### NEW MEMBERS OF EBA ARMENIA! WELCOME ON BOARD!



### **New Members**





#### Varazdat Nersisyan CEO

Green Rock Management Group manages the implementation of territorial development projects in Armenia. Our ultimate goal is the development of Armenia and creating a competitive market in the region. Social programs are also an important part of the company's activities, areas of historical and cultural value will be preserved and restored, sports, art and other centers operating in the country will be renovated and brought up to international standards.

One of our main projects is the launch of the REDD multifunctional complex,

which will have no analogs in Armenia. Nestled in the enchanting city of Dilijan, the multifunctional complex will redefine hospitality and cultural experience in the region. Combining modern architecture, inspiring views, and a minimalistic design, the complex is set to become a true gem and a symbol of excellence in the heart of Armenia. This one of a kind venue spans three levels strategically positioned at varying three heights in the heart of Dilijan that will be connected by a funicular. With completion scheduled by the end of 2025, this architectural masterpiece will become a beacon of innovation and luxury in Armenia, setting new standards of hospitality and captivating guests with its unparalleled offerings.

The second main project is O4 Green Urban Hub, which aims to reconstruct one of the main parks of Yerevan – the fourth one of Circular Park. The park is located in the center of the city but is not a popular destination nowadays due to its unattractive infrastructure. Our vision is to have a modern, urban, eco-friendly and appealing destination to rest and recharge.





Mineral Ventures Invest

#### David Marášek, CEO of MVI Mineral Ventures Invest s.r.o. (MVI)

MVI is a Czech natural resource mining company based in Armenia through its

subsidiary, ASSAT LLC, which was established back in 2018. The subsidiary operates the Karaberd mine in Lori region.

MVI is aiming at becoming the first Armenian-Czech company to be listed on the main market on London Stock Exchange.

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#### Garrabet Simonian



#### Founder

#### Platinum Restaurant Group (1991)

With over 30 years of combined hospitality experience and successes, Garry endeavours have led to the acquisition and successful management of 18 venues across Sydney, Queensland and Los Angeles with a staff pool of over 500 employees.

Garry's Restaurant Group has a growing portfolio and Garry is working towards exploring opportunities that will compliment his existing venues whilst offering a variety of different dining experiences from restaurants to high volume cocktail bars, semi

fine dining venues and function centres across Australia. Each venue offers a valuable/quality experience whilst embracing the flavours from all over the world with an innovative twist.

Restaurants within portfolio as listed:

- Blackbird Café https://www.blackbirdcafe.com.au/
- Café Birkenhead https://cafebirkenhead.com.au/
- Casa Ristorante Italiano https://www.lovecasa.com.au/
- Mecca Bah Sydney https://meccabah.sydney/
- Jordon's Seafood https://jordonsseafood.com.au/
- Meat District Co- https://www.meatdistrictco.com.au/
- Luna Lu https://lunalu.com.au/
- Bar Lulu https://barlulu.com.au/
- Planar Bar https://www.planarrestaurant.com.au/
- Mecca Bah Gasworks https://meccabah.net/
- Bottega Coco Pty Ltd https://bottegacoco.com.au/
- Cardea Sydney Pty Ltd https://cardeasydney.com.au/

#### Platinum Property Advisors (2008)

#### https://platinumpropertyadvisors.com.au/

Garry Simonian is the Director of Platinum Property Advisors which is an investment company in property tradingprimarily focused on Sydney with the intention of investing in buildings, adding value & reselling.

PPA specialises in, eco-friendly and sustainable affordable housing/residential units, multi-level properties, residential spaces, retail, sub-division, student accommodation and hotels. The company offers a wealth of knowledge and direction in acquisitions, development & planning, legal advice, property trading, managing difficult sites & solving problems.

#### Some projects as listed:

**28 LOCKWOOD AVE, BELROSE** Mixed-use development of High-end terraces Commercial and Residential.Estimated Completion: Early 2025.

**1 BOWTELLS DRIVE, AVOCA BEACH** 56 Manufactured Homes Lakefront Luxury Home Estate. Estimated Completion: Late 2023

Property development in Verin Andarayin Area, Yerevan Armenia

#### **Lightning Fast Finance (2009)**

Garry's Finance company based in America is a subprime mortgage lending car business.

Nontre.co E-commerce Brand (2021)<u>https://nontre.co/</u>

Garry is also the director of our Earth-Wise Luxury sustainable brand, <u>nontre.co</u> that has launched successfully in Australia and is now in the process of Global Expansion, nontre.co also has a presence in China, HK, Vietnam, USA and Taiwan in the near future.











#### **Philippe Cohen**

#### Founder

BOLT BROS is a newly established company in Armenia, as the official distributor of the Polish company KOELNER, and its main international brand RAWLPLUG.

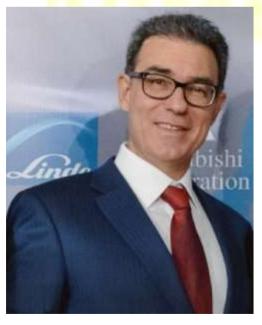
KOELNER has been created in 1982, and quickly became one of the European leaders, producers of fastening products and systems. The product range includes: fasteners, fastening

systems, bonded anchors, mechanical anchors, lightweight fixings, façade and roofing insulation fixings, power tools and accessories, etc...

RAWLPLUG is a British company established in 1919, a leader in technical innovation in the field of fastening, which became part of the KOELNER Group in 2005.

KOELNER / RAWLPLUG products are manufactured in 4 plants, and distributed in more than 80 countries in the world, through a network of 20 subsidiaries and 41 exclusive distributors.

KOELNER / RAWLPLUG today does not only propose a catalogue of 30.000 innovative products which covers all the needs in fastening and fixing for all types of industries, the Group also offers an integrated package of services for professionals (online application for automatic implementation of models and technical drawings, applications for design calculations, technical library, on-site technical support...), and inventive trainings performed through the RAWLPLUG Academy (e-learning platform, training centers, webinars...) <u>https://rawlplug.com/pl-en</u>





#### Vitaly Bazhenov Founding Director

Vitalon Group is a dynamic group of companies that was established with a clear vision and a commitment to excellence in the mining, steel and energy supply industries. Founded by a group of visionary professionals with extensive international experience, Vitalon Group has evolved to become a prominent player in the market. The Group is a business partner of Primetals Technologies (a company that is part of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) Group). By placing a strong emphasis on meeting the constantly evolving needs of the industry, Vitalon Group has established itself as a dependable and innovative provider of comprehensive services on turnkey basis across the entire supply chain. Vitalon Group takes pride in its ability to deliver not only top-notch production and supply services but also flexible

financing options and many others. By offering these integrated services, the company ensures that its customers receive unparalleled support and solutions tailored to their specific needs. With a customer-centric approach, Vitalon Group aims to forge long-term partnerships and deliver value at every step of the supply chain. By leveraging its extensive expertise, industry knowledge, and commitment to innovation, Vitalon Group continues to make a significant impact in the steel industry, empowering its clients to thrive in a rapidly changing market landscape. The head office of the Group is located in Lugano, Switzerland.





#### PHILIP MORRIS ARMENIA LLC



#### Aneta Serbusca

#### General Manager

Philip Morris International (PMI) established its representative office in Yerevan yet in 1995. PMI is the leading international tobacco company, working to deliver a smoke-free future with products sold in approximately 180 countries and has more than 78,000 employees.

Philip Morris Armenia has always been among the top 15 taxpayers in Armenia for the last ten years, paying 18 billion AMD in taxes during 2022. Philip Morris Armenia was awarded with Top Employer Armenia certificate 4 years in a row since 2019.

PMA team is expanding dynamically. 700-1000 students and young professionals apply to PMA internship program every year. By which on average 10 candidates get an opportunity work for half a year and be paid. Philip Morris also recognizes the rich scientific heritage and potential of technology development in Armenia. Except PMA commercial office in the center of Yerevan, Philip Morris's PMI Science R&D center Armenia was established in Armenia in 2018. It is the third in the global network of R&D centers set up by PMI together with the ones in Switzerland and Singapore. Here researchers work in the following primary directions: Data Science, Technologies, Material Science.



#### Zara Malayan Deputy Director



Funtour Armenia travel is one of the leading tour operators in Armenia since 2002.

Company provides professional services of tours, guides, transportation and MICE services to all our clients.

Company has airticketing, outgoing and incoming divisions.

Incoming division has been working under Armenia Hospitality&DMC brand name and over these years has welcomed thousands of tourists from all over the world.

Company is the member of IATA and Body&Soul International travel associations.

Accredited agent of Embassy of Cuba in Kazakhstan and have an exclusive right to issue travel visas for Armenian citizens for travelling to Cuba.

Accredited agent of the Israel embassy in Georgia and have an exclusive right to issue travel visas for Armenian citizens for travelling to Israel. <u>www.funtour.am</u>



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#### CHANGES IN MANAGEMENT OF MEMBER COMPANIES/REBRANDING



#### Lusine Hakobjanyan General Director

As a founding member of the European Business



Association (EBA) since January 2016, Intracom Armenia has played a pivotal role in fostering collaboration and promoting business excellence. The former CEO, Mr. George Blekas, served as a vice-chairperson of EBA until December 2022, contributing significantly to the association's objectives. Starting from 2023, Ms. Lusine Hakobjanyan assumed the role of CEO at Intracom. Her professional journey is marked by a distinguished background in finance, coupled with substantial experience in human resources management and leadership development. Ms. Hakobjanyan has consistently demonstrated her dedication to excellence and innovation, earning her a place in various senior positions within the

company. Ms. Hakobjanyan's strategic vision, coupled with her proficiency in finance, positions her as an ideal leader to guide Intracom Armenia into its next phase of growth and success. Ms. Hakobjanyan's dynamic leadership style, coupled with her extensive expertise, will contribute significantly to maintaining Intracom's reputation for excellence and furthering mission within the business community.

Intracom Armenia is a leading technology company headquartered in Yerevan, Armenia. The company is part of the Intracom Telecom group, which is a global provider of telecommunications solutions and services.

Intracom Armenia was founded in 1994 and has since then been at the forefront of technological innovation in Armenia. The company's main areas of expertise include software development, system integration, and network infrastructure solutions.

Intracom Armenia is a subsidiary of Intracom Telecom, a leading telecommunication solutions provider headquartered in Athens, Greece.

The company was established in May 2005, but has had a presence in Armenia since 1999 through its representative office in Yerevan. Intracom Armenia offers high technology turn-key projects in the fields of telecommunications and IT for public administration and banking sectors. The company employs highly-skilled and experienced professionals who are committed to delivering innovative and reliable solutions to its customers. Intracom Armenia is part of the Intracom Telecom Group, which operates and maintains subsidiaries/offices in over 70 countries worldwide.

Over the years, Intracom Armenia has established itself as a reliable partner for businesses and organizations in various industries, including telecommunications, finance, healthcare, and government. The company's solutions are designed to help clients optimize their operations, increase efficiency, and achieve their business objectives.

Intracom Armenia is committed to delivering high-quality solutions and services that meet the needs of its clients. The company's mission is to contribute to the development of Armenia's technology industry and to help drive innovation and growth in the region.

https://www.intracom-telecom.com/en/company/profile/international\_offices.htm#intracomarmenia







Irina Gevorgyan



Managing Partner

Irina Gevorgyan, Fellow of the Association of Chartered and Certified Accountants (FCCA) and Qualified Auditor of RA has been working at KPMG since 2003. During this period she worked at Financial Services Department of London office and Advisory Department of Georgia office. From 2023 Irina Gevorgyan is the Managing Partner, Director of KPMG Armenia LLC.

Irina has extensive experience and knowledge in audit of financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS of clients in financial services, telecommunication, mining, retail and other industry sectors. Apart from being Audit Partner, Irina is also the Transaction Services Partner across KPMG Caucasus and Central Asia.

#### About KPMG

KPMG is a Big Four company, a global network of professional firms providing Audit, Tax and Advisory services operating in 143 countries and having more than 265,000 people working in

member firms around the world. **KPMG in Armenia** 

KPMG Armenia started its full operating office in 1997. It was the first of the Big Four auditing firms to have registered in Armenia. 85 full time staff is working for KPMG Armenia, including 12 UK qualified chartered accountants (ACCA, FCCA) and 11 qualified auditors of the Republic of Armenia.

The stability of KPMG member firms in local markets, extensive network of offices and balanced activities ensure all necessary resources for the provision of high quality services. KPMG's purpose and aspiration is to turn knowledge into value for the benefit of our clients, our people, and the world's capital markets.





Arsen Navasardyan

General Manager

#### https://yerevanplace.com/

Arsen Navasardyan, General Manager of Yerevan Place Hotel, worked at Hyatt Place Yerevan Hotel as Owner Representative from 2013 and has been working as GM at Yerevan Place Hotel since September, 2022.

Arsen got a degree in Management at Armenian State University of Economics (2003-2008).

Yerevan Place is a four-star hotel, located in the heart of Yerevan,

behind the Republic Square. Hotel has 88 rooms of 6 categories, from Standard to Apartment Suite. Our guests have the opportunity to feel calm and comfortable while being in the business and cultural center of the capital. It is the perfect choice for both business and leisure travelers.



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#### Artyom Ghazaryan



#### **General Director**

Telcell is one of the leading companies in the field of payment systems, which has been offering convenient and accessible payment solutions to RA citizens and non-locals for 16 years.

Telcell started its activity with the introduction of the terminal network. It would be appropriate to mention that we stand at the roots of the culture of terminal payments. You can hardly find a citizen who has not used our services at least once. It gives us extensive experience and sufficient information about customer needs and financial behavior. All the above lies at the basis of our new vision, which is aimed at creating a modern financial ecosystem - a digital platform where our partner organizations and customers will be able to cooperate comfortably and profitably.

One of Telcell's recent products, Telcell Wallet application has created wide opportunities for the entertainment sector, making the process of selling and purchasing event tickets convenient and efficient.

Another recent product, Telcell Business application, which is a fast and reliable tool for accepting non-cash payments and managing business financial flows, also plays an important role in the company's ecosystem.

The company's technological solutions have also been implemented in the field of public services. Telcell has become the partner of "Yerevan Municipality" in the creation of a unified ticketing system for public transport, providing a system for accepting non-cash payments, the test version of which is already operating in the city transport. In the future, it will improve the payment system of the transport sector both in Yerevan, and across the entire territory of Armenia.

Positioning ourselves as a financial national operator, we have adopted our directions of corporate social responsibility, in particular, to promote the transition to alternative energy, to create new opportunities for business formation and development for vulnerable groups.

We believe that the goal of any company operating in Armenia should be the development of the local market. And for that we need to carry out activities in the conditions of healthy competition and cooperation.



#### ARATTA CONSULTING Davit Vardanyan Managing Director

Aratta Consulting was founded in 2015 in the Republic of Armenia and has been one of leaders in the legal services market for years. The



company provides services in all areas of law, both private and public, through more than twenty lawyers and advocates.

Professionals with decades of experience provide professional services in a variety of areas, including corporate and individual legal services, litigation representation, business incorporation and restructuring, solar, hydro, wind and other energy sectors, as well as mining legal services, which including, ensuring the licensing process, etc.

Its clients include many leading companies in the field of infrastructure and production in Armenia, including:in the energy sector, Electric Networks of Armenia (the only distributor and guaranteed supplier of electric energy in the entire territory of the Republic of Armenia), in the banking sector: Armbusinessbank, Evokabank, in the field of telecommunications: Ucom, in the field of import, export and sale of goods and services, the Derzhava group of companies (represents world-renowned brands such as Audi, Porsche, Lacoste, KFC, etc.

Davit Vardanyan joined Aratta team from the early days of the Company's foundation, serving both corporate clients and legal defense since 2015.

He graduated from the Faculty of Law of Yerevan State University in 2010. After serving in the RA Armed Forces Davit Vardanyan completed his master's degree at the same university.

Before Aratta Consulting LLC, his work for about five years mainly included the state procurement system and the state certification of universities. For more than two years, Davit Vardanyan also lectured at the European Academy on civil, corporate and international private law.

From the beginning, being the deputy of the founder-manager of the Aratta Company, Aram Tumasyan, Davit Vardanyan also carried out management activities of the Company, and since 2023 he has been performing the functions of the director.

Davit Vardanyan's professional successes include not only high-profile court cases, but also representation of the interests of leading clients in Armenia in various business sectors: energy, mining, banking, insurance, financial investments, successful negotiation with international financial corporations, etc. <u>https://aratta.am/</u>

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING EBO WORLDWIDE NETWORK 2023, BRUSSELS



EBO WWN Annual General Meeting conducted in 2023 had a very intensive agenda, including meetings with senior political contacts in the European Commission, and senior officials from DG GROW. DG INTPA and DG Trade, and also a number of business representatives including BusinessEurope. There was an opportunities to share best practice and discuss activities at а regional level.

Following the General Assembly the EBO Board members have met and allocated responsibilities which have become more specifically defined for the coming year, and also confirmed the appointment of regional co-ordinators for 2023-2024 as well.

This past 12 months has also seen an unprecedented level of growth in the network and engagement with different arms of the European Commission on projects and activities for promoting European business interests globally. EBO network has become much more visible and its role much better understood, such that having many working meetings,

sometimes on a weekly basis, to pursue these avenues. Again, a huge effort being undertaken by colleagues from across the Global network.

#### EBO Brussels Meeting June 2023

The EBO WWN (European Business Organization Worldwide Network) held its annual meeting on June in Brussels, Belgium. With 49 delegates from 44 countries participating, the event was a success in bringing together representatives from various European businesses Organisations across the world. The discussions included topics like how to best promote and facilitate European businesses in third country markets, strengthening communication channels between the European private sector and EU institutions, and further developing the capacity and partnership between EBOs across the global network.

The meeting programme included several high-profile individuals, including the Head of Cabinets and senior representatives from the European Commission's DG GROW (Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs), DG Trade (Directorate-General for Trade), and DG INTPA (Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development). The delegates also had the opportunity to meet with peak business organizations like BusinessEurope and global consultancy firm FIPRA, and author Darcy Nicolle.

The meeting also included a series of internal regional meetings, as well as four 'best-practice' workshops on Advocacy & Stakeholder Management, Boards & Governance, Financial Development, and Participation in EU Projects. These workshops enabled delegates to share their experiences and learn from each other, providing valuable insights. By sharing their own approaches, challenges, and successes, the delegates generated new ideas, built new partnerships, and strengthened existing ones, all of which can lead to successful future collaboration. The final activity of the meeting was the General Assembly where the network finances were presented in a healthy state, and the appointment of Board Members for the upcoming year (see further below).

#### EBO Board Members & Regional Co-ordinators for 2023-2024

- Jason Collins Chair (EBO Australia)
- Nele Cornelis Deputy Chair & Head of Regions (EBO Singapore)
- Adam Dunnett Deputy Chair & Head of Advocacy (EBO China)
- Geraldine Smeets- Secretary General (EBO Argentina)
- Florian Gottein Treasurer (EBO Philippines)
- Johanna Sandberg Board Member & Head of Visibility, (EBO Rwanda)
- Freddie Hoeglund Board Member & Head of EU Projects (EBO Taiwan)
- Cathy Murphy Board Member & Head of EBO Development (EBO Canada)

Our network of Regional Co-ordinators for 2023-2024 includes:

- Diana Sarumova (EBO Armenia) Europe, Eastern Partnership and Central Asia
- Nicolas Soyere (EBO Senegal) Africa
- Marie Louise Norton-Murray (EBO Trinidad & Tobago) Americas & Caribbean
- Edison Bako (EBO Indonesia) ASEAN
- Nuria Sau (EBO Hong Kong) East Asia & Pacific
- John Wilson (EBO Sri Lanka) South Asia & Middle East

The Board and Regional Co-ordinators are working with other DGs and consultant teams on projects including the potential creation of new EBOs in markets such as Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Zimbabwe (to name a few), building professional digital communications platforms for our network, the development and implementation of a programme of EU business events in particular markets, identifying other EU projects which are focused on business development activities in third country markets for possible involvement by individual EBOs, among many others.

<u>#TeamEurope</u> Abroad EBO Worldwide - European Business Organizations Network asbl <u>#EBAArmenia</u> <u>#Business</u> <u>#EU4Business</u> <u>#investments</u> <u>#EAP</u>





#### **MEETINGS WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS OF EBA**

EBA Board meeting with the participation of newly assigned EU Ambassador, Honorary President of EBA Armenia, His Excellency Mr. Vassilis Maragos Autumn 2023 #BoardmeetingAutumn2023



European Business Association Armenia (EBA) organized a Reception in honor to EBA Honorable President, EU Ambassador HE Mr. Vassilis Maragos.

Vassilis Maragos served in the EU Delegations in Sofia and Skopje between 1996 and 2005. Since 2005 he held various posts related to enlargement policy and regional cooperation in South-East Europe.

Vassilis Maragos was Head of Unit for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Eastern Partnership in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations.

Before his appointment as head of the EU Delegation to Armenia, he was the head of the Unit for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo in the Directorate-General for Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations of the European Commission.

On Behalf of EBA Board and members we wish His Excellency a very productive work in Armenia!

EBA Members also will continue making their unput into the Public Private Dialog Platforms development, reforms implementation and improvement of Business Environment and Investment Climate of Armenia.





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EBA members attended the awareness session of DG Trade representatives organized for private sector joint with the Ministry of Economy

In the frame of this visit EBA members had a private business lunch with Mr. Marco Duerkop, Claus-Joachim-Vedsted Jakobsen and His Excellency EU Ambassador Mr. Vassilis Maragos. Visit of DG TRADE Mr. Marco Düerkop Deputy head of Unit Europe and Eastern Neighbourhood European Commission





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#### **World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)** World Tourism Investment Forum

European Business Association executive director Diana Sarumova has participated and moderated the panel discussion: Tourism Investments in New Era at the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) World Tourism Investment Forum in Yerevan, Armenia.

Main topic of the Forum was Armenia as a tourism destination, advantages and opportunities for investors. Panelists:

Jose Carlos Diaz President, LUAfund

Diana Sarumova Executive Director, European Business Association Armenia Lilit Gevorgyan Independent Expert Marcelo Wende Chief Executive Officer, Armenia International Airports Mr. Andrea Dellasanta Head, Yerevan Branch of Renco

Thanks to << บุทานมากราเอาเมน์ นุกษ์ทุกน์/Tourism Committee of RA << էนุกนิกษ์ทุนมาก ในปุกษาการาเม Enterprise Armenia for this important initiative.





#### Meeting of EU Member States resident and nonresident Ambassadors with Business Associations was initiated by the European Union

initiated by the European Union Delegation to Armenia.
The main topics discussed were:
Foreign investments: Trends and perspectives
Trade and business environment;

The process of CEPA implementation
#EconomicDiplomacy
#EU-Armenia trade facilitation
#acesstomarkets
#tradediversification
Opportunities provided by European
Investment Bank
#EIB for private sector



**EBOWWN Regional Meeting** was initiated by EBO Armenia executive director Diana Sarumova who is also a regional coordinator of Europe, Eastern Partnership and Central Asia of the European Business Organizations Worldwide Network. Countries that are being coordinated by



her are Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Northern Kazakhstan, Moldova, Macedonia. Russia. Ukraine. Uzbekistan. Main common issues and opportunities were discussed during the meeting. Representative of DG Trade Marco Duerkop, Deputy head of Unit for Europe and Neighbourhood Eastern of European Commission was invited to the on-line meeting that was conducted in December 2023.



#### << արդարադատության նախարարություն/Ministry of Justice of Armenia << ֆինանսների նախարարություն << էկոնոմիկայի նախարարություն

#### European Business Association General Assembly 2023 #AGM2023

EBA Armenia Annual General Assembly was conducted on 25 of April.

During the GM, Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Mher Grigoryan and EU Ambassador Ms. Andrea Wiktorin opened the event with their speeches emphasizing importance of EU-Armenia cooperation and business development and support.

Official part of the AGM was followed by networking reception dedicated to the Italian Liberation Day organized joint with the Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Armenian Italian Chamber Of Commerce And Industry

Ambassador of Italy to Armenia Mr. Alfonso Di Riso conducted an opening speech and welcomed all guests.

Minister of Justice Mr. Grigor Minasyan, attended the event and was Awarded with the special Appreciation on behalf of EBA Members.

Appreciation Awards were given to the main partners and supporters from the Public Sector, particularly:

Deputy Prime Minister and his staff

ՀՀ պետական եկամուտների կոմիտե / State Revenue Committee of Armenia

ՀՀ արտաքին գործերի նախարարություն / Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia

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#### Another on-line meeting of the EBOWWN took place in December 2023 to wrap-up the

EBO Worldwide - European Business Organizations Network asbl EBOWWN Annual General Global Meeting 2023 with the participation of more than 52 countries all over the world.



year and plan the Agenda of the upcoming meeting in Brussels in June 2024.

EBOs that are more experienced shared their best practice and conducted lobby and advocacy workshop for other participants.



## *VORKING FOR THE FUTURE!* JOIN US.



we invite you to continue networking over light snacks. The "Culture & Business" network meeting is an initiative of the European Business Association, the Goethe-Zentrum Yerevan, the German Business Association (Deutscher Wirtschaftsverband) and International Chamber of Commerce National Committee Armenia - ICC NCA.



What similarities can be found between the sectors? How can we support each other better? What joint initiatives can we develop?

We would like to bring the art and business communities closer together; after project presentations by the participating organizations, where current and future projects will be presented,





Being a Board Member of Income policy improvement council under the Ministry of finance and Revenue Administration reform **Council under the State Revenue Committee** chaired by the Head of **State Revenue Committee**, **EBA** attended five council meeting discussions related to tax legislation.





**Export Promotion tools: Swiss Generalized System of Preferences GSP** for Armenian exporters" awareness raising event took place on July 12 at the RA Ministry of Economy organized jointly with European Business Association and Embassy of Switzerland in Armenia to further promote and foster economic growth, trade opportunities, and bilateral cooperation between Switzerland and Armenia.

The list of distinguished speakers and business community members who delivered insightful speeches and presentations included Rafayel Gevorgyan, Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Armenia, Marianna Poghosyan, Head of EU Affairs Division of the RA Ministry of Economy, Angela Khachatryan, as well asEBA Members, Armswissbank, Ms. Angela Barseghyan; SGS Armenia, Mrs. Arpa Davtyan; EY Armenia, Mr. Mikael Arzumanyan and Grigor Grigoryan; Schulze Legal Advisory Firm, Mr. Sergey Brutyan; and other speakers and representatives of the chambers of commerce who shared their valuable perspectives, insights and tools on various aspects of trade promotion and economic cooperation. Mr. Raffi Semerjyan the Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce introduced activities and opportunities of the Chamber.

During Panel Discussions director of European Business Association, Mrs. Diana Sarumova mentioned importance and advantage of cooperation with EU as well as the opportunities of working at European Markets. During the event, EBA members and other representatives of numerous businesses got the opportunity to participate in topical discussions, Q&A sessions, and networking reception. It was a good opportunity to exchange ideas, get valuable information, and explore potential collaborations within the framework of the Swiss GSP.

✓ One of the highly anticipated sessions focused on the Swiss GSP in practice. Representatives from the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and from the Federal Office of Customs and Border Security of Switzerland shared insights on the practical implementation of the Swiss GSP and provided valuable information on customs procedures and platforms related to the GSP.

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On November 14, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in **m** hosted a reception ceremony on the occasion of the 105th anniversary of **m** regaining its Independence. The guest of honor of the evening was **m** Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Mher Grigoryan.

In his speech, the Ambassador of a emphasized the importance of Poland regaining Independence and presented the contemporary achievements of our country, especially in the economic field, as well as the foundations of Polish foreign policy, emphasizing in this context the state of a relations devoting much attention to Poland's uncompromising position towards Russian aggression in Ukraine and the comprehensive assistance provided to our neighbors.

Deputy Prime Minister of 🗮 highly assessed the state of 🗮 📷 relations and congratulated Poles on the occasion of the Independence Day.

We would like to invite you to view the photo gallery from the event and thank everyone who celebrated with us.

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Celebration of Bastille Day! Vive la France!



Meeting with His Excellency Mr. Petr Pirunčík Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to the Republic of Armenia Embassy of the Czech Republic in Yerevan, Armenia Petr Piruncik Diana Sarumova

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National Day of Sweden



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Trade Mission from belgium is visiting Yerevan





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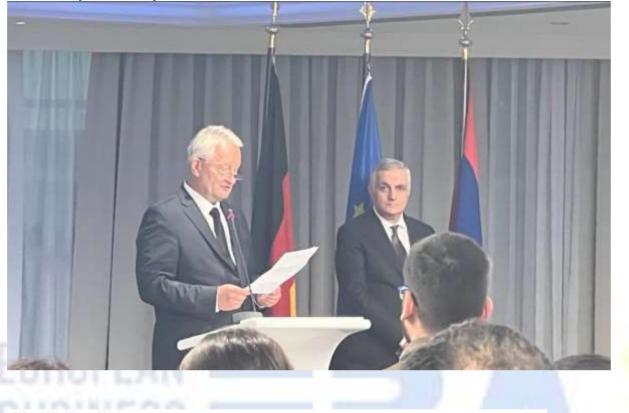
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National Day of Germany



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