



TURKEY

on its European path

#EUenlargement



Key milestones

- 1995**
Customs Union enters into force
- DECEMBER 1999**
EU candidate country status granted
- DECEMBER 2004**
EU decides to open accession negotiations
- DECEMBER 2013**
Visa liberalisation dialogue launched
- NOVEMBER 2015**
First EU-Turkey Summit held
- MARCH 2016**
EU-Turkey Statement
- JUNE 2018**
The Council noted that Turkey's accession negotiations have effectively come to a standstill and no further chapters can be considered for opening or closing
- MARCH 2019**
54th EU-Turkey Association Council held
- MARCH 2020**
EU-Turkey Leaders' meeting takes place in Brussels



Trade & investment

- Turkey is the EU's sixth largest trading partner
- Approximately 42% of Turkish trade occurs with the EU
- The EU's Foreign Direct Investment in Turkey reached €70 billion in 2018

In 2019



EU funding

- The EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey provides €6 billion in support of refugees (mostly from Syria) and host communities. An additional €485 million humanitarian funding will extend two flagship programmes launched under the Facility until end 2021. 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
- Another €479.9 million mobilised over 2014-20 through other instruments (EIDHR, IcSP, HUMA, MADAD, CBC)
- Priority areas of funding are civil society, Union Programmes (e.g. Erasmus+), migration and the rule of law



Mobility & empowerment

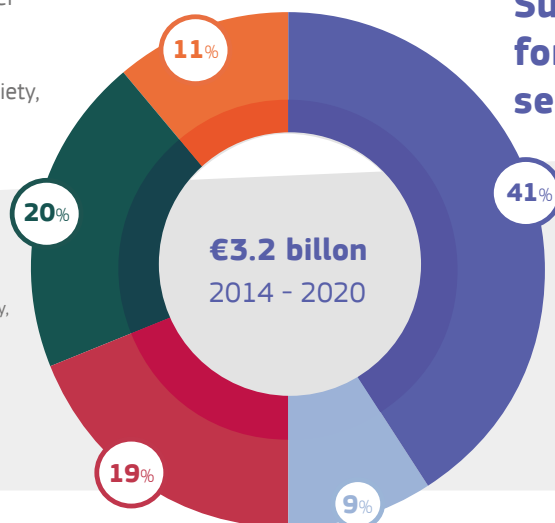
- 11% of EU funding for transport sector from 2014-2020
- In 2004 - 2018: over 90,000 participants in academic exchanges under ERASMUS+
- In 2004 - 2018: 30,000+ EU students to Turkey with Erasmus



Supporting transformation

- 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 supply

Support for key sectors



COVID-19 response

€83 million of EU funds have been redirected to assist Turkey in its COVID-19 response, for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 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, as well as the shipment of two tubes of testing material (sufficient material for 40,000 tests) to two laboratories in Turkey.

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