
EJS 2026
ELNET JERUSALEM SUMMIT
NOVEMBER, 22-24 · ISRAEL
A DEFINING MOMENT FOR EUROPE, ISRAEL
AND THE MIDDLE EAST

ABOUT THE SUMMIT

In light of the deep changes taking place in the Middle East, the political, economic, and strategic opportunities emerging in the region, and the growing challenges in Europe-Israel relations, strengthening cooperation between Israel and Europe has become especially important.

With this understanding, ELNET is establishing the ELNET Jerusalem Summit on Europe-Israel Relations, an international platform bringing together senior leaders and participants from Israel, Europe, the United States, India, and key partners from the Middle East and the wider Abraham Accords framework. Attendees will include ministers, members of parliament, senior officials, security figures, industry leaders, experts, and senior representatives from the business and academic sectors.

WHY NOW

EUROPE, ISRAEL, AND THE WIDER MIDDLE EAST ARE FACING A MOMENT OF STRATEGIC UNCERTAINTY AND OPPORTUNITY:

- Evolving regional dynamics
- Defense cooperation as a core pillar of Europe-Israel relations
- Europe's strategic place in the emerging regional architecture
- Strategic importance of energy security
- Pressure on Israel's role in European research and innovation frameworks
- Rising societal and political tensions across Europe

THIS IS A DECISIVE MOMENT, REQUIRING IMMEDIATE, HIGH-LEVEL ENGAGEMENT TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EUROPE-ISRAEL RELATIONS AND REGIONAL COOPERATION.

OBJECTIVES

- Build a high-level Europe-Israel dialogue framework
- Strengthen cooperation on security, resilience, and infrastructure
- Establish defense as a core pillar of Europe-Israel relations
- Anchor Europe in the Abraham Accords expansion
- Keep engagement open despite political divergences
- Position Europe in the emerging regional order

PROGRAM - Monday 23, November

Conference Day
Waldorf Astoria Jerusalem

09:00-13:00 | MORNING PLENARY

08:00 - 09:00	**Welcoming and Registration**	
09:00 - 09:15	Greetings and Keynote	
09:15 - 10:00	**Session I - European Ambassadors' Fireside Chat**	
10:00 - 10:20	**Opening Address by Isaac Herzog, President of the State of Israel**	
10:20 - 12:05	**Session II: Security & Resilience** Lessons from Operational Experience and Evolving Threat Environments	
10:20 - 10:30	**Keynote Speech** Israel Aerospace Industries	• Adapting military doctrine for multi-front and hybrid warfare • Air defense, drones, missile threats, and civilian protection • Intelligence, early warning, and real-time decision-making • Iran-linked regional threat architecture • Cybersecurity and protection of critical infrastructure • Building societal resilience and national preparedness
10:30 - 11:10	**PANEL 1 - *Security***	
11:10- 11:20	**Keynote Speech**	
11:20- 12:00	**PANEL 2 - *Resilience***	
12:00 - 13:00	**Session III: INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY & SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION** Lessons from Operational Experience and Evolving Threat Environments	
12:00 - 12:15	**Keynote Speech I** **Keynote Speech II**	• Israel's Position in the Global Tech Competition • EU-Israel R&D cooperation • Global supply chains & technology resilience • Tech diplomacy and strategic partnerships • Science diplomacy & academic-industry collaboration models
12:15- 13:00	**PANEL**	
13:00 - 13:15	**Keynote Speech**	
13:15 - 14:30	**LUNCH**	

14:30-17:30 | AFTERNOON PLENARY

14:45 - 15:00	**Keynote Speech**	
15:00 - 16:00	**Session IV: A NEW REALITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST** Regional Challenges	
15:00 - 16:00	**PANEL**	• Israel-Europe coordination on Iran and its regional threat network • Lebanon after Hezbollah: sovereignty, stability, and the role of Europe and Israel • Syria's future and its implications for European and Israeli security • Eastern Mediterranean security: energy, maritime routes, and strategic infrastructure • Building a stronger Israel-Europe partnership in the emerging Middle East order
16:00 - 17:15	**Session V: From Abraham Accords to Strategic Cooperation**	
16:00 - 16:30	**Interview**	• Europe's role in supporting practical cooperation across the Middle East • From normalization to strategic alliances: UAE-Israel alliance and new regional alignments • Stabilizing the Levant amidst the fragility of Lebanon and Syria • The Abraham Accords as a platform for regional cooperation and integration • The Eastern Mediterranean triangle and the challenge of regional stability
16:30 - 17:15	**PANEL**	
17:15 - 17:30	**Closing Keynote**	
17:30 - 18:15	**EJS 2026 Awards Ceremony & Happy Hour**	

Parallel Closed Roundtable I
Connectivity/IMEC
11:30 - 12:30
*By invitation only

Parallel Closed Roundtable II
Horizon Europe
15:00 - 16:00
*By invitation only

*Program subject to changes

OUR FOCUS

At a time of profound geopolitical transformation, EJS brings together 500 senior leaders from Europe, Israel, India, MENA, Gulf States, and the United States, providing a unique and high-level platform to align strategic priorities, strengthen cooperation, and engage directly on shared challenges.

PARTICIPANTS

- Ministers and senior policymakers
- Parliamentarians and officials
- Security and defense experts
- Industry and innovation leaders
- Academic and research institutions

OUTCOMES

- Strengthened Europe-Israel cooperation
- New strategic and economic partnerships
- Expanded high-level networks
- Improved mutual understanding of priorities
- Long-term engagement frameworks



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