**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)**
- 41% Agriculture and rural development
- 20% Environment and climate action, energy, competitiveness and innovation
- 19% Education and employment
- 11% Environment and climate action, energy, competitiveness and innovation
- 9% Democracy and rule of law
- 11% Agriculture and rural development

**Coronavirus Response**
- €57 million of EU funds have been redirected to assist Turkey in its COVID-response, for the prevention and treatment of COVID cases and support to the most vulnerable. Other measures include the extension of implementing periods for some projects under IPA and the Facility for Refugees in Turkey, the activation of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism to support the repatriation of Turkish citizens stranded in Peru and Colombia, as well as the shipment of two tubes of testing material (sufficient material for 40 000 tests) to two laboratories in Turkey.

**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

**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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*Source: EU data*