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Welcome to Istanbul for Assembly 2026. The event is being held with the kind cooperation of our member association representing Turkey – GALDER and with the generous support of our sponsors:



Conference Programme

Conference sessions will be held in Fuji Ballroom II of the Swissôtel.

Tuesday 9 June

08.30 Registration and Coffee

Session 1: Opening Session

09.30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Norbert Beljaars, President, EGGA

Mustafa Cihan Yıldırım, Chairman, Genel Galvanizciler Derneği (GALDER)

09.40 The galvanizing industry in Turkey

S. Burcu Akyüz, Secretary General, GALDER

10.00 Perspectives on steel construction in Turkey

Selami Gürel, Chairman, TUCSA

10.25 Environmental regulations for the galvanizing industry in Turkey

Ministry of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change / Çevre, Şehircilik ve İklim Değişikliği Bakanlığı, Turkish Government

10.50 Strengthening the European galvanizing industry

Murray Cook, EGGA-Galvanizing Europe

11.10 Networking Break

Session 2: A Wider Perspective

11.35 Growth of the galvanizing industry in Egypt

Omar Elgebaly, Elsewedy Industrial (Egypt)

12.00 The galvanizing industry in the Arabian Gulf region

Mohammed Mohsin, Metaenterprices Ltd

12.20 The galvanizing industry in Iran

Mitra Aghazadeh, Galvanizers Association of Iran

12.35 Zinc supply and market outlook - effect of the conflict in the Middle East

Speaker to be confirmed

13.00 Lunch

Session 3: Technology and Markets

14.00 Steel reactivity and bath alloy composition – The challenges of new low carbon steels

Annikki Hirn, Nordic Galvanizers

14.25 Galvanizing of high strength steel components

Stefan Kimpeler, RWTH Aachen University (Germany)

14.50 Materials selection and design considerations in solar PV steel mounting structures

Ekin Akbulut, Vergo Enerji Sistemleri San. ve Tic. A.Ş (Turkey)

15.15 Galvanized Steel Mounting Structures – EU policy actions and collaboration with the EU Solar PV sector

Valerio Mazzone, EGGA-Galvanizing Europe

15.40 EGGA Annual General Meeting & Inauguration of new EGGA President

16.00 Networking Break and Close

Gala Dinner

Wednesday 10 June

08.30 Registration and Coffee

Session 4: Opening Session

- 09.30 **Real-time Intelligence for galvanizing plants**
Ömer Yolal, ANI METAL (Turkey)
- 09.55 **From nanotechnology to practice: New frontiers in the passivation of galvanized steel**
Jaume Grau, ProCoat Tecnologías S.L.U (Spain)
- 10.20 **The role of process chemicals in carbon footprint**
Murat Bingol, Atun Kimya (Turkey)
- 10.45 **Networking Break**
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Session 5: The Decarbonisation Challenge

- 11.10 **European policy developments in decarbonisation – Electrification and beyond**
Joana Canas, EGGA-Galvanizing Europe
- 11.25 **Reduction of CO₂ emissions through electrification of our plants: French examples**
Arnaud Zedet, Prestia Group (France)
- 11.50 **Transition to a state-of-the-art, decarbonised galvanizing plant from an existing open production line**
Norbert Beljaars, Verzinkereij Weert (Netherlands)
- 12.15 **Roadmap 2045: The path to carbon neutral hot dip galvanizing in Germany**
Oliver Pickartz, Bundesverband Feuerverkinken (Germany)
- 12.40 **Panel Debate: Energy and decarbonisation challenges for the galvanizing industry**
Short presentations and panel
- 13.00 **Lunch**
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Session 6: Looking Forward

- 14.15 **Zinc – A Regulatory Outlook**
Howard Winbow, International Zinc Association
- 14.40 **CBAM – what extension to downstream products could mean for the galvanizing industry**
Murray Cook & Valerio Mazzone, EGGA-Galvanizing Europe
- 15.05 **Circularity in galvanizing: Introducing Zicero**
Martin Kopf, ZINKPOWER (Austria)
- 15.20 **Marketing initiatives at EGGA – Brand positioning for batch galvanizing**
Iqbal Johal, Galvanizers Association & Chair EGGA Market Development & Product Sustainability Committee
- 15.45 **Invitation to Intergalva 2027 Malaga**
- 15.55 **Closing Remarks**
Information for visits to galvanizing plants on 11 & 12 June
- 16.00 **Networking Break and Close of Assembly 2026**



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Welcome Reception

Monday 8 June 18:30-21:00

Location: Swissôtel – Sultan Park Garden

Dress Code: Business Casual



A Galvanizer's Night by the Bosphorus

Monday 8 June 21:00-late

Location: Swissôtel – Asouka Room

Dress Code: Business Casual



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Tour 1 - The Heart of Historic Istanbul
Monday 8 June, 12:30-16:30

Tour 2 - Istanbul's Architectural Masterpieces
Tuesday 9 June, 09:30-13:30

Tour 3 - The Heart of Historic Istanbul
Wednesday 10 June, 09:30-13:30

Tour 4 - Treasures of the Bazaars: A Turkish Shopping Adventure
Thursday 11 June, 09:30-13:30

Gala Dinner

Tuesday 9 June

Enjoy a spectacular boat cruise along the Bosphorus with predinner drinks and canapes before arriving at the beautiful Esma Sultan Mansion for the gala dinner and entertainment.

Buses will depart from the Swissôtel at approx. 18.30 to a local pier where you will board the boat cruise. The boat will deliver you directly to the dinner at the banks of the Bosphorus. Return by bus transport to the Swissôtel. Details of exact bus departure and returns will be announced separately.

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