TURKEY
ON THE PATH TOWARDS THE EU

TRADE & INVESTMENT
- The EU is Turkey’s biggest trading partner
- More than 40% of Turkish trade occurs with the EU
- In 2015, close to 50% of FDI in Turkey came from the EU

MOBILITY & SME SUPPORT
- 9.8% of EU funding for transport 2014-2020
- €43.5 million lent to 4,300 entrepreneurs in less-developed regions
- 74,000 Turkish students abroad with Erasmus since 2004
- €600 million on average/year in EU pre-accession funds since 2007

SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS 2014-2020 (€4.5 BILLION)
*INDICATIVE

EU FUNDING
- The EU Trust Fund for Syria provides substantial support to help Turkey host significant numbers of Syrian refugees
- The Refugee Facility for Turkey will provide €600 million/year in EU pre-accession funds since 2007
- €1.5 billion investment in democracy & governance, rule of law, fundamental rights 2014-2020

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

DECEMBER 1995
Customs Union created

OCTOBER 2005
Accession negotiations opened

DECEMBER 2013
Visa liberalisation dialogue launched

NOVEMBER 2015
First EU-Turkey Summit held

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