

Dual track strategies like they have been pursued for years by the EU are really not helpful. A new beginning requires mutual trust and that is something that needs to be fostered. It is the only way for both sides to prove their sincerity. That goes for all our relations with countries in the Middle East.



I see great interest and a certain scepticism, because we don't really know Iran. We don't know modern Iranian society, we don't know how the people of Iran think and feel, hope and believe. Europeans and many of their political representatives would certainly want relations with Iran to finally move to a level of communication where we don't eternally only focus on the nuclear business, and if Iran wants the same, it must help get the nuclear business out of the way. I think this is being done. The next step is Syria. If we manage to engage in meaningful action towards stopping the Syrian civil war, and to admit our respective mistakes – for yes, Europe is making them too – then indeed there may be many more steps in a not so distant future.



European Union considers Iran as a vital actor on the international political area. The agreement, reached in Geneva on 9 -10 January 2014 on technical details of the implementation of the deal signed with Iran in November, shows commitment of the EU diplomats. Two days of long negotiation that took place in Geneva were a substantial progress in all the pertinent issues, laying the foundations for a coherent, prompt and smooth implementation of the Joint Plan of Action within the six. In my opinion EU countries are eager to improve economic as well as political relation with Iran. It has been also shown by mission undertaken by EU Delegation for Relation with Iran.

