



TÜRKİYE



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
- MARCH 2016**
EU-Turkey Statement
- JUNE 2018**
The Council notes that Türkiye's accession negotiations have effectively come to a standstill and no further chapters can be considered for opening or closing
- MARCH 2019**
54th EU-Türkiye Association Council held
- MARCH 2021**
The European Council expresses the EU's readiness to engage with Türkiye in a phased, proportionate and reversible manner to enhance cooperation in a number of areas of common interest
- NOVEMBER 2022**
The first EU-Türkiye High level dialogue on science, research, technology and innovation takes place in Brussels

Source: EU Data



Trade & investment

- Türkiye is the EU's 7th largest trading partner and the EU is Türkiye's biggest trading partner, representing 40.6% of Turkish trade and its main source of investment
- Exports to the EU amounted to €98.13 billion in 2022 and imports from the EU amounted to €88.8 billion
- The EU foreign investment stock to Türkiye was €52 billion in 2020.



In 2022

41%
in exports
26.5%
in imports



EU funding

- EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey** provides **€6 billion** in support to refugees (mostly from Syria) and host communities. In 2020, an **additional €535 million** in humanitarian funding outside the Facility ensured the continuation of two Facility flagship programmes. **In 2021, €3 billion were added** to continue projects started under the Facility.
- The EU is supporting the socioeconomic development and reforms in the enlargement region, including in Türkiye, with financial and technical assistance through the **Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)**
- For 2021-2027, IPA III funding for the whole enlargement region is **€14.162 billion***. It responds to thematic priorities

- Rule of Law, fundamental rights and democracy
- Competitiveness and inclusive growth
- Good governance and neighbourly relations
- Territorial and cross-border cooperation
- Green agenda and sustainable connectivity

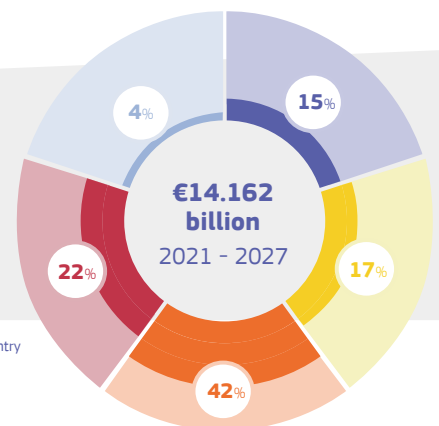
* IPA assistance is based on EU thematic priorities rather than pre-defined country allocations, hence the global amount for the enlargement region.



Türkiye investment platform

As an eligible country, Türkiye is fully integrated into the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+). This will allow Türkiye to profit from a wide range of budgetary guarantee mechanisms that facilitate public and private investments. The recently established **Türkiye investment platform (TIP)** became the main vector for identifying and selecting investment opportunities that reflect the EFSD+ priorities - Green Deal, Global Gateways, Jobs and Growth. This new mechanism will aim to support innovative investments proposed by EU financial institutions in areas that include **decarbonisation, digitalisation, access to finance, innovation and green investments**

- In 2022, the EU allocated **€220 million** under IPA, focusing on actions aiming at improving the functioning of the Customs Union, climate and environment, energy, transport, agriculture, civil society, employment, competitiveness and the business environment. EU support also included allocations for the participation of Türkiye in EU programmes, such as Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe
- For 2014 - 2020, IPA II funding allocated for Türkiye amounted to **€3.19 billion**
- Additional EU funding is notably allocated to civil society and cross border cooperation too



Human capital & innovation

- The EU pays special attention to youth, education and innovation
- 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 Türkiye
- €220.5 million in support to civil society (2014-2020)