## Source of honest penny, sharing and abundance:
# Give and end to wastage of bread

Prevention of Wastage of Bread Campaign organized by the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Stockbreeding Agricultural Products Office (TMO) started with a ceremony held at TOBB Twin Towers. The Prime Minister Recept Tayyip Erdoğan made a speech about the Prevention of Wastage of Bread Campaign and said that the country would stand by the side of those who saved bread, not who wasted it.

Stating that the research conducted by TMO about bread wastage showed the situation in Turkey Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said, "Enrichment increases wastage, and variety of breads increase in countries that become richer, bread consumption decreases, but wastage of bread increases. In our country 1500 tons of bread a day and 550 thousand tons of bread a year is wasted, thrown into the dump. In terms of loaves of bread, 6 million loaves of bread a day and 2 billion loaves of bread a year are unfortunately wasted."



# 41 chambers and commodity exchanges from Turkey matched with chambers of EU countries

European Union (EU) Turkey Chambers Forum II Project (ETCF-II) Contributions of Chambers/ Commodity Exchanges to Europe-Turkey Positive Agenda Chamber Partnerships Grant Program Kick-off Meeting was held. The meeting hosted by M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and Vice-president of Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Europe (Eurochambers) was held at TOBB premises and the meeting was honored by Hayati Yazıcı, Minister of Customs and Trade, Arnaldo Abruzzini, Secretary General of Eurochambers, Erwan Marteilile, First Counsellor of EU Turkey Delegation, and Muhsin Altun, Central Finance and Contracts Unit (CFCU).

M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of TOBB and Vice-president of Eurochambers, who made a speech at the meeting of the EU-Turkey Chambers Forum II Project stated that matchings were made between Turkish and EU chambers, and said, "41 chambers/ commodity exchanges from Turkey were matched with 34 chambers from EU countries. Matching projects covered every region of Turkey".



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# Turkey **breaks records** in export

The most attention drawing development in Turkish economy is seen in export. Export has become an item that provides contribution to growth and managed to break records considering its dependency on European demand, and gained new markets. According to TÜİK data, Turkey's exports in 2012 increased by 13.1% over a year ago, and reached 152 billion 561 million dollars.

Reminding that Turkish companies exported more than 20 thousand varieties of products amounting to 152 billion dollars a year today, M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of TOBB and DEİK, said, "A country that used to export nothing expect tobacco, grape and nut 30 years ago, Turkey has become a country today which exports industrial products to Europe and the whole world. 92% of Turkey export revenue is comprised of industrial products."





# Proposals of solutions from **60 sectors are submitted to** TOBB VI$^{th}$ Sectoral Economic Council

Hosted by M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and chaired by Ali Babacan, Deputy Prime Minister, TOBB VIth Turkey Sectoral Economic Council was attended by Hayati Yazıcı, Minister of Customs and Trade, Nihat Ergün, President of Science, Industry and Technology, Members of TOBB Executive Council, chairman, vice-chairmen and members of TOBB Turkey Sectoral Councils, and senior representatives of public entities and institutions.

# EU 2014-2020 Budget: **Is EU Shrinking?**




The 2014-2020 Multi Annual Budget Framework upon which a consensus was reached by EU leaders was not welcomed with pleasure by any EU member state. During the budget negotiations serious difference of opinion came to light between those who advocated savings and those who wanted more share from the cake. Germany, UK, Holland and Sweden declared that they wanted to reduce all costs which they deemed as a burden in the budget.

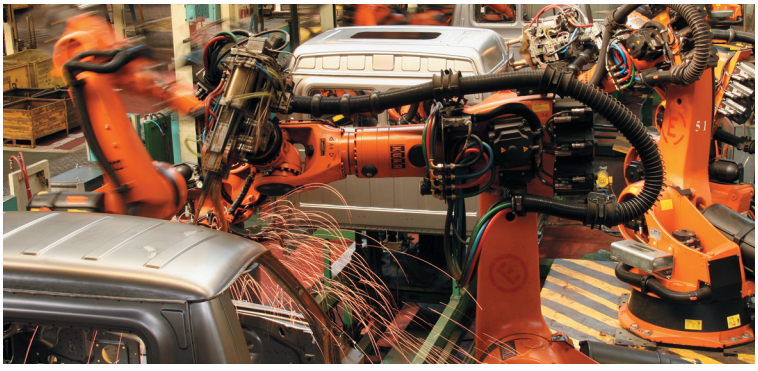
In its simplest form, the core of the consensus includes the condition that "The sources allocated to the budget should not exceed 1 percent of the gross national products (GNP) of the countries." Moreover, this rate is on an allocation basis, and the rate on a payment basis is 0.95%. Although virtually all member states experience budgetary problems and curtailments, for the first time in EU history, a budget which was lover than the previous budget was adopted.



## Nazarbayev, **President of Kazakhstan** received Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of TOBB

Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of Kazakhstan received M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of TOBB at the Presidency Palace in Astana to get information about the Turkish Chamber System. M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of TOBB, who provided information to Nazarbayev, President of Kazakhstan, about the Turkish Chamber System, voiced his desire for the improvement of economic and investment cooperation between the two countries.

Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of TOBB, also had a meeting with Serik Akhmetov, Prime Minister of Kazakhstan, during which the improvement of commercial cooperation between the two countries was discussed. Akhmetov, Prime-Minister of Kazakhstan, said they would put into effect in Kazakhstan a system similar to the strong Chamber System in Turkey.



## EU determined priorities for the **automotive sector**

"Cars 2020: Action Plan for a Competitive and Sustainable Automotive Industry in Europe" prepared by the European Commission for the attention of the European Parliament, Council of European Union, European Economic and Social Committee and Committee of the Regions was published on November 8, 2012.

The reasons for preparation of the action plan is the shrinkage of the new car market in Europe for the last five years. It is stated that the desire to resist the increasing global competitive power which the European industry would face in the medium and long-term wee effective in the preparation of the plan. Therefore, the action plan prepared by the European Commission is intended to support the automotive industry.

# Artificial intelligence

Studies on the design of systems that think and act like a human are increasingly carried out for an easier life.

Studies carried out in Turkey with regards to artificial intelligence are promising but are not at the desired level. Some of them are noteworthy. The brain imaging laboratories of the Aegean University Medicine Faculty used artificial intelligence methods and diagnosed early stage Alzheimer's disease with an accuracy of 80%. As a result of the joint studies of researchers from ODTU and Koç University, a computer software that can read the mind using the brain data obtained via MRI has been developed. In 2011, the RoboCup organization was held in Istanbul with the participation of about 4000 researchers from 40 countries.

In addition to these, our citizens who carry out master and doctoral studies abroad or who have completed their studies, but have not returned back, develop several successful applications. For example, Mehmet Kemal Kocamaz, a doctoral student in USA, was awarded the first price in the competition of unmanned land vehicles organized by the US Defense Ministry. These achievements and studies regarding the unmanned land vehicles which constitute an important component of US project to create military units equipped with robot soldiers, unmanned ground vehicles and aircraft must be followed in every aspect.

