



# THE EU AND TÜRKİYE

Membership status: candidate country

#EUEnlargement



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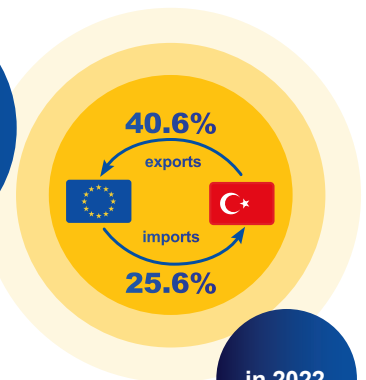
The Republic of Türkiye (hereinafter 'Türkiye') is a key partner of the EU and a candidate country. An EU-Turkey Custom Union entered into force in 1995. Accession negotiations started in 2005 but are at a standstill since 2018 in line with the decision of the European Council. The EU remains engaged with Türkiye, cooperating in areas of common interest, such as trade, migration, counter-terrorism, public health, climate, energy, transport and regional issues.



## TURKEY INVESTMENT PLATFORM (TIP)

The Turkey Investment Platform, established in 2022 by the EU, supports investment proposals by EU financial institutions in the areas of decarbonisation, digitalisation, access to finance, innovation, and green investments, through a wide range of budgetary guarantee mechanisms for public and private investments. More than **€2.4 billion** of investments are expected to be leveraged through up to €400 million in EU budget guarantees.

The EU is the biggest trading partner of Türkiye



in 2022

Source: Eurostat



## TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Total EU Foreign Direct Investment in Türkiye amounted to €44 billion in 2021.

Total volume of trade in goods with the EU was €198.3 billion in 2022.



## EU FUNDING

For 2021-2023, the EU allocated over **€596 million** under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) for agriculture, civil society, climate and environment, competitiveness, employment, energy, transport, and for improving the functioning of the Customs Union and the business environment.

## KEY MILESTONES

**DECEMBER 1995**  
Creation of Customs Union between EU and Türkiye

**DECEMBER 1999**  
European Council grants candidate status

**DECEMBER 2004**  
European Council decides to open accession negotiations

**MARCH 2016**  
EU-Turkey Statement

**JUNE 2018**  
Accession negotiations officially at a standstill

**JULY 2019**  
EU-Turkey Association Council, high-level political dialogue and sectoral dialogues on economy, energy and transport suspended by the Council

**MARCH 2021**  
Launch of 'positive agenda'



## HUMAN CAPITAL

The EU pays special attention to education, innovation, science and technology, and youth.

131,500+ participants took part in exchanges between the EU and Türkiye in the areas of education, sport, training, youth under ERASMUS+ (2014-2020).

EU support for civil society amounts to a total of €103 million for IPA III (2021-2023).



## POST-EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE

The EU stood in solidarity with Türkiye following the devastating earthquakes in February 2023. The EU deployed immediate humanitarian and relief support.

The EU co-hosted the International Donors' Conference for the people in Türkiye and Syria in March 2023. In total **€6 billion** were pledged for Türkiye, including €1 billion from the EU budget to support the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected areas.



## REFUGEE SUPPORT AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

Since 2011, the EU provided close to **€10 billion** to assist refugees and host communities in Türkiye. The EU provided support for basic needs, education, health, job creation, and border management.

- Over 2 million refugees received basic needs support
- Close to 775,000 refugee children enrolled in school
- Construction of 160 new schools
- 30.3 million primary health care consultations
- Equipment, technical assistance and training for border protection at Türkiye's Eastern and Southern borders



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