest data confirm a need for policy reversal towards a more restrictive stance. Higher inflation leading to even deeper negative real rates should not bode well with the currency outlook.



Current account that remained on a narrowing path last year has changed direction with a strong expansion in January driven by higher energy bill. As oil prices continue to rise, we expect the current account deficit to widen further in the near term.

Risks to the macro outlook are on the rise:

i) acceleration in lending that can feed into local FX demand, increase inflationary pressures via accelerating domestic demand and weakening currency, further pressurize current account balance despite currency depreciation if we see above inflation lending growth. Further acceleration in TRY corporate loans within the Credit Guarantee Fund package can undermine the selective growth strategy reiterated by the policy makers with a stronger and wider stimulus than anticipated earlier

Muhammet Mercan  
ING Turkey, Chief Economist  
04-04-2022

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## ECONOMIC UPDATE

- ii) ongoing standoff between Russia and Ukraine can pose significant risks to Turkey via possible foreign trade sanctions to Russia, adverse effects on tourism, pressure on oil prices and increase in risk premium, possibly leading to question marks on the sustainability of the current policy framework. However, flexibility of exporters towards other markets, and possible tourist flows from EU with the removal of pandemic control measures and Middles East with the support of higher oil prices should be mitigating factors
- iii) more than expected tightening of global central bank policies can increase challenges given still large external financing requirements

On the growth side, the activity will likely show a marked slowdown given deteriorating confidence & decline in purchasing power in the wake of currency volatility along with the adverse shock arising from Russia-Ukraine conflict.

All in all, signaling continuation of loose monetary policy stance and reliance on new deposit scheme, policy makers maintain hope to boost exports and balance the current account to achieve TRY stability and hence price stability in the long-run. However, risks are building for the macro outlook and hence the durability as well as the attractiveness of the FX-protected deposit scheme will be key in the period ahead.”

Muhammet Mercan  
ING Turkey, Chief Economist  
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## HR UPDATE

### Leadership tips for managing a hybrid workplace

With markets slowly starting to open, both employers and employees are starting to consider what the future of work will look like.

Studies show that employees may never be ready to head back to the office — at least not on a full-time basis. In fact, according to a recent survey, [73% of global workers](#) want to retain flexibility in their work schedules. However, 67% of these same workers are looking forward to more face-to-face collaboration with their co-workers.

The reality is that hybrid work is here to stay, and now is the time to ensure your leaders are up for the challenge. To help with this transition, we have created this guide to equip managers, supervisors and executive leaders with the tools they need to successfully manage their hybrid teams.

#### 5 actionable tips for managing hybrid teams

1. Support your leaders: The term “lead by example” couldn’t be more important than when transitioning to a new work model. To prepare your leaders for this shift to hybrid work, it’s important to provide them with the extra support they need to navigate a smooth transition for the entire workforce. Below is a look at the actionable steps to help you manage a successful transition.

- new workplace policies
- informational sessions
- leadership training

2. Design hybrid workplaces: With the introduction of a new work model should also come a redesign of the workplace. Evaluate your company’s current work setting and determine what changes can be made to create a post-pandemic workplace environment that is ideal for hybrid work. Here are some factors to keep in mind when creating new spaces.

- collaboration
- covid-19 safety

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3. Maintain an empathy-first mindset: As your organization heads into the uncharted territory of managing a hybrid workforce, it's important to maintain an empathy-first mindset. Business leaders aren't the only ones struggling with shifts in working conditions — so are your workers. To top it off, many employees are simultaneously dealing with life issues, such as caring for aging parents and homeschooling children.

Team leaders must realise that developing a hybrid workplace is going to take time and some adjustments will likely be necessary. There are, however, several things your company can do to minimise the impact on its workers.

- build effective feedback channels
- maintain flexibility
- reduce burnout

4. Focus on inclusivity: [Maru Flores](#), Global Collaboration and Client Productivity Services leader at Ford, recognises that “The key thing about a hybrid workplace model is making sure workers in the office and at home feel equally connected to the workplace.” However, maintaining inclusivity in a hybrid workplace can be quite challenging. The most important step is for leaders to understand these challenges and to find ways to create an equal work experience for both remote and onsite workers.

- develop synchronised communication channels
- create inclusive meeting spaces
- promote employee recognition

5. Conduct unbiased performance monitoring: Another challenge of remote work is monitoring employee performance without displaying bias to onsite workers. The reality is that most of your leaders have been using day-to-day observations to assess worker performance forever. With a hybrid work model, these leaders must change the way they assess workers' performance day-in and day-out. Here are some tips to make this a reality.

- create a structured employee performance review process
- build trust between management and workers
- offer regular feedback

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## LEGAL UPDATE

Brief summary of important legal developments under Turkish law in the first quarter of 2022 is as follow:

For more information, please directly contact Burçak Sercan Sarıkaya, LL M attorney at law at Sarıkaya + Şahin Law Firm, via email [sarikaya@sarikayasahin.com](mailto:sarikaya@sarikayasahin.com) or +90 533 425 85 00

### A. Arbitration Law:

- Dubai International Arbitration Center has published its 2022 Arbitration Rules on 25 February, 2022 and they shall be effective as of 21 March, 2022. The Center has modernized their rules with a view to being a pioneer in the arbitration proceedings.

### B. Health Law:

- Guideline on the Inspection of Good Distribution Practices have been published by the Turkish Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Authority. The purpose of this guideline is to introduce specific rules in order to assure that inspections are made with regard to the distribution and storage of medical products for human use as per the applicable laws and standards and good distribution practices accepted internationally and nationally.

### C. Personal Data Protection Law:

- Due to recent violation regarding personal data such as leakage of usernames, passwords to public platforms, the Personal Data Protection Authority has published on 15 February, 2022, the administrative and technical precautions which data controllers should take.
- On 17 February, 2022, the pecuniary fines for the violation of obligations by data controllers have been revised. Ceiling figures are as follows:
  - Violation of informing the data owner is TRL 267.863,
  - Violation of data security is TRL 2.678.863,
  - Violation of complying with Board Decisions is TRL 2.678.863 and
  - Violation of registration with Data Controller System (VERBIS) is TRL 2.678.863.
- The Regulation on the process and protection of personal data before the Social Security Institution (SSI) has been published on 19 February, 2022. The rules on how the SSI is entitled to process personal data within the authority, are now set forth.

### D. Competition Law:

- The Turkish Competition Authority has published the revised version of Communiqué numbered 2010/4 on 4 March, 2022 and increased the turnover thresholds for compulsory filings. As per the revised Article 7 of the Communiqué, the following transactions would be notified;
  - Aggregate Turkish turnover of the parties exceeds TRL 750M and Turkish turnovers of at least two of the parties exceed TRL 250M,
  - Turkish turnover of the transferred assets or business in acquisitions or the Turkish turnover of any of the parties in mergers exceeds TRL 250M and the turnover worldwide of at least one of the parties exceeds TRL 3 billion.

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### **E. Real Estate Law:**

- The Planned Areas Zoning Regulation has been amended and published on 25 February, 2022 and has been effective as of the same date. The amendment is related to the new requirements on the architectural projects, waste management and conservation and rooftop energy panels subject to climate changes.
- The Constitutional Court has recently rendered a decision regarding the right to property, which was published on 8 February, 2022. It was decided by the Court that the applicant's right has been breached due to the rejection of the full remedy case, commenced for the privately registered lands remaining within the shore-edge line. The Court has pointed a number of significant rules that might shed light on the local courts' and authorities' implementation.

### **F. Foreigners' Law:**

- New rules have been published with regard to the purchase of immovable properties by foreigners. Most importantly, foreigners will now obtain "Foreign Currency Purchase Document" for the exchange of relevant foreign currency amount before the purchase transaction. Subsequently, this document will be submitted to the relevant land registry as proof of payment.
- The Regulation on the Implementation of the Law on International Labor Force has been entered into force on 2 February, 2022. With this Regulation, the persons to be designated by the Authority shall be able to make work permit application without having a valid residence permit. Further, the foreigner, whose work permit card is expired, shall be able to continue working ninety days more (it was forty-five days before the Regulation).

### **G. Customer's Law:**

- Price Tag Regulation has been amended on 18 February, 2022 and it shall be effective as of 1 March, 2022. As per the amendments, information such the production place and the specs must now be in Turkish in the price tag and the lists.
- The Regulation on Commercial Advertisements and Unfair Commercial Practices has been revised on 1 February, 2022 which shall enter into force on 1 March, 2022. A number of changes have been made in order to protect the customers on e-commerce area.

### **H. Tax Law:**

- With the Law numbered 7352, a corporate tax exemption is provided for the income generated from the conversion of foreign currency and gold accounts to deposit accounts and obtaining accounts in Turkish.

### **I. Capital Market Law:**

- With the new communique published by the Capital Markets Board on 26 January, 2022, most importantly, "the concept of security agent" is brought to the regulation. This would create a protection to the investors by way of the security agent to manage the security without any dependence.

### **J. Internet Law:**

- On 25 January, 2022, the Court of Appeal rendered an important decision where the intermediate services providers cannot be held liable for (i) the content provided by the service providers which use e-platforms and (ii) the defects with regard to the goods and services which are subject to those contents.

### **K. Banking Law:**

- On 22 January, 2022, the minimum equity requirements for payment service providers (PSP) are updated. The new figures are as follows:

- E-money issuers	TRL 25.000.000
- PSPs dealing with invoice collection	TRL 5.500.000
- Other PSPs	TRL 9.000.000

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## CULTURAL UPDATE

### Until 15 April: Urban Heritage Strategies Course Travel Grant application

The Netherlands Diplomatic Mission to Turkey and the Netherlands Institute in Turkey offer travel and accommodation grants to five admitted participants from Turkey to join the course Urban Heritage Strategies: Urban Development and Heritage Management in Port Cities. For the details on the course contents, requirements and application, please click [here](#), and for more information about the grant, please click [here](#).



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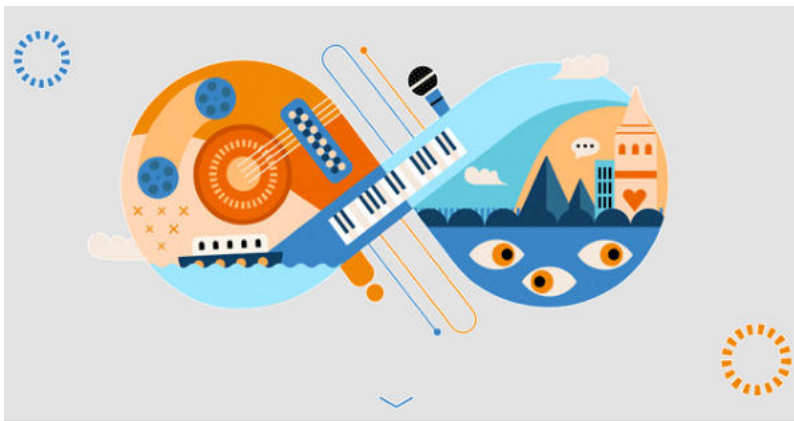
## CULTURAL UPDATE

### Until 17 April: Artsmap Micro Support Open Call

The gender equality themed Micro Support application deadline is extended until 17 April 2022. You can apply via [www.artsmap.info](http://www.artsmap.info). For your further questions, please reach our Connectors İrem (NL - [irem@artsmap.info](mailto:irem@artsmap.info)) and Valeri (TR - [valeri@artsmap.info](mailto:valeri@artsmap.info))



ArtsMap is a digital platform for the fields of arts and culture that aims to develop sustainable dialogues between artists, institutions, non-governmental organizations, public and individuals by using the unifying power of arts and culture. The common goal is to create a cultural and artistic ecosystem which is sustainable and with the means of networking, capacity building and train the trainers, micro support fund, information sharing and collective projects which is realized in cooperation with the initiative of the Embassy of the Netherlands in Ankara, the Consulate General of the Netherlands in Istanbul and InogarArt. With this community, which can be registered at [www.artsmap.info](http://www.artsmap.info) cultural, artistic and creative sector actors have the opportunity to build networks and capacity building by being included in an international network.



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## CULTURAL UPDATE

### Until 20 April: Exhibition “Dutch Chronicles in Turkey”

Dutch Chronicles in Turkey is a curatorial traveling exhibition project featuring three contemporary Dutch artists: Arjen Zwart, Jeroen Paalvast and Koenraad Marinus van Lier. The exhibition features wide range of works in a rich content, from video art to sculptures, from oil paintings to installations, from photography to drawings. Curated by Kemal Orta, the show seeks the traces of a phenomenology - a discipline of philosophy – in visual arts through the practices of Dutch artists. It also brings to the fore a critical reading of the notion of time while exploring the identity of the artist and discussing the idea of distance in the same context.

On one hand, the show reveals the role of the artist’s individual identity in its dialogue with the society reflected through its artistic practice. Hence, it unveils the Dutch perspective and outlook in contemporary artworks which evokes social, psychological and cultural elements. On the other hand, the exhibition will question the idea of distance and its subjectivity in the context of ‘inside’ and ‘outside’. As all artists have been living in Turkey for a quite long time, it also raises the questions on the temporal aspect of such an on-going experience, an ‘outsider’ becoming an ‘insider’ in a society like Turkey.

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## CULTURAL UPDATE

### WoMen of Orange network

WoMen of Orange that was launched in 2018 by the Consulate General in Istanbul, is an interactive platform that supports gender equality by empowering WoMen from various areas of society and connecting them to each other. The network focuses on empowering from within for a gender equal social life. To become part of this unique network and for more information please have a look [here](#).

# WoMen of Orange

### Dutch Library

A small library with books in the Dutch language is situated at the main entrance of the consulate.

On appointment, Dutch books can be borrowed here for a fee of 5TL.

Please contact: [rhuijberts@yahoo.com](mailto:rhuijberts@yahoo.com) or [ajegall@gmail.com](mailto:ajegall@gmail.com) if you would like to visit the library.



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