



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, I am proud to welcome all attendees to Austin for the 13th annual Texas–European Union Business Summit.

United in history, culture, commerce, and diplomacy, Texas and Europe have mutually benefited one another for centuries. This connection, moreover, is fundamentally different from other states' relationship to Europe because in Texas' earliest days, we interacted with European powers not as a mere colony, territory, or state, but as a sovereign nation. That dynamic formed the foundation of a strong and growing partnership.

Today, the State of Texas regularly receives European dignitaries, and a few short months ago, I joined the Texas delegation on economic development missions to the United Kingdom and France. Countless European businesses have expanded their footprint in the Lone Star State, and many nations have signed statements of mutual cooperation with Texas.

To build on this transatlantic success, the Texas–European Union Business Summit brings together leaders of public and private sectors in order to fuel the future of innovation and trade. The thirteenth edition of this summit offers a wonderful opportunity to learn from one another and grow your network—I know you will take full advantage of it.

At this event and hereafter, I celebrate the productive partnership between Texas and Europe. I applaud all who reinforce the bonds between our peoples—they will play a crucial role as we press on toward to a bigger, better tomorrow.

To those visiting from elsewhere, welcome to Austin. Steeped in history, brimming with culture, and surrounded by natural beauty, our capital city truly has something for everyone. I encourage you to explore this vibrant area and immerse yourself in its unique charm.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in extending best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Greg" and "Abbott" being capitalized and prominent.

Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas