



REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE
MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
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ECONOMIC
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SECOND MEETING OF THE ECO COMMITTEES (JOINT SESSION)

ECO Digital Library Committee
Education and Research Committee
Preservation, Manuscripts and Rare Books Committee

June 16th, 2026





Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)

Founded in 1985 by Türkiye, Iran, and Pakistan, the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) is a regional intergovernmental organization that today brings together 10 member states: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

ECO Conference of National Library Directors

Established under the framework of ECO, the Conference of National Library Directors serves as a platform for strengthening cooperation among the national libraries of member states.

The Conference aims to:

- Promote the exchange of knowledge, experience, and resources among national libraries;
- Strengthen cultural cooperation among member countries;
- Support digital transformation in library services;
- Foster the development of common strategies to improve access to information;
- Encourage regional collaboration in the fields of librarianship, education, research, and cultural heritage preservation.

Shared Vision

Strengthening regional cooperation through knowledge sharing, digital innovation, and cultural heritage preservation.



From the 7th Conference to Today



1. Establishment of three thematic committees
2. Türkiye assuming the Secretariat role for 2025–2027
3. Launch of committee-based cooperation mechanism



Committee Members

ECO DIGITAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE

1. Afghanistan - **Fraidoon Zahid** - Books Digitization Expert - Directorate of Public Libraries
2. Kazakhstan - **Iskalieva Nuriya Amangaliyevna** - Deputy Director for Information Technologies and Innovations - National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan
3. Kazakhstan - **Zamzayeva Tolkyn Amangeldiyevna** - Head of the Information Resources Service - National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan
4. Tajikistan - **Zafar Saidzoda** - Deputy director
5. Uzbekistan - **Kattabekov Alisher** - The head of Digitalization Department - Digitalization Department
6. Türkiye - **Mehmet Laçinkaya** - Head of Information System Department - DG for Libraries and Publications

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

1. Afghanistan - **Khalid Khan Orya** - Head of Libraries Relation
2. Iran - **Mahboobeh Ghorbani** - Director - Office for Research in Librarianship and Education
3. Kazakhstan - **Altinbekov Kanat Muratbekovich** - Academic Secretary - National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan
4. Kazakhstan - **Krivkov Andrey Leonidovich** - Senior Bibliographer - National Bibliography Service
5. Tajikistan - **Saifiddin Kamolzoda** - Deputy Director
6. Uzbekistan - **Zukhra Yusupova** - Director - Digitalization Department

PRESERVATION, MANUSCRIPTS AND RARE BOOKS COMMITTEE

1. Azerbaijan - **Abdullayeva Gulsaida** - Head of Department - Rare Books and Library Museum
2. Iran - **Houman Yousefdehi** - Director - Office for Manuscripts and Rare Books
3. Kazakhstan - **Abikova Gulshat Masalimovna** - Head of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Service - Rare Books and Manuscripts Service
4. Tajikistan - **Salima Rajabzoda** - First Deputy Director
5. Uzbekistan - **Obodboy Klichbayev** - The Head of the Manuscripts and Rare Books Department



What Happened During the First Committee Meetings?

12 February 2026 - The three committees held their inaugural online meetings.

During the meetings:

- Committee members introduced themselves and shared information about their areas of responsibility.
- The mandate and working framework of the committees were reviewed. Members reaffirmed that the committees should meet twice a year online, prepare progress reports, identify concrete areas of cooperation, and contribute to the development of the Regional Roadmap towards 2027.
- It was agreed to establish a WhatsApp group for rapid coordination among members, while official correspondence and document sharing would continue via e-mail.
- Members agreed that, for the next meeting, each Member State would prepare a presentation covering: national priorities related to the committee's thematic field, ongoing projects and initiatives, areas where expertise can be shared, areas where cooperation or support is sought.

As a result, the working modalities of the committees were established and the first steps towards future cooperation were taken.



Today's Meeting

Expected Outcomes

- Better understanding of national activities
- Exchange of experiences and good practices
- Identification of common interests
- Strengthening communication among members
- Exploring future cooperation opportunities



Presentation Order

The presentations will be delivered in alphabetical order as follows:

1. Afghanistan
2. Azerbaijan
3. Iran
4. Kazakhstan
5. Kyrgyzstan
6. Pakistan
7. Tajikistan
8. Uzbekistan
9. Türkiye

**Presentation
Duration:**

**10 minutes per
country**



Planning the Next Meeting

Regarding timing:

- Would November be suitable for the next meeting?
- As agreed during the first meetings, Tuesday or Wednesday will continue to be considered as the preferred days for future committee meetings.
- The exact meeting time will be determined jointly by the Committee Members and the Secretariat, taking into account the time zone differences among participating countries.



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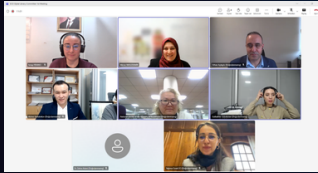
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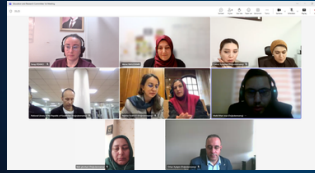
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THANK YOU

Your expertise and commitment are essential for transforming
our committees into effective platforms for regional cooperation.

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