



GALVANIZING EUROPE

Istanbul | 8-11 June 2026

Conference Information



Assembly 2026 will be held at the Swissôtel The Bosphorus, Istanbul, Turkey, 8-11 June 2026. For the latest information visit: <https://www.galvanizingeurope.org/assembly-2026/>

The EGGA Assembly is open to members of EGGA National Associations and provides a platform for exchange of information on EGGA activities and to hear latest developments within the European industry. The event consists of a short conference and an opportunity to visit local galvanizing plants.

The Assembly 2026 conference programme will explore key topics for the batch galvanizing industry - through a combination of presentations and panel discussions covering both commercial and technical areas.

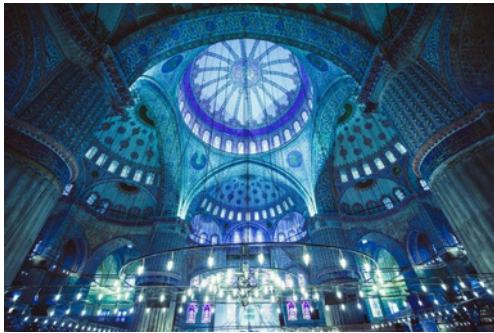
- Insightful 2-day conference programme with simultaneous interpretation between English, Turkish, French, German, Italian and Spanish
- Optional visits to galvanizing plants in Turkey
- Supplier Displays
- Optional Sightseeing Tours for delegates and accompanying persons
- Networking Events

Location: Swissôtel The Bosphorus.Vişnezade, Acısu Sk. NO 19, 34357 Beşiktaş/İstanbul, Turkey

Monday 8 June	Tuesday 9 June	Wednesday 10 June	Thursday 11 June & Friday 12 June
<p>Optional City Tour (12.30-16.30)</p> <p>Welcome Reception <i>sponsored by Rezinal</i> (18.30-21.00)</p> <p>A Galvanizers' Night by the Bosphorus <i>sponsored by</i> <i>Atun Kimya</i> (21.00-)</p>	<p>Registration (08.00-)</p> <p>Conference + Supplier Displays (09.00-17.00)</p> <p>Accompanying Persons Sightseeing Tour (optional) (09.30-13.30)</p> <p>Gala Dinner (18.00-)</p>	<p>Conference + Supplier Displays (09.00-17.00)</p> <p>Accompanying Persons Sightseeing Tour (optional) (09.30-13.30)</p>	<p>Plant Visits (optional)</p> <p>Optional Sightseeing Tour (09.30-13.30)</p>

ISTANBUL

Spanning the two continents of Europe and Asia, Istanbul is a vibrant city which is renowned for its rich cultural heritage. From the Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace to the bustling Grand Bazaar and Spice Market, the city boasts iconic landmarks, stunning waterways and breath-taking views.



Assembly 2026 will be held at the Swissôtel the Bosphorus Istanbul, located in the Maçka/Beşiktaş area with impressive views of the Bosphorus and not far from Istanbul's city centre and cultural landmarks.

There are two airports in Istanbul:

- Istanbul Airport (IST)
- Sabiha Gökçen International Airport (SAW)

The closest airport to Swissôtel the Bosphorus Istanbul is Istanbul Airport (IST). It is approx. 45 minutes by taxi from IST to Swissôtel the Bosphorus Istanbul, costing approx. €35-40.

Visas

Citizens of the European Union and UK can enter for tourism/business for up to 90 days within a 180-day period without a visa.

Delegates requiring visas for entry into Turkey are asked to apply for their visas at their local Turkish Embassy as soon as possible: [Visa Information For Foreigners / Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#). If letters of invitation are required, please contact EGGA. Please allow sufficient time for the authorities to process your visa application.

REGISTRATION

Assembly 2026 is open to anyone whose company is a member of an EGGA national galvanizers association. If you are not sure if your company is a member – please ask us before registering.

Welcome – galvanizing companies from the Middle-East and North Africa! In conjunction with our local partner, GALDER, delegates from these regions can register for Assembly 2026

Registration Fees

	Register by 30 April	Register after 30 April
Delegate	€895+ VAT	€995 + VAT
Accompanying person*	€145 + VAT	€145 + VAT

*The accompanying person's fee is for spouses (wives or husbands) taking part in the accompanying persons' programme of social events only, NOT for a second person from a company attending the Assembly as a delegate.

Turkish VAT at 20% is applicable to all delegate and ancillary fees

There is an additional charge for the optional visits to galvanizing plants and sightseeing tours.

Delegate registration fee includes:

- All lunches and coffee breaks associated with the meeting, including simultaneous interpretation between English, Turkish, French, German, Spanish, and Italian
- Documentation, including presentations in e-format
- All social events.

Accompanying Person's fee includes:

- All social events.

How to Pay

The Registration fee must be paid by bank transfer or by credit card. Please ensure that you pay any charges levied by your bank so that these are not debited to the event account. Details on how to make your payment will be given at the end of your online registration process. If you choose to pay by bank transfer, download a pro-forma invoice at the end of your registration and make payment immediately.

GALDER Members: There are special arrangements for payments by bank transfer within Turkey. Contact GALDER for details or see the information provided with your invoice.

VAT

Assembly 2026 is organised in collaboration with GALDER. It was required to operate the event for VAT purposes in Turkey and all invoices for delegate fees are raised, subject to 20% Turkish VAT, by our local partner "Genel Galvanizciler Dernegi GALDER Iktisadi Isletmesi" with Turkish VAT registration number 394 046 1507. Payments are made as normal for EGGA events, through our conference agency, Worldspan. Payment details are given on your Proforma invoice. A VAT invoice for the purposes of Turkish VAT is available on request after payment is made.

Cancellation: Registration, Sightseeing and Plant Visits

- Cancellations received before 9 April 2026 – full refund
- Cancellations received between 9 April 2026 and 8 May 2026 – 50% refund of fees
- No refunds will be made for cancellations received after 9 May 2026
- Substitution of delegates is permitted at any time but must be notified in advance
- Plant Visits Group 4: Due to hotel and travel booking commitments, no refunds are possible after 9 April 2026

SUPPLIER DISPLAYS

Suppliers to the galvanizing industry that will be present at Assembly 2026

- [ANI METAL](#)
- [AD Chemicals](#)
- [ATD Stramproy B.V.](#)
- [ATUN KIMYA SAN.TIC.LTD.STI](#)
- [Bottaro Mario S.r.l.](#)
- [CBC Global](#)
- [C. H. Evensen Industriovner AS](#)
- [Dipl. Ing. Herwig GmbH](#)
- [Est Gal](#)
- [Gimeco Impianti Srl](#)
- [Hasco-Thermic Ltd](#)
- [Kingfield](#)
- [Koerner Chemieanlagenbau GmbH](#)
- [Kunststofftechnik Weber](#)
- [ProCoatTecnologías S.L.](#)
- [Scheffer Krantechnik GmbH](#)
- [SEID](#)
- [Sirio s.r.l](#)
- [TIB](#)
- [VCD CHEMICALS](#)
- [W Pilling GmbH & Co KG](#)
- [Zinco International](#)

Interested in sponsorship and supplier displays? Contact Kimberley Dunk: kimberley@egga.com

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Conference sessions are held in the Fuji Ballroom on Tuesday 9 June and Wednesday 10 June.

Sessions and topics

- The European galvanizing industry – facts and statistics
- Market growth – where next?
- Brand positioning for batch galvanizing versus other corrosion protection solutions.
- CBAM and steel trade measures – implications for the galvanizing industry
- Environmental regulations for the galvanizing industry in the EU and Turkey
- The Decarbonisation Challenge
- Materials selection in solar PV applications
- Galvanizing plant design and construction
- Process technology and innovation
- Zinc update

Provisional Conference Programme

Welcome and Opening Remarks	<i>Norbert Beljaars, President, EGGA Mustafa Cihan Yildirim, Chairman, Genel Galvanizciler Derneği (GALDER)</i>
The galvanizing industry in Turkey	<i>S. Burcu Akyüz, Secretary General, GALDER</i>
Perspectives on steel construction in Turkey	<i>Selami Gürel, Chairman, TUCSA (Turkey)</i>
The galvanizing industry in the Arabian Gulf region	<i>Speaker to be confirmed</i>
Growth of the galvanizing industry in Egypt	<i>Omar Elgebaly, Elsewedy Industrial (Egypt)</i>
Strengthening the European galvanizing industry	<i>Murray Cook, EGGA-Galvanizing Europe</i>
Marketing initiatives at EGGA - Brand positioning for batch galvanizing	<i>Iqbal Johal, Marketing Manager, Galvanizers Association</i>
Understanding CBAM for steel products and its implications for the galvanizing industry	<i>Speaker to be confirmed</i>
Effect of the conflict in the Middle East on zinc supply and outlook	<i>Speaker to be confirmed</i>

Galvanizing of high strength steel components	<i>Stefan Kimpeler, RWTH Aachen University (Germany)</i>
Materials selection and design considerations in solar PV steel mounting structures	<i>Ekin Akbulut, Director, Engineering, Vergo Enerji Sistemleri San. ve Tic. A.Ş (Turkey)</i>
Galvanized Steel Mounting Structures - Collaboration with the EU Solar PV Sector	<i>Valerio Mazzone, Director-Public Affairs, EGGA-Galvanizing Europe</i>
Soil corrosion performance of galvanized steel	<i>Speaker to be confirmed</i>
Reinforcing confidence in the fire resistance of galvanized steel	<i>Speaker to be confirmed (Germany)</i>
Advances in passivation of galvanized surfaces – from nanotechnology to implementation	<i>Jaume Grau, ProCoat Tecnologías S.L.U (Spain)</i>
Real-Time Intelligence for Galvanizing Plants	<i>Ömer Yolal, ANI METAL (Turkey)</i>
Transition to a state-of-the-art, decarbonised galvanizing plant from an existing open production	<i>Norbery Beljaars, Verzinkereij Weert (Netherlands)</i>
Electrical furnaces for galvanizing plants - a case study	<i>Arnaud Zedet, Prestia Group (France)</i>
The Role of Process Chemicals in Carbon Footprint	<i>Murat Bingöl, Atun Kimya (Turkey)</i>
European Policy Developments in Decarbonisation – Electrification and Beyond	<i>Joana Canas, Director-EU Policy, EGGA-Galvanizing Europe</i>
Zinc – A Regulatory Update	<i>Howard Winbow, Director European Affairs, International Zinc Association</i>
Environmental regulations for the galvanizing industry in Turkey – following the EU BREF and BAT Conclusions	<i>Prof. Mustafa Yaşar, Karabük Üniversitesi (Turkey) [to be confirmed]</i>
Zinc deficiency in agricultural soils	<i>Prof. Dr. İsmail Çakmak, Sabancı University Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (Turkey) [TBC]</i>

For the most up to date version of the conference programme, see [here](#).

SOCIAL EVENTS

Welcome Reception sponsored by Rezinal

Bringing together all delegates and accompanying persons at the start of the event.

Date/Time: Monday 8 June, 18:30 - 21:00

Location: Sultan Park, Swissôtel the Bosphorus Istanbul

Dress Code: Business Casual



A Galvanizers' Night by the Bosphorus sponsored by Atunkimya

An exciting event featuring musical entertainment.

Date/Time: Monday 8 June, 21:00 - 23:00

Location: Asuka Room, Swissôtel the Bosphorus Istanbul

Dress Code: Business Casual



Bosphorus Boat Tour & Gala Dinner sponsored by ANI METAL in conjunction with Scheffer, Kingfield and W.Pilling

Sunset Cruise along the Bosphorus, followed by the Gala Dinner at the Esma Sultan.

Date/Time: Tuesday 9 June, departures from 18.00

Location: Esma Sultan

Dress Code: Smart

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PLANT VISITS

Optional visits to galvanizing plants are offered on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 June and are available to book during [registration](#). For details of the plants to be visited, see the [event webpage](#). All visits will depart from the Swissôtel, drop off at Istanbul (IST) airport and return to Swissôtel.

There are possibilities to leave Group 1 and Group 3 for early departure from Sabiha Gökçen International Airport (SAW). Ask the organisers for details.

Group 4 will visit four plants with an overnight stay in Izmit.

Places on plant visit groups are limited and will be allocated strictly in order of receipt of registration. **Book early to avoid disappointment.** Plant visits are only available for delegates who register for the Assembly. It is not allowed to take part in the plant visits only. **There may be some access limitations for delegates from some companies for commercial reasons.**

Group No.	Depart	Return	Galvanizing Plants	Price
Thursday 11 June				
1	07:30	14:00 IST Airport 15:00 Swissôtel	GülmeletGalv. San. Ve Tic. A.Ş. Marmara-Siegener Gebze	€65
2	07:30	15:00 IST Airport 16:00 Swissôtel	Marmara-Siegener Izmit Mitas Izmit Galvaniz	€65
3	07:00	15:15 IST Airport 16:15 Swissôtel	Mitas Izmit Galvaniz Tursam Galvaniz İmalat Taahhüt Sanayi Ve Ticaret A.Ş	€75
Thursday 11 & Friday 12 June*				
4*	09:30 (11/6/26)	15:30 IST Airport 16:30 Swissôtel (12/6/26)	Marmara-Siegener Izmit Mitas Izmit Galvaniz GülmeletGalv. San. Ve Tic. A.Ş. Tursam Galvaniz İmalat Taahhüt Sanayi Ve Ticaret A.Ş	€350

***Group 4** – this is a 2 day plant visit which includes hotel accommodation and dinner on Thursday 11 June in Izmit.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS

All sightseeing tours will depart from and arrive back at the Swissôtel.

Tour 1 - The Heart of Historic Istanbul

Date/Time: Monday 8 June, 12.30 - 16.30

Price: €128 + VAT

Delegates and Accompanying Persons

Enjoy a guided tour of the historic Topkapi Palace, once the opulent residence of the Ottoman sultans. Then explore the vibrant Grand Bazaar, Turkey's largest covered market, home to over 4,000 shops offering everything from spices and textiles to jewellery and souvenirs.

Tour 2 - Istanbul's Architectural Masterpieces

Date/Time: Tuesday 9 June, 09.30 - 13.30

Price: €60 + VAT

Accompanying persons only

Explore the magnificent Hagia Sophia, a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture, and admire the historic Hippodrome, once the site of thrilling chariot races. Visit the stunning Blue Mosque, renowned for its exquisite blue Iznik tiles and striking Ottoman design.

Tour 3 - The Heart of Historic Istanbul

Date/Time: Wednesday 10 June, 09.30 - 13.30

Price: €128 + VAT

Accompanying Persons only

Enjoy a guided tour of the historic Topkapi Palace, once the opulent residence of the Ottoman sultans. Then explore the vibrant Grand Bazaar, Turkey's largest covered market, home to over 4,000 shops offering everything from spices and textiles to jewellery and souvenirs.

Tour 4 - Treasures of the Bazaars: A Turkish Shopping Adventure

Date/Time: Thursday 11 June, 09.30 - 13.30

Price: €60 + VAT

Delegates and Accompanying Persons

Immerse yourself in Istanbul's bustling shopping scene with a guided visit to its most famous bazaars and boutiques. Discover unique Turkish crafts, textiles, and souvenirs, and explore the colorful Spice Market, filled with aromatic herbs, teas, and traditional treats.

HOTELS

Assembly 2026 will take place at the **Swissôtel the Bosphorus Istanbul**.

Located in the centre of Istanbul with an amazing view of the Bosphorus, Swissôtel The Bosphorus, Istanbul, is a five-star luxury hotel. Historical gardens of 65 acres, as a part of Dolmabahce Palace, surround the hotel which makes the hotel distinguished. Besides having a breathtaking view of Bosphorus, Swissôtel is located in the district of the international luxury brand shopping area of Nisantasi and dynamic nightlife.

It is recommended to stay at the Swissôtel the Bosphorus Istanbul (part of the Accor Group). Alternative hotels that we can suggest with a range of pricing are listed below. We are providing the direct booking links as this offers the best rates and flexibility (there is no room block for Assembly 2026).

Please note that there is currently limited availability at the Swissôtel.

More information on hotels including a location map is available [here](#). If you need further help booking a hotel room, please email: mail@egga.com

Hotels	Star Rating	Indicative Pricing Per Night (single occupancy & incl breakfast) <i>(as at 17/4/26)</i>	Distance to Swissôtel
<u>Swissôtel the Bosphorus Istanbul</u>	*****	€340	-
<u>AC Hotel Istanbul Macka</u>	****	€170	450m
<u>Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus</u>	*****	€270	2.1km
<u>Radisson Hotel Istanbul Harbiye</u>	****	€160	1.8km
<u>Grand Hyatt Istanbul</u>	*****	€200	1.4km
<u>The Artisan Hotel Istanbul - McGallery Collection</u>	****	€150	1.8km
<u>The Marmara Taksim</u>	*****	€210	1.6km
<u>Elite World Comfy Istanbul Taksim</u>	****	€70	1.5km
<u>Elite World Istanbul Taksim</u>	***	€100	1.5km