

# Annual Sitting Of The Armenia-EU Cooperation Council In Brussels

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The annual sitting of the Armenia-European Union Cooperation Council took place in Brussels on December 9. A high-level delegation of Armenian officials headed by Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian participated in the sitting.

From the European side the delegation was headed by Jean- Pierre Jouyet, the Minister for European Affairs of France, which presides over the European Union.

Presenting the steps Armenia takes in the direction of implementing the Action Plan of the European Neighborhood Policy, Minister Nalbandian said its implementation is one of the priorities of Armenia-EU cooperation, which is evidenced by the establishment of an interdepartmental commission coordinating the cooperation with European structures. Minister Nalbandian attached importance to the signing of the agreement on detaching the group of EU advisers to Armenia for the effective implementation of reforms in different spheres through cooperation with the European Union.

During the sitting reference was made to the process of accomplishment of the Action Plan of the European Neighborhood Policy. Both parties expressed appreciation for the successful implementation of the Action Plan, noting that the potential of the program has not yet been exhausted and there are considerable prospects for expansion of cooperation.

The European side welcomed the declaration on Nagorno Karabakh adopted in Moscow on November 2, the joint declaration of the Foreign Ministers of the OSCE Minsk group co-chair countries of December 4 and the December 5th declaration of the OSCE Ministerial Council and encouraged to intensify the efforts towards the resolution of the Artsakh issue.

The European Commission presented the proposal of Eastern Partnership, which envisages deepening of partnership between member states of the European Union.

At the request of the European side, Minister Nalbandian presented the process of negotiations on the Karabakh conflict settlement, as well as the steps targeted at the normalization of the Armenian-Turkish relations.