



EUROPEAN UNION & TURKEY: MAIN DATA

- A population of 71 million people :
 - a household is composed by 4,4 persons (*trend to decrease*)
 - + 30% below 15 years old (*trend to decrease*)
 - 64% urban population (*trend to increase*)
 - stabilised population of ± 85 million people by 2030
- GNP : 615 billion € (*PPP + ESA 95 harmonisation estimation*)
- Growth rate : 2002 : + 7.9% 2003 : + 5.8% 2004 : + 10% 2005 : + 7.6% 2006 : + 6%
- 16th largest economy in the world
- Major trade partners :
 - * European Union : 45 % (Turkey is the EU's 7th partner)
 - * Russia : 9,3% * United States : 5%
 - Turkey's exports to the EU – 2006 : € 35 billions
 - Turkey's imports from the EU - 2006 : € 43 billions
 - Trade deficit with the EU - 2006 : € 8 billions
- Industrial production : 30 % of the GNP (services : 60% ; agriculture : 10%)
- Industrial goods : 90% of exports (automotive, electronic, clothing, textile, home appliances, steel, food, glass, ...)

Turkey in the world is the :

- 6th cement producer
- 2nd flat glass producer
- 1st boron mineral producer
- 2nd jewellery exporter
- 6th clothing exporter

Turkey in Europe is the :

- 1st TV manufacturer
 - 1st auto-car/bus manufacturer
 - 3rd ceramic tile manufacturer
 - 4th largest telecom market
 - 7th manufacturer in the automotive industry
 - 3rd iron and steel producer
 - 6th refrigerator manufacturer
 - 3rd big yacht, 8th ship builder
- and also: **richest land in biodiversity & largest and fastest emerging market**

- **Foreign Direct Investment:** € 8 billions in 2005 (*240% increase*) € 16 billions in 2006 (*87,5% increase*)
Approximately 12.000 foreign capital companies operate in Turkey . 1/3 of banks and 1/4 of top 500 companies are foreign.
Turkish direct investments in more than 50 countries constantly increase (€ 7 millions in 2007). Corporate tax rate is 20%.
- **Rapidly growing information society :** Over 35% of increase per year in the computer sales.
22 Turkish companies in the global list of 500 fastest growing ICT companies
± 59 million GSM subscribers
± 19 million internet users
± 30 TV channels at the national level, 250 at the local level
→ e-government in expansion
- **Privatisation:** Privatisations worth € 12,8 billions in the past 5 years.
- **Tourism:** 21 million visitors in 2007. Istanbul designated as the EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE - 2010
- ▶ **REFORMS :** Turkish Parliament adopted a comprehensive agenda for democratic reforms with the firm support the civic society (private sector, labour unions, professional associations, NGOs, academic institutions, media,...)
 - Constitutional and institutional reforms in view of fulfilling the Copenhagen criteria
 - Civic code, enhanced gender equality
 - Broadcasting and teaching in local languages, freedom of expression and association
 - Abolishment of the death penalty, new Penal Code
 - Competition policy, intellectual and industrial property rights
 - Standards and certification, accreditation, international arbitration, international financial reporting standards
 - Social security, unemployment insurance, regional development agencies
 - Inward and outward processing regimes, surveillance and quota administration
 - Independent Central Bank, tax administration, banking regulation and supervision, telecom liberalisation, ...
- 1996 : EU – Turkey customs union.
- 1999 : EU Helsinki summit : « **Turkey is officially a candidate to join the EU** ».
- 2004 : European Commission concluded that Turkey sufficiently fulfils Copenhagen Criteria.
- 2004 : European Council decided to open accession negotiations with Turkey.
- **2005 : Launch of the EU membership negotiations on October 3rd.**