

# EU-TURKEY RELATIONS AND THE BULGARIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU

27 February 2018, University of National and World Economy, Sofia

## 10.00-10.45 Opening Speeches

Prof. Statty Stattev, Rector of University of National and World Economy

Ayhan Zeytinoglu, IKV Chairman

### Special address:

Selim Yenel, Ambassador, Undersecretary of the Ministry of EU Affairs of Turkey

## 10.45-13.00 Panel

**Moderator:** Prof. Dr. Haluk Kabaalioglu, IKV Vice-Chairman, Jean Monnet Chair on EU Law, President of Turkish University Association in EU Studies (TUNAECS)

- "Importance and Perspectives of EU-Turkey Trade Relations and Bulgaria-Turkey Trade Relations in the Framework of the Customs Union",

*Prof. Dimitar Hadjinikolov, Chairman of the Bulgarian European Studies Association (BESA)*

- "The Political Aspects of Bulgarian-Turkish Relations in the Context of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU",

*Assoc. Prof. Plamen Ralchev, Deputy Head of Department of International Relations at UNWE*

## Coffee Break

- "Overview of Recent Developments in Turkey-EU Relations with Special Emphasis on the Modernisation of the Turkey-EU Customs Union",

*Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cigdem Nas, IKV Secretary-General, Yildiz Technical University*

- "Future of EU and Prospects for EU-Turkey Relations"

*Prof. Dr. Sanem Baykal, Ankara University EU Research Center, Director*

## Questions and Answers