TURKEY
ON ITS EUROPEAN PATH

SUPPORT FOR KEY SECTORS 2014-2020
(€3.4 BILLION)

TRADE & INVESTMENT
- The EU is Turkey's biggest trading partner
- Approximately 40% of Turkish trade occurs with the EU
- In 2018 close to 60% of FDI in Turkey came from the EU

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)

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 €3.4 billion over seven years (2014-2020) after cuts in the range of €900 million, due to lack of progress on key reforms; €248.7 million was allocated in 2019
- Priority areas of funding are civil society, Union Programmes (e.g. Erasmus+), migration and the rule of law
- 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

GETTING CLOSER TO EU STANDARDS

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

Source: EU data