

Türkiye

BELGIAN ECONOMIC MISSIONS
presided over by Her Majesty the Queen of the Belgians

PROTOCOL GUIDELINES

General

- In the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, smartphones must be set to silent, kept out of sight, and never used for calls, messaging, photography, recording, or consultation during conversations or ceremonial moments, unless explicitly authorized.
- For all activities, the dress code is "Formal Business Attire", meaning a dark suit and tie for gentlemen (no sneakers) and elegant, understated attire for women.

Introductions

- It is preferable for a person to be introduced to Her Majesty the Queen by a third party, rather than for people to introduce themselves.
- The introduction of a person to Her Majesty the Queen should, if possible, be made in the language of the person being introduced, provided that this is Dutch, French or English. The introduction should include the person's title or rank (if applicable), first name, surname and position, and may be completed by a brief explanation of their role or presence during the visit.

What language should I use?

- In Dutch, French or English: Her Majesty the Queen may be addressed in the interlocutor's language. For other languages, an interpreter will accompany Her Majesty the Queen.

How do I address Her Majesty the Queen?

- When addressing Her Majesty the Queen directly, use "Your Majesty".
- When referring to Her Majesty the Queen in the third person, or mentioning her in texts, invitations, or other written materials: use "Her Majesty the Queen".

How do you position yourself?

- As a guest, it is not impolite to precede Her Majesty the Queen to show Her the way, or to walk beside Her, placing Her Majesty the Queen preferably on your right.
- Taking pictures/selfies with Her Majesty the Queen, or requesting such photos, is not allowed in order not to interrupt the social interaction.