

International Defence Trade, Governance & Compliance Summit

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📍 Ankara, Türkiye

A senior, practitioner-level dialogue on export controls, sanctions, & compliance governance in defence trade.

The International Defence Trade, Governance and Compliance Summit is a closed, high-level forum that brings together leading international law firms, defence-sector organisations, and senior compliance professionals; creating a space for informed, practitioner-driven dialogue on export controls, sanctions regimes, defence industrial cooperation, technology transfer, and compliance governance in high-sensitivity defence programmes.

Audience

Selected senior practitioners and decision-makers, invitation-only participants

Profile

General counsel, heads of compliance, export control and sanctions leads, senior executives

Focus

Regulated defence trade, governance, and compliance

Who Should Attend?

- International law firms and senior legal practitioners specializing in trade regulations and export controls.
- In-house counsel and export control heads managing regulated programs and institutional governance.
- Subject matter experts focused on sanctions enforcement, end-use verification, and supply-chain risk.
- Professionals and researchers analyzing defense trade frameworks and global governance trends.

Why This Summit Matters?

- Curated participation ensures a senior, decision-making audience.
- Focus on practical regulatory challenges in defence trade.
- Practitioner-led discussions, than public commentary.
- Meaningful opportunities for professional relationship-building and long-term business development with industry & regulators.

Program Highlights

- Keynote on global defence trade governance.
- Expert-led panel discussions on export controls and sanctions.
- Practitioner insights on high risk compliance governance.
- Cross-jurisdictional perspectives from leading practitioners.
- Evening networking reception.

Agenda

Time	Duration	Sessions
09:00 – 10:00	60 min	Registration and Networking Coffee
10:00 – 10:10	10 min	Welcome Address – Mr. Şafak Herdem
10:10 – 10:30	20 min	Keynote: Global Governance of Defence Trade, Export Controls, and Sanctions
10:30 – 11:15	45 min	Panel 1: Export Controls and Sanctions Enforcement in Defence Trade
11:15 – 12:00	45 min	Panel 2: Defence Industrial Cooperation & Technology Transfer Frameworks
12:00 – 13:00	60 min	Lunch
13:00 – 13:45	45 min	Panel 3: Legal, Compliance and Operational Challenges in Türkiye's Defence Industry
13:45 – 14:15	30 min	Presentation: Sanctions Compliance: Regulatory Developments and Practical Challenges
14:15 – 15:00	45 min	Panel 4: Compliance Governance in High-Sensitivity Defence Projects
15:00 – 15:30	30 min	Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:00	30 min	Presentation: Export Controls and Diversion: Policy, Enforcement and Industry Implications
16:00 – 16:45	45 min	Panel 5: Contracting, Sanctions Clauses, and Risk Allocation in Defence Transactions
16:45 – 17:00	15 min	Closing Remarks

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Featured Speakers



Arda Mevlütoğlu
Defense Analyst & Advisor

Expert in defence industry strategy, technology intelligence and risk analysis across aerospace, security and emerging defence capabilities.

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Brian R. Byrne
Counsel

Advises on EU and UK sanctions, export controls and trade defence matters, with particular focus on dual-use goods and high-risk jurisdictions.



Tan Albayrak
Senior Associate

ReedSmith

Working across US, EU and UK sanctions, export controls and customs frameworks affecting cross-border defence and technology transactions.



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Dr. David Rösch
Associated Partner

Focused on export controls, sanctions and foreign investment screening in defence and emerging technologies within EU regulatory frameworks.



Featured Speakers



Elif Demirel
Legal Counsel - Defense
Technologies



Specialised in contractual frameworks, regulatory compliance and legal governance within defence and technology-driven industries, including large-scale and cross-border projects.



Bert Gevers
Partner



Leading international trade, export controls and sanctions practice, while advising defence contractors and representing clients before EU regulators and courts.



Mihriye Deniz Elaskan
Senior Government Affairs
Leader



Expert in government affairs, export control oversight and strategic coordination across the defence industry and international regulatory frameworks.



Ameeta Verma Duggal
Co-founder & Partner



Specialised in export controls, sanctions compliance and SCOMET regulations across defence, aerospace and advanced technology sectors.

Featured Speakers



Silviu Stratulat
Managing Partner



Specialised in cross-border mergers, acquisitions and private equity transactions, advising international investors on governance, regulatory considerations and transaction structuring.



Valentin Schmid
Associate



Experienced in export controls and sanctions, with a focus on cross-border transactions, M&A and regulatory matters.



Eva Lakova
Director



Export controls and sanctions expert with 14+ years of experience, specialising in transformation programmes, compliance frameworks and technology-driven solutions for managing sensitive trade operations.



Gamze Uyanik
International Trade &
Compliance Manager

Experienced in export controls and trade compliance within the defence industry, focusing on ITAR/EAR implementation, risk management and operational integration across complex cross-border processes.



Featured Speakers



Jelle Soons
Senior Consultant



Focused on protecting sensitive technologies and IP in aerospace and high-tech sectors, with expertise in technology control plans, secure data frameworks and cross-border compliance within EU/NATO environments.

**More speakers to be
announced soon!**