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**2023 East-West Friendship Rally (9 November 2023)**

**17th East-West Friendship Rally:**

The East-West Friendship Rally, supported by Directorate for EU Affairs since 2010 within the framework of our EU Communication Strategy (EUCS), has been organized by "Silkroad Rally e.V", headquartered in Germany, since 2005. The Rally, which is planned to be held for the seventeenth time this year, is organized by Nadir Serin, President of the East-West Friendship Rally Association.

Participation in the East-West Friendship Rally, which is an adventure rally rather than a race, is allowed with vehicles over 20 years old with a value below 1100 euros. Among the organizations supporting the rally are our Embassy of Berlin, TÜVTÜRK, Mutlu Akü and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate for European Union Affairs.

The Rally organization, in which events will be held within the scope of the centenary of the founding of Republic of Türkiye, is a crucial promotional opportunity that will contribute to the proper promotion of Türkiye's touristic, natural, cultural and historical values among EU citizens and to the positive perception of Türkiye towards our accession process.

As in previous years, it is expected that many national and local media organizations based in Türkiye will follow the Rally. In addition, Rally is featured in many written and visual media abroad, including RTL Group, ATV Avrupa TV, Kanal Avrupa, Sabah Avrupa Newspaper, WAZ, NRZ, German Gusto TV, German state televisions WDR and SWR.

A Closing Ceremony will be held in Brussels, the finishing point of the Rally, where the Starting Ceremony was held in Istanbul, with the participation of the rally teams.

**East-West Friendship Rally 2023 Route**

The rally consists of 2 stages: Türkiye and Europe

Türkiye: Istanbul-TekirdaĐ-Kırklareli-Edirne

Europe: Sofia, Belgrade, Budapest, Vienna, Nuremberg, Dusseldorf, Amsterdam, Brussels