

# Press release: Minister for Europe attends Gallipoli Commemorations in Turkey

The Minister paid respects to allied forces who lost their lives over a century ago in the World War One Gallipoli campaign.

Sir Alan attended an International Service of Commemoration where he was invited to deliver a [speech of reconciliation](#) and lay a wreath.

He will join other dignitaries from around the world representing New Zealand, Australia and France.

## **The Minister for Europe Sir Alan Duncan said:**

I am honoured to attend the Gallipoli commemorations and pay respects to allied forces who fought in the World War One campaign.

It is also a remarkable testament to the power of reconciliation that a century after Turkey and the UK were on opposite sides, we now stand shoulder to shoulder as NATO allies and trusted friends.

## **Further information**