TURKEY
ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

TRADE & INVESTMENT
→ The EU is Turkey’s biggest trading partner
→ Approximately 40% of Turkish trade occurs with the EU
→ The EU’s contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment in Turkey was €70 billion in 2018

MOBILITY & SUPPORT
→ 10.6% of EU funding for transport 2014-2020
→ In 2004 - 2018 over 75 000 participants in academic exchanges under ERASMUS+
→ 30 000+ EU students to Turkey with Erasmus since 2004 (to 2018)

SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS
2014-2020
(€3.2 BILLION)

EU FUNDING
→ The EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey provides €6 billion in support of refugees (mostly from Syria) and host communities
→ In addition, under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance, EU assistance to Turkey amounts to €3.2 billion over seven years (2014-2020) after cuts due to lack of progress on key reforms. For 2007 - 2013, assistance amounted to €4.39 billion
→ Priority areas of funding are civil society, Union Programmes (e.g. Erasmus+), migration and the rule of law

GETTING CLOSER TO EU STANDARDS
→ Strengthening fundamental rights, the rule of law, the judiciary and democracy
→ Reforming public administration
→ Supporting governance and active citizenship
→ Improving transport and energy connections
→ Working towards a cleaner environment and safer food

SOURCE: EU data

KEY MILESTONES

OCTOBER 2005
Accession negotiations opened

DECEMBER 2013
Visa liberalisation dialogue launched

NOVEMBER 2015
First EU-Turkey Summit held

MARCH 2016
EU-Turkey Statement

MARCH 2019
54th EU-Turkey Association Council held

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