



TURKEY EU RELATIONS: STATE OF PLAY AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

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MILESTONES IN TURKEY-EU RELATIONS

1963-ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

1970-ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL

1987-APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1996-CUSTOMS UNION

1999-CANDIDACY TO THE EU

2004-START OF NEGOTIATIONS

TURKEY'S EU REFORMS

- ABOLITION OF DEATH PENALTY
- IMPROVEMENT IN POLITICAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
- ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR TORTURE
- CIVILIANISATION OF POLITICS
- MODERNISATION OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM
- WEAKENING OF BUREAUCRATIC ELITE

CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS

- 16 OUT OF 33 CHAPTERS OPENED
- ONE PROVISIONALLY CLOSED
- 14 CHAPTERS BLOCKED DUE TO CYPRUS ISSUE

STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS

Chapters opened to negotiations

Science and Research (prov. Closed)

Enterprise and industrial policy

Statistics

Financial control

Trans-European networks

Consumer protection and health

Company law

Intellectual property

Information society and media

Free movement of capital

Taxation

Environment

Food security, veterinary policy

Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments

Economic and monetary policy

Financial and budgetary provisions

Blocked chapters

Free movement of goods

Freedom of establishment and services

Financial services

Agriculture and Rural development

Fisheries Transport

Customs union External relations

Chapters vetoed by South Cyprus

Free movement of workers

Energy

Judiciary and fundamental rights

Justice, freedom and security

Education and culture

Foreign, security and defense policy

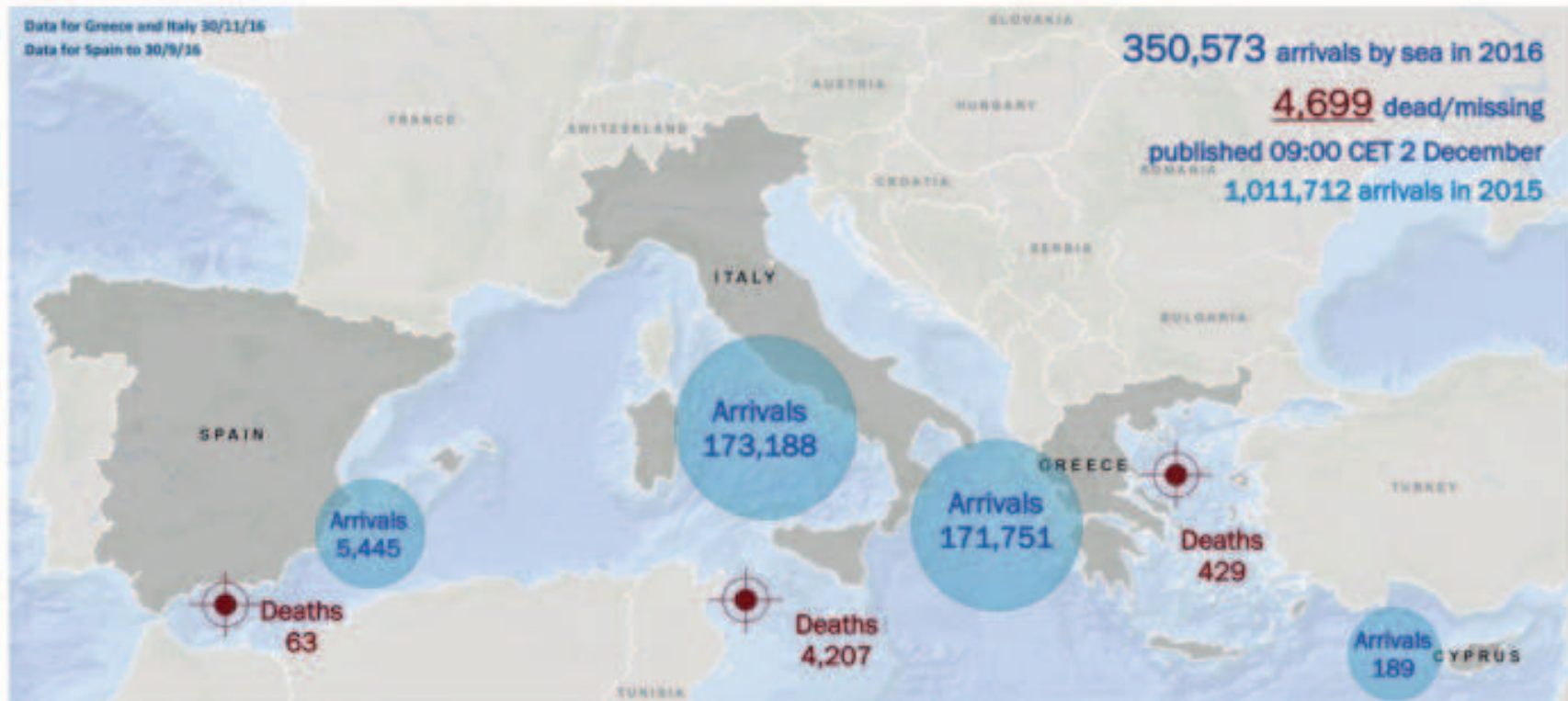
OTHER DIMENSIONS OF RELATIONS

- READMISSION AGREEMENT AND REFUGEE STATEMENT
- VISA LIBERALISATION
- UPGRADING OF THE CUSTOMS UNION
- HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE MECHANISMS
- ANNUAL TURKEY-EU SUMMITS

IMPACT OF REFUGEE CRISIS ON TURKEY AND EU RELATIONS



Mediterranean Update Migration Flows Europe: Arrivals and Fatalities



18 MARCH TURKEY-EU REFUGEE STATEMENT

Return of Irregular migrants from Greece to Turkey

Resettlement of Syrian refugees from Turkey to the EU

Cooperation in the fight against illegal migration

Voluntary humanitarian admission scheme

Acceleration of visa liberalisation for Turkish citizens

3 billion euros of additional funds for Syrian refugees

Upgrading of Turkey-EU customs union

Re-energising Turkey's EU accession process

Working together to improve conditions in Syria

VISA LIBERALISATION ROADMAP

➤ **72 Criteria under four blocks**

- Document Security
- Migration and border management
- Public order and security
- Fundamental rights



COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT ON VISA LIBERALISATION ROADMAP (4 May 2016)

- Commission recommends the lifting of the visa barrier despite remaining criteria (5+2):
- Revision of the anti-terror law restricting its application to acts not directly related to terror
- Fight against corruption in line with Council of Europe recommendations (GRECO)
- Agreement with Europol
- Revision of data protection legislation
- Judicial cooperation in criminal matters
- Implementation of the Turkey-EU readmission agreement
- Biometric passports

RECENT EVENTS IMPACTING ON THE RELATIONS

- COUP ATTEMPT IN TURKEY ON JULY 15
- DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
- AIM OF ELIMINATION OF GULENIST ELEMENTS FROM BUREACRACY, JUDICIARY, ECONOMY, EDUCATION AND CIVIL SOCIETY
- FIGHT AGAINST PKK
- INVOLVEMENT IN SYRIAN CONFLICT

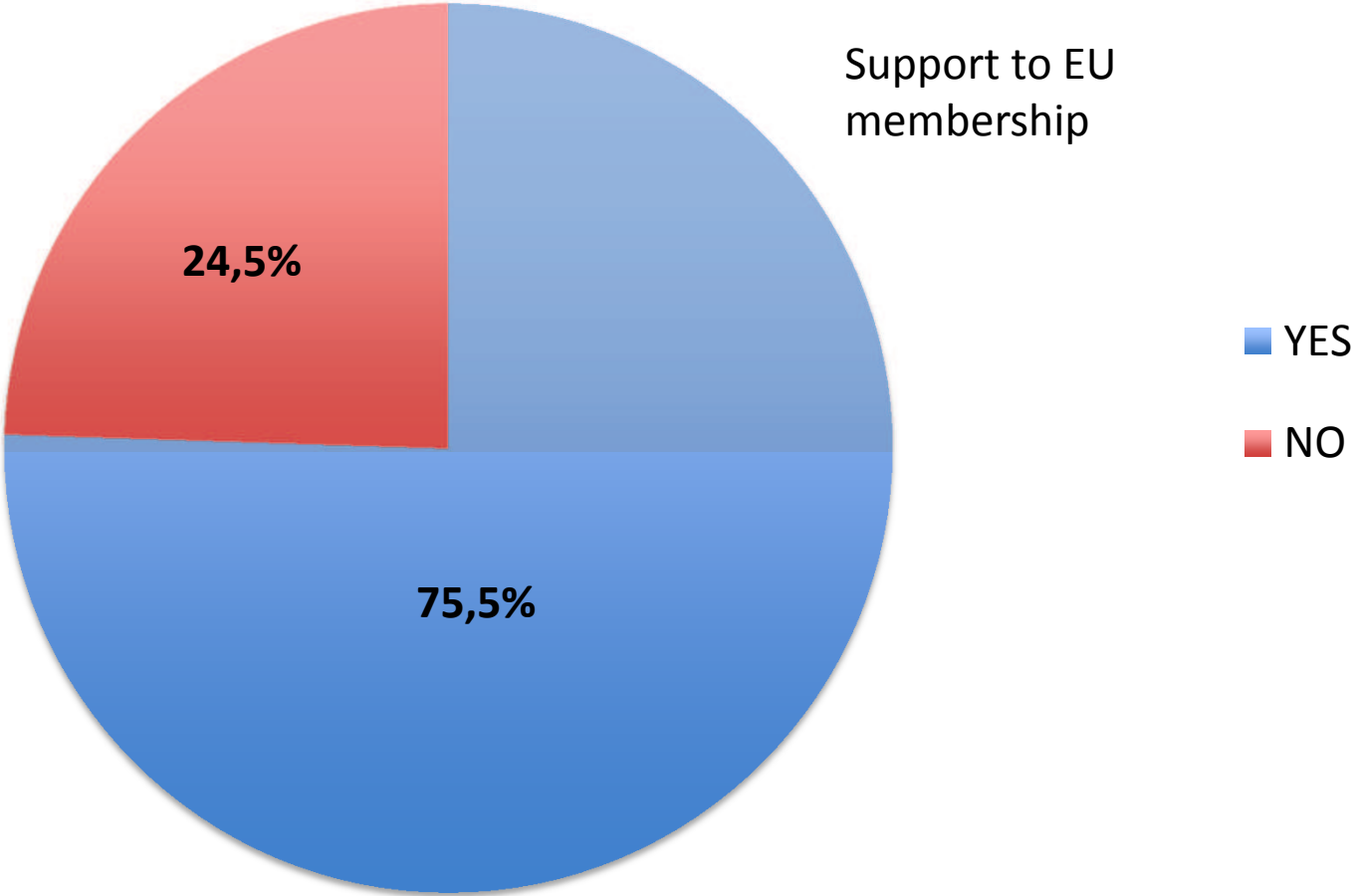
EU REACTION TO EVENTS IN TURKEY

- EU CAUTIOUS AND DISTANT AFTER THE COUP ATTEMPT
- CRITICISM REGARDING THE FAR-REACHING MEASURES ADOPTED
- 2016 PROGRESS REPORT →
- BACKSLIDING IN A NUMBER OF AREAS
- PROBLEMS IN FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, JUDICIARY, RULE OF LAW, PUBLIC SERVICE, ECONOMY AND BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

EU REACTION TO EVENTS IN TURKEY

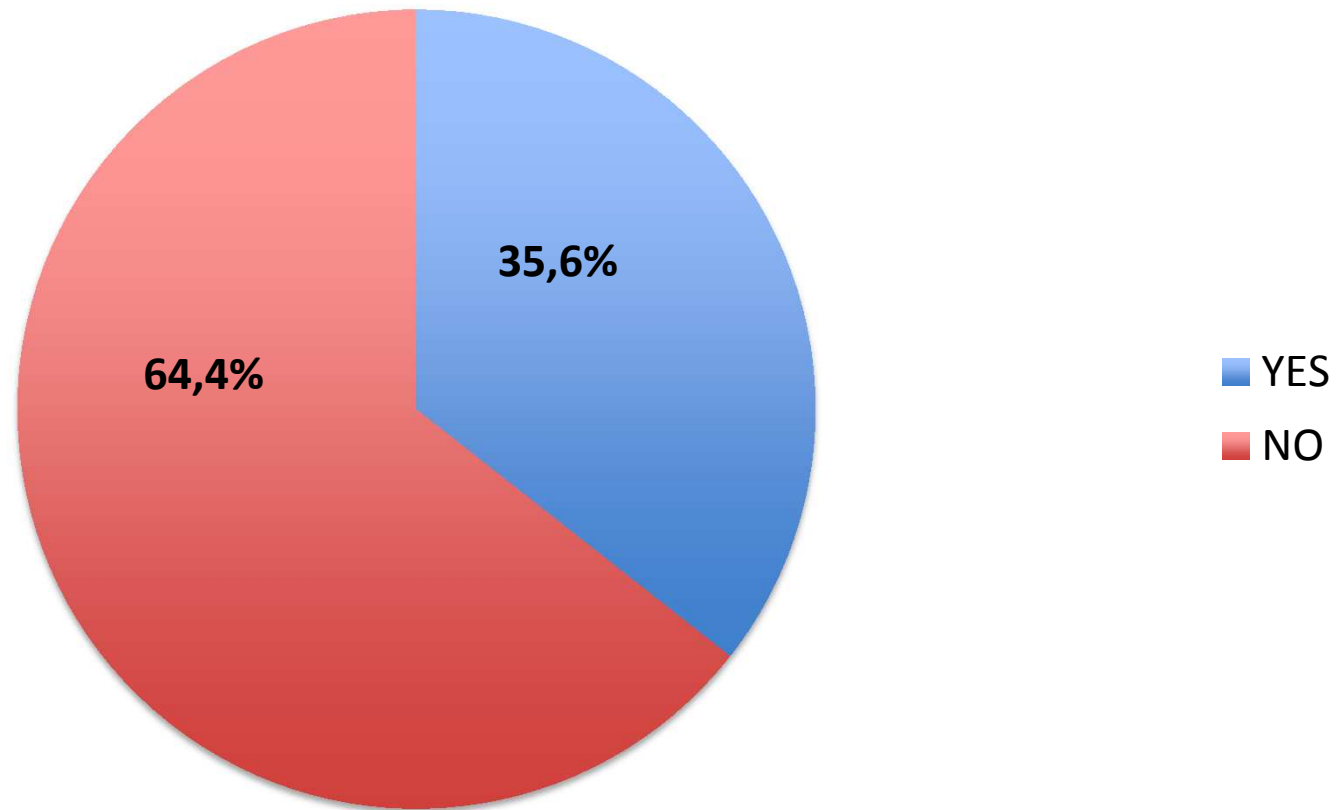
- EP RESOLUTION REGARDING TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS
- CAUSED RESENTMENT IN TURKISH LEADERSHIP
- TURKEY'S EU PERSPECTIVE QUESTIONED AND DEBATED

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EXPECTATION OF EU MEMBERSHIP

Expectation of EU membership



WHY DO WE WANT TO JOIN THE EU?

Reason	%
Welfare and Economic Development	45.4
Free movement, settlement and education opportunities	35.8
Democracy and human rights	33.8
Raising level of education and culture	20.1
Contributing to Turkey's credibility	18
Other	1

WHAT DOES EUROPE MEAN FOR YOU?

Meaning	%
High level of welfare and economic development	44
Democracy and freedom	35
Culture and civilisation	27
Free movement and removal of barriers	20
Common standards and alignment	15
Regression and decline	8.9
Domination and oppression	6.7
Other	1.8

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT OBSTACLE FOR TURKEY'S EU MEMBERSHIP?

Obstacle	%
Cultural and religious differences	61
EU member states	41
Prejudice and perception of EU public opinion	25
Approach of the government towards the EU	20
Other non-EU countries	12
Prejudice and perception of Turkish public opinion	12
Visa and free movement	6.2
Cyprus issue	4.6

OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE

- CUSTOMS UNION MODERNIZATION PROCESS
- VISA LIBERALISATION
- CONTINUATION OF ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS
- KEEPING THE MEMBERSHIP TARGET
- CLOSER COOPERATION IN ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST



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