Turkey is the EU’s sixth largest trading partner

- Approximately 42% of Turkish exports go to the EU, while the EU share in Turkish imports stands at 33%
- The EU’s Foreign Direct Investment stock in Turkey reached €58.2 billion in 2018

In 2020

- 11% of EU funding for transport sector from 2014-2020
- In 2004 – 2020: 98,800 higher education students were hosted in countries participating in the ERASMUS+ programme
- In 2004 – 2020: 32,750 higher education students were hosted in Turkey
- €220.5 million in support to civil society (2014-2020)

EU funding

- The EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey provides €6 billion in support of refugees (mostly from Syria) and host communities. An additional €535 million humanitarian funding will extend two flagship programmes launched under the Facility until early 2022, as well as protection, health and education services outside the Facility. An additional €3 billion was proposed in June 2021 to continue support for refugees and host communities for the 2021-2023 period.
- 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 were mobilised over 2014-20 through other instruments (EIDHR, IcSP, HUMA, MADAD, CBC)

Support for key sectors

- Environment and climate action, energy, competitiveness and innovation
- Transport
- Democracy and rule of law
- Education and employment
- Agriculture and rural development

Supporting transformation

- Strengthening 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

COVID-19 response

€105 million of existing EU funds have been mobilised to assist Turkey in its COVID-19 response under existing financial commitments, 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. Furthermore, the EU Civil Protection Mechanism was activated in May 2020 to support Turkey in the repatriation of Turkish citizens stranded in Peru and Colombia.