

# Energy and Infrastructure Conference

*Empowering Syria's Economic Revival*

September 22, 2025 | Golden Mazzeh Hotel, Damascus

## Program

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## Overview | Energy and Infrastructure Conference

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The German-Syrian Business Council of the Euro-Mediterranean-Arab Association (EMA) is proud to host the inaugural event in its **“Empowering Syria’s Economic Revival” series in Damascus** on September 22, 2025. The recent lifting of EU and US sanctions on Syria has triggered a surge in global interest to re-establish commercial and strategic ties with the Syrian market. This event is designed to channel that interest into meaningful economic development by providing practical insights and opportunities for collaboration. Supporting Syria cannot be a bilateral effort — it requires a coordinated international response.

The conference aims to:

- **Facilitate foreign direct investment** in Syria's energy and infrastructure sectors
- **Provide guidance** on how to establish and operate businesses within Syria’s legal and economic framework
- **Offer up-to-date information** on the latest developments in the Syrian economy and key industries
- **Create a networking platform** for international investors, government representatives, and Syrian business leaders
- **Engage the International community from the GCC, Europe and US**

By fostering dialogue and partnerships, this conference will contribute to the sustainable rebuilding and economic revitalization of Syria.

The event will begin with **registration and entry** from **8:00 AM to 9:00 AM** at the **Beirut Ballroom**, Golden Mezza Hotel.

At **9:00 AM**, the conference will be officially opened by **Mr. Mamdouh Al Tajjar**, Founding President and Chairman of the GSBC, followed by a **keynote speech**. The day’s program will include:

- **Panel discussions**
- **Networking opportunities**
- **Lunch**
- **Presentations on doing business in Syria**
- **Matchmaking session**
- **Evening reception**

Several **ministers, diplomats, economists, lawyers, and leading international and Syrian entrepreneurs** are expected to participate.

**Dress Code:** Business Casual

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8am – 9am	<b>Registration</b>
9am – 9.30am	<p><b>Opening Remarks &amp; Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Thomas Wülfing, President of EMA</li> <li>- Mamdouh Al Tajjar, Founding President and Chairman of the GSBC</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote</b> <i>Syria's Economic Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minister [invited]</li> <li>- Charge d'Affair [invited]</li> </ul>
9.30am – 10am	<p><b>Panel I: Sustainable Investment, Financing Solutions &amp; Legal Framework for Syria's Economic Revival</b> <i>Moderation: Tobias Beutgen, Director Europa &amp; MENA, Constellis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Peter Lemke, Director and Founder, LP Financial Advisory GmbH &amp; Co. KG</li> <li>- Mamdouh Al Tajjar, Founding President and Chairman of the GSBC</li> <li>- Nadia Al Bakri, Deputy CEO, Bank ATB</li> </ul>
10am – 11am	<p><b>Panel II: Investment Opportunities in Syria's Energy Sector</b> <i>Moderation: Doug Brooks, President Emeritus of ISOA/ VP, Government Relations at FGi Global Solutions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Ziad Ayoub-Arbach, Prof. Faculty of Economics, Dam. Univ.</li> <li>- Basel Al Ali, German-Syrian Entrepreneur</li> <li>- Hamad Ali Khalaf, CEO, Nebrasco</li> <li>- Philip Jansen, Managing Director, 7YRD Group</li> <li>- Prof. Dr. Ing. Peter Hartwig, Managing Director, aqua &amp; waste International GmbH, EMA e.V. Board Member</li> </ul>
11am – 11.30am	Coffee/Tea and Networking Break
11.30am – 12.15pm	<p><b>Panel III: The Backbone for Scalable Investments in Syria – Logistics and Infrastructure</b> <i>Moderation: Costa Maroulis, VP Constellis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maya Patsalides, CEO, Direct Line</li> <li>- Bassam Rifai, Honorary Consul of Bulgaria and investor</li> <li>- Michael Phipps, MD, MGI Inc.</li> <li>- Joud Abdulmaseeh, MD, DHL</li> </ul>
12:15pm – 01:00pm	<p><b>Prospects for a Democratic Syria as a Pillar of Regional Security, Stability and Development</b> <i>Moderation: Tobias Beutgen, Director Europa &amp; MENA, Constellis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- German Charge d'Affair [invited]</li> <li>- Shaikh Sami Al Hemsh</li> <li>- Dave Elliot, MD Olive Group UK</li> </ul>

01.00am – 02.30pm	Networking-Lunch
02.30pm – 03.15pm	<p><b>Panel IV: Success Factors for Energy Companies Operating in Syria</b></p> <p><i>Moderation: Doug Brooks, President Emeritus of ISOA/VP, Government Relations at FGi Global Solutions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Greg Purvis, Director, Texas Oil Group</li> <li>- Shell [invited]</li> <li>- Siemens Energy [invited]</li> <li>- Petrogear UAE</li> </ul>
03.15pm – 03.30pm	Coffee/Tea and Networking Break
03.30pm – 06:00pm	Matchmaking
06:00pm	Closing remarks
07.00pm – 10.00pm	<b>Dinner Reception</b>