

***ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION:
50 YEARS WITNESS OF
TURKEY - EU RELATIONS***



9 MAY 1950

Schuman

Declaration: The first proposal of the idea of the EU presented by Foreign Minister of France Robert Schuman.



25 MARCH 1957

The Treaty of Rome establishing European Economic Community (EEC) and European Atomic Energy Community was signed.



12 SEPTEMBER

1963

Ankara Agreement was signed between Turkey and the EEC.



JULY 1966

IKV officially went into operation. Turkey's first and oldest library for EU studies was established.



1950

1960



18 APRIL 1951

The Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community was signed in Paris: West Germany, France, Italy, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.



31 JULY 1959

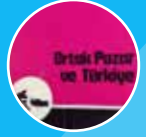
Turkey applied for associate membership of the EEC.



26 NOVEMBER

1965

IKV was established with the name of "Economic Development Facility" by ITO Chairman Behçet Osmanağaoğlu and ISO Chairman Fazıl Zobu.



1967

IKV's first brochure: "Common Market and Turkey"

"Economic Development Facility is ready to inform industrialists and traders on development, industrialization and Common Market issues."

23 NOVEMBER

1970

Additional Protocol of the Ankara Agreement was signed between Turkey and the EEC.



1 JANUARY

1973

The first enlargement of the EU towards Northern Europe: Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom joined the Union.



FEBRUARY

1974

With IKV's initiatives, the Turkish Cypriot Delegates took part in the application process of the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce to the EEC Permanent Conference of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

1976

Ertuğrul Soysal was appointed as IKV Chairman.



1967
IKV's first publication: "France's Planning Experience".



1970



1969

TOBB joined Economic Development Facility's group of trustees which was renamed with the Law No. 903 as the "Economic Development Foundation".

19 FEBRUARY

1971

At IKV's conference, the Secretary General of the Commission of the European Communities M. Emile Noël gave a speech on "The EEC and Turkey-Common Market Relations in the Second Period of the Association Process".



1973

IKV's new logo was launched.



JUNE 1974

IKV's first newsletter: "Common Market News".

11 MARCH

1978

IKV began to organise specialized courses on EEC's expertise.

29 NOVEMBER

1980

Turkey was represented by IKV's Vice-President and the first Turkish Member of the European Roundtable of Industrialists Group Jak Kamhi at the EEC Permanent Conference of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

1 MARCH

1979

Basri Öztekin was appointed as IKV Chairman.



15 DECEMBER

1981

IKV was confirmed as one of the organizations specialized on EEC under the Decision No. 8/3967 of the Council of Ministers in Turkey.

1981

IKV's new logo was launched.



1983

Asım Kocabıyık was appointed as IKV Chairman.



1980



1 JANUARY

1981

The second enlargement of the EU towards Southern Europe: Greece joined the Union.



17 APRIL 1980

At IKV's 16th General Council Meeting, IKV's Honorary Membership was granted to the President of the European Commission Jean Rey (1967-1990).



MARCH 1981

First issue of IKV Journal was published.



1984

IKV's Brussels Office was established as the first representation of Turkish private sector in Belgium.



1982

Refik Baydur was appointed as IKV Chairman.

1985

IKV's new logo was launched.



16 SEPTEMBER

1986

The normalisation process of the suspended Turkey-EEC relations since the 1980 military intervention started.

14 APRIL 1987

Turkey's membership application to the Association Council was presented by State Minister Prof. Dr. Ali Bozer at 8.30 to the then President of the rotating Council Presidency and Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans and President of the European Commission Jacques Delors.

1 JULY 1987

Deepening process of the EU started:

The Single European Act entered into force.



1 JANUARY 1986

The third enlargement of the EU: Spain and Portugal joined the Union.



17 OCTOBER 1986

The State Ministry responsible for the Turkey-EEC relations was founded and Prof. Dr. Ali Bozer was appointed as the State Minister.

1987

The then State Minister Prof. Dr. Ali Bozer asked the support of IKV while facing resistance in Turkey's membership application to the EEC.



25 MAY 1987
Jak Kamhi was appointed as IKV Chairman.



SEPTEMBER 1988

A special issue of IKV Journal was published commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Ankara Agreement.

16 NOVEMBER 1990

IKV Chairman Jak Kamhi and a delegation consisted of representatives of the private sector had various contacts in Brussels.

In 19 October 1990 issue, Agence Europe commented as follows: "Turkish industrialists expressed their support for the entry into force of the recommendations made by the Commission which will give a new impetus to the association."



24 DECEMBER 1992

Sedat Alođlu was appointed as IKV Chairman.



12 SEPTEMBER 1993

A special issue of IKV Journal was published commemorating the 30th Anniversary of Ankara Agreement.



1994

IKV launched a consultancy programme for Europartenariat projects.



1 JANUARY 1995

The fourth enlargement of the EU: Austria, Finland and Sweden joined the Union.



1990



7 FEBRUARY 1992

*From "EEC" to "EU"; **The Maastricht Treaty** / the Treaty on European Union was signed.*

Three Pillars; the first step in establishing the political union, common economic, monetary, security and defense policy and strengthening EU citizenship.

22 JUNE 1993

The enlargement of the EU towards Central and Eastern Europe was confirmed at the Copenhagen Summit and the Copenhagen criteria were defined as membership benchmarks for other candidate countries.



1994

Sir Leon Brittan, the European Commission Debuty Chairman, spoke at IKV's conference titled "Effects of Customs Union on Turkey's Economy".



1 JANUARY 1995

IKV's new logo was launched.

12-13 DECEMBER

1997

Turkey suspended its political dialogue with the EU in the Luxembourg Summit in which Turkey was not mentioned in the list of ten candidate countries.

16 SEPTEMBER

1999

Romano Prodi became the 10th President of the European Commission.

6 MARCH 1995

Customs Union was established within the framework of the Turkey-EU Association Council Decision No. 1/95.

6 DECEMBER
1995

Meral Gezgin Eriş was appointed as IKV Chairwoman.

4 NOVEMBER
1998

First Progress Report on Turkey was published by the European Commission.



26 MARCH
1995

Schengen Agreement entered into force.



21 MARCH
1997

A joint declaration was published to submit to the Amsterdam Summit in the first meeting of the Turkey-EU National Consultative Council convened by IKV and Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee.



1 MAY 1999
The Treaty of Amsterdam:

Strengthening decision-making mechanism, membership criteria of fundamental rights and freedoms.



11-12
DECEMBER

1999
Turkey's candidate status was officially recognized by the EU in the Helsinki Summit.

1 MAY 2004

The most comprehensive enlargement process of the EU: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, the Greek Cypriot Administration of Southern Cyprus, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia joined the Union.



19 APRIL 2003

EU Harmonisation Commission in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey was established.



27 NOVEMBER 2002

The second declaration of the Turkey Platform was submitted to Brussels.



5 JUNE 2002

Turkey Platform:

TOBB and IKV organized the first "Turkey Platform". The first common declaration was prepared echoing the message "Turkey's place is in the EU. We have no time to lose".



4 JULY 2000

The Secretariat General for EU Affairs was founded by the Turkish Prime Ministry (Law No. 4587).



2000



24 MARCH 2001

The first Accession Partnership Document for Turkey was adopted by the European Council.

7 OCTOBER 2002

The second meeting of the Turkey Platform was held in Istanbul. The common declaration of the Platform to the EU was prepared containing the message "Turkey proved her decisiveness. It is now EU's turn".



12 MARCH 2003

Davut Ökütçü was appointed as IKV Chairman.



2004

IKV's "The Effects of the Horizontal Application of the EU Acquis Upon Leading Turkish Sectors" Project was chosen as the most influential project funded by an EU programme.

JUNE 2004

Within the framework of the European Data Bridges Programme, IKV's "Turkey-EU Seminars before the Accession Process" projects were completed in 24 provinces.

10 DECEMBER 2004

The third declaration of the Turkey Platform was announced in Brussels under the heading "Turkey kept its word. Now it's the EU's turn".



2005

IKV's weekly online newsletter was launched.

29 JULY 2005

Turkey signed the "Additional Protocol" which extends the Ankara Agreement to ten new Member States.

2005



22 NOVEMBER 2004

José Manuel Durão Barroso took office as President of the European Commission.



16-17 DECEMBER 2004

The Brussels Summit indicated that Turkey sufficiently fulfilled the Copenhagen political criteria and that negotiations would start on 3 October 2005.



3 JUNE 2005

The State Minister Ali Babacan was appointed as the first EU Chief Negotiator of Turkey.



3 OCTOBER 2005

Turkey officially started accession negotiations with the approval of the Accession Negotiations Framework Document.

The first chapter opened to negotiations:

"Science & Research" (12 June 2006)

**9 NOVEMBER
2005**

The European Commission released the Progress Report on Turkey which indicates that political criteria are sufficiently met, apart from the implementation of reforms.

9 JUNE 2006

A special documentary on the occasion of IKV's 40th Anniversary was presented by Mehmet Ali Birand.

**13 NOVEMBER
2006**

The European Council approved Istanbul's candidature to the European Capital of Culture in the year of 2010.



**1 JANUARY
2007**

The sixth enlargement of the EU: Bulgaria and Romania joined the EU.



**8 FEBRUARY
2006**

IKV's seminars on "Regulatory Impact Analysis in the Negotiations Process" introduced the concept of impact analysis into the EU negotiation process.

12 JUNE 2006

The first chapter of Turkey's accession negotiations to be closed the same day as it was opened: "Science and Research".

**11 DECEMBER
2006**

The EU General Affairs Council, with the recommendation of the Commission dated 9 November 2006, declared that until the commitments of the Additional Protocol are fulfilled by Turkey, 8 chapters are not to be opened and no chapter is to be provisionally closed.



2007

Prof. Dr. Halûk Kabaalioğlu was appointed as IKV Chairman.

Chapters that were opened to negotiations between March-December 2007:

“Enterprise and Industrial Policy” (29 March 2007)

“Statistics” and “Financial Control” (26 June 2007)

“Consumer and Health Protection” and “Trans-European Networks” (19 December 2007)

**17 APRIL
2007**

Turkey adopted its “Programme for Alignment with the EU Acquis 2007-2013”.

11 JULY 2007

The first meeting of IKV’s “Window to Turkey” Project was held in Brussels. The programme then named as “Window to EU”.

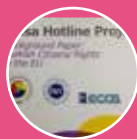


2008

“EP-Turkish Civil Society Dialogue” Meetings were held between IKV and Members of the EP, upon IKV’s initiative.

2009

IKV’s Visa Hotline Project launched with the support of TOBB and the European Citizen Action Service.

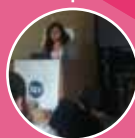


27 MAY 2007

The project of strengthening impact analysis capacity of the Turkish business community within the framework of Turkey’s EU negotiations process was launched by EU Chief Negotiator and Minister of State Ali Babacan.

DECEMBER 2007

IKV, on behalf of the Turkish civil society, submitted a declaration to the European Council to protest the withdrawal of the term “accession” from the Council conclusions.



**FEBRUARY
2008**

IKV’s “ABC Project” training on EU accession process was launched and were given to approximately 130 teachers.



1 DECEMBER 2009

From the three pillar structure to a “single legal structure”;

The Treaty of Lisbon: A more efficient, transparent and democratic EU.

Chapters that were opened to negotiations

between June-December 2008:

“Company Law” and “Intellectual Property Law” (17 June 2008)

“Free Movement of Capital” and

“Information Society and Media” (18 December 2008)

Chapters that were opened to negotiations between June-December 2009:

“Taxation” (30 June 2009)

“Environment” (21 December 2009)

2010

IKV's monthly Journal "IKV Dergisi" relaunched and is followed by IKV's new website.



22 APRIL 2011

With the leadership of IKV and TAV, a "Civil Society Platform in Turkey's EU Accession Process" was established in Istanbul. A joint declaration was submitted to the EP on 3 May.



17 MAY 2012

The "Positive Agenda" was launched between Turkey and the EU.



7 MAY 2013

The 50th Anniversary of Turkey-EU relations.

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy and former Commissioner Franco Frattini and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey and former Turkish Parliament President Hikmet Çetin attended IKV's special conference on Turkey-EU relations.



2010

2010

IKV launched "EU Presidencies and Turkey's EU Membership Process" Project.



2011

IKV launched the "Talking Our Common Future" Project that brought European and Turkish experts together in a roundtable.

29 JUNE 2011

Egemen Bağış took office as Turkey's Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator.



10 DECEMBER 2012

The 2012 Nobel Peace Prize was given to the EU.



Chapter that was opened to negotiations in 2010:

"Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy" (30 June 2010)

Chapter that was opened to negotiations in 2013:

“Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments”

(5 November 2013)

16 DECEMBER 2013

The Readmission Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding of the Visa Liberalisation Dialogue between Turkey and the EU were signed.



16 JANUARY 2014

Ömer Cihad Vardan was appointed as IKV Chairman.



29 AUGUST 2014

Volkan Bozkır took office as Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator.



NOVEMBER 2014

IKV's English newsletter “IKV Monthly” was launched.



MARCH 2015

The 200th issue of IKV Journal was published.



2015



1 JULY 2013

The seventh enlargement of the EU: Croatia joined the EU.



25 DECEMBER 2013

Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu took office as Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator.



2014

IKV launched FTA Information and Capacity Building Center Project and its first meeting was held at IKV on 21 April.



1 NOVEMBER 2014

Jean-Claude Juncker took office as President of the European Commission.



9 MAY 2015

IKV celebrated its 50th Anniversary with the participation of the President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator Volkan Bozkır, TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, ISO Chairman Erdal Bahçıvan and ITO Chairman İbrahim Çağlar.

4 AUGUST 2014

IKV's website “www.ikv.org.tr” was relaunched with its new version.

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