



# CÁMARA DE COMERCIO HISPANO TURCA

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**The Spanish-Turkish Chamber of Commerce  
continues to grow...  
We warmly welcome our new members !**



**Linklaters Polgün**

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## News from the Chamber



## The General Assembly Meeting 2024

On December 19, 2024, the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly of the Chamber was held at the Madrid office, with both in-person and online participation from our members. During the meeting, the election results to fill the vacancies on the Board were announced, and we are pleased to welcome the newly elected members: Limak Holding, Linklaters, Beko Spain Electronics, and Arkas Spain. We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Board members—Waterise, DLA Piper, Vestel, and Luminous Energy—for their years of support and dedication.

And the formation of the new Board of Directors; As president, The Investment Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey; Vice Presidents, Amadeus, Limak and Roca; the Secretary General, Linklaters; Treasurer, Font & Yildiz Tax and Legal Services; and in Vocals are, Arkas Holding, Banco Sabadell, Barceló Group, BBVA, Beko, CaixaBank, Mapfre, Navantia, and Turkish Airlines.



## The Board of Directors Meeting 2025

The newly elected Board of Directors held their first meeting on January 27. The meeting served to set new goals and brainstorm about ways to make the Chamber stronger and more relevant to the needs of its members. We will soon follow up with a preliminary calendar of various activities, seminars, events, etc., for which we would be extremely happy to count on the members' participation, input, and support.

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## Visit from the Chamber of Commerce of Çorum

We were pleased to welcome a visit from the Chamber of Commerce of Çorum (a province in the north of Türkiye, focused on agriculture). We held a meeting with the delegation, which involved discussions on strengthening bilateral business relations, exploring new collaboration opportunities, and sharing insights about the economic and trade prospects between Türkiye and Spain.

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## Basbaş FreeZone Seminar

BASBAŞ Deputy General Manager Ümit M. Güner and Senior Advisor Ümit Yalçın met with more than 30 businesspeople at a specially organized (hybrid) meeting. The session focused on the benefits of establishing businesses in the BASBAŞ Free Zone in Türkiye. BASBAŞ executives highlighted key advantages, including financial incentives, low operating costs, and fast logistics solutions.

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## 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye

On October 29, 2024, the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye was celebrated at the InterContinental Hotel in Madrid, with the presence of Spanish and Turkish businesspeople and government officials - The Republic of Türkiye was founded on October 29, 1923, by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk - The Board of Directors and members of our Chamber attended the event, which was organized by the Embassy of Türkiye in Madrid. The event provided another great opportunity for networking and strengthening ties between the Turkish and Spanish business communities.

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## News From Our Members



### Tribute to Gabriel García Marquez

Our member Eyuboğlu Eğitim Kurumları paid tribute to one of the greatest writers in the Spanish language, Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel García Márquez. The prestigious Turkish educational institution Eyuboğlu School dedicates a special space in its library to the Colombian writer. The tribute was attended by Julio Riaño, Ambassador of Colombia to Türkiye, Fernando Vara del Rey, Director of the Cervantes Institute in Istanbul, and our representative in Türkiye, Vicente Balbin Gallego.

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# AVANZA > > > >

Our member Avanza is the newly appointed representative of the Feria de Valladolid in Türkiye. Avanza has partnered with Feria de Valladolid for FINE #Wine Tourism Market Place, becoming its exclusive representative in Türkiye. The operation will be led by Özge Büyüksu, Avanza's Country Manager in Türkiye.

<https://feriavalladolid.com>

<https://feriavalladolid.com/fine-expo/en/home-english>

<https://www.avanza.com.tr>

## **Avanza and SpainU Partner for Legal Advisory Services**

Avanza has partnered with SpainU to offer relocation and legal advisory services for those planning to move to Portugal.

## **Avanza Selected for ICEX "Women in Internationalization" Event**

Ana Matiilla Valls from Avanza Portugal attended and held a speech at the "Women in Internationalization" event hosted by Spain's Ambassador, Juan Fernandez Trigo and ICEX on September 17. Ana is an active member of various Women's organisation in business including AMPE (Asociación de Mujeres Profesionales Españolas en Lisboa).

Avanza promotes the expansion of companies from the Aragón region into Portugal. In collaboration with AREX, Avanza has expanded further into Portugal, focusing on the public works, automotive, and food industries.

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## 2025 Investment Program Summary



### A visit to Valdeorras

Our member Cayetana Pardo, a certified sommelier, is working on an exciting project to promote Spanish wines in Türkiye. She recently visited Galician wineries in search of 100% Godello, the flagship grape of DO Valdeorras, known for its full-bodied profile, balanced acidity, and intense fruity and floral aromas. Her goal is to add a winery producing this highly prized variety to her portfolio. In 2022, a Godello from this region scored 100 Parker points, marking a major milestone for the variety.

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## The 2025 Investment Program

The 2025 Public Investment Program of Türkiye was published in the Official Gazette on January 15, 2025. The program highlights the timely completion of ongoing projects, while also incorporating new projects that address urgent service needs which can result in significant economic and social benefits.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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# FONT & YILDIZ TAX-LEGAL SERVICES

### Golden Visa program in Spain

Spain's Golden Visa program will be abolished, as announced in the Official State Bulletin on January 3, 2025. This means that residence permits by investment—whether through real estate purchases, business investments, government bonds, or social projects—will no longer be available.

The law will take effect on April 3, 2025, and only pending applications will be processed until then. However, existing permits and their renewals will remain valid.

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## Font & Yildiz advises in 20 million Commercial Property Acquisition

Font & Yildiz was involved as advisors in the 20 million euro purchase of a commercial property in Paseo de Gràcia, Barcelona, leased to Patek Philippe. The team included Axel Yildiz Kalayci, Ricardo Martín Albert, and Antonio Crous Prats.

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## Agenda

### Tono Labra's Photography Exhibition Istanbul

We are pleased to announce our collaboration with the exhibition *Las Orillas del Mar: Istanbul - Barcelona - Mexico*, organized by the Municipality of Beyoğlu and the Cervantes Institute of Istanbul. Featuring renowned Mexican photographer Tono Labra, the exhibition will premiere on February 7, 2025, in the heart of the city. We are proud to be one of the collaborating entities for this cultural event, which seeks to promote artistic exchange and strengthen the ties between our cultures.



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## Past Events

### Las Migas



Our member Selin Çelik Music Productions promoted the world-famous Spanish group Las Migas, who brought the fire of flamenco and rumba to Ankara in January 2025. This magnificent quartet, who captivated the world with their Latin Grammy Award-winning album LIBRES 2022, performed for the first time in Türkiye at CSO Ada Ankara as part of the worldtour for their brand-new album Rumberas. Las Migas offers more than music; they bring the rhythm of dance, passion, and life to the stage.

# Exclusive Advantages For Our Members

Don't miss out on these exclusive offers available only to our members!

The discounts offered apply to all employees of your companies.

Please contact [info@camarahispano-turca.org](mailto:info@camarahispano-turca.org) for detailed information about the discounts.



## Why you should become a new member



### Why become a member?

- Increase your visibility through our website and publications.
- Be part of a wide network of Spanish and Turkish companies and participate in exclusive events for members.

- Discounts on customized Chamber of Commerce services and special discounts that contracted companies offer to members.

## How to become a member

It's very easy! Simply download and fill out the application form and send it back via email to [info@camarahispano-turca.org](mailto:info@camarahispano-turca.org).

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