
TURKISH ENVOY QUESTIONS GREEK CYPRIOT SINCERITY ON IMPROVING EU RELATIONS

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Türkiye's ambassador to the European Union sharply criticized Greek Cypriot officials for obstructing closer ties between Ankara and Brussels, saying their blocking tactics reflect "narrow-minded, ultra-nationalist, maximalist attitudes" rather than genuine interest in improving relations.

Ambassador Faruk Kaymakci, speaking at an EU-Türkiye Business Summit organized by the Foreign Economic Relations Board and European Business Summit in Brussels, said Greek Cypriots have systematically vetoed Turkish participation in key European security and defense initiatives despite Türkiye's longstanding contributions to EU missions.

"I don't think the Greek Cypriots are sincere about improving relations," Kaymakci said. "Their real intention is to impose their narrow-minded, ultra-nationalist, maximalist attitudes. They claim this is the EU's position, which is not true, but this actually drags us into perhaps a more complex relationship."

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