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# PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS IN TURKEY ON EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

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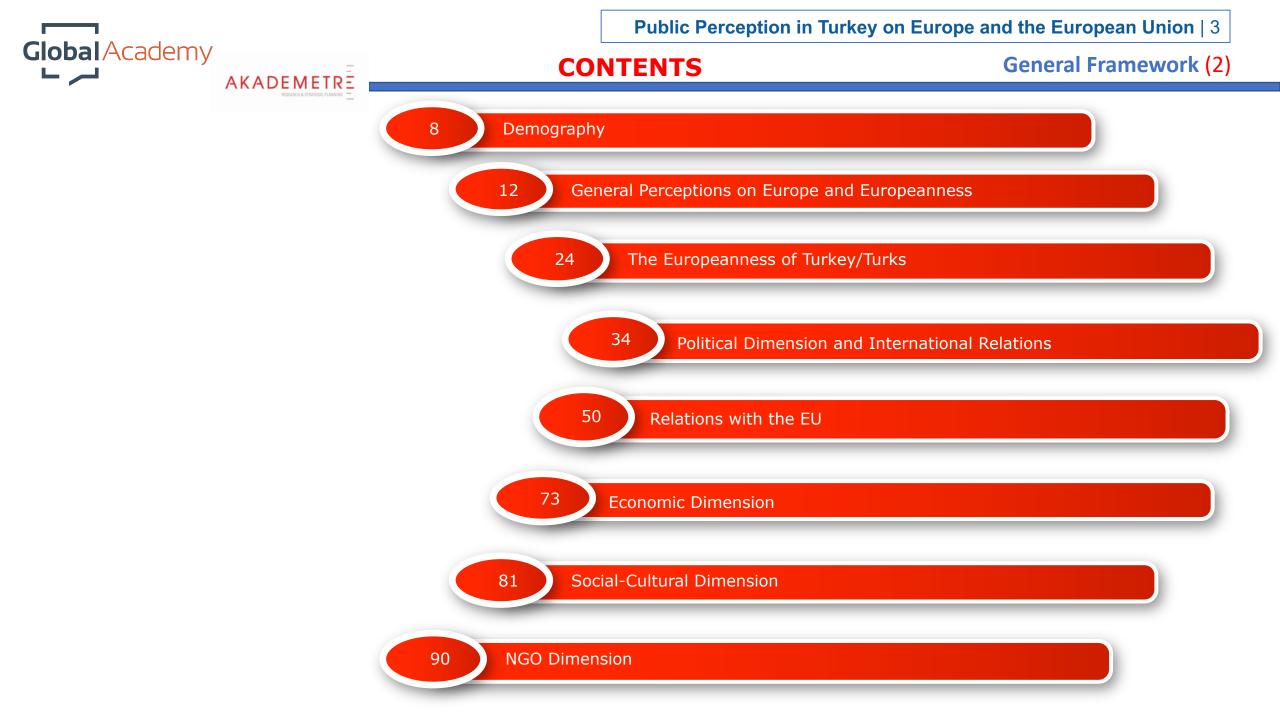
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## **METHODOLOGY - SUMMARY RESEARCH SAMPLE**



form.

This survey aims at determining the public perception on Europe and the European Union.

Population: People aged 18 and over in 26 provinces within the scope of IBBS-Level 2, representing the general population of Turkey.

Sample: 1000 interviews Confidence Interval: 95% Margin of Error: ±3,0

on prepared survey question

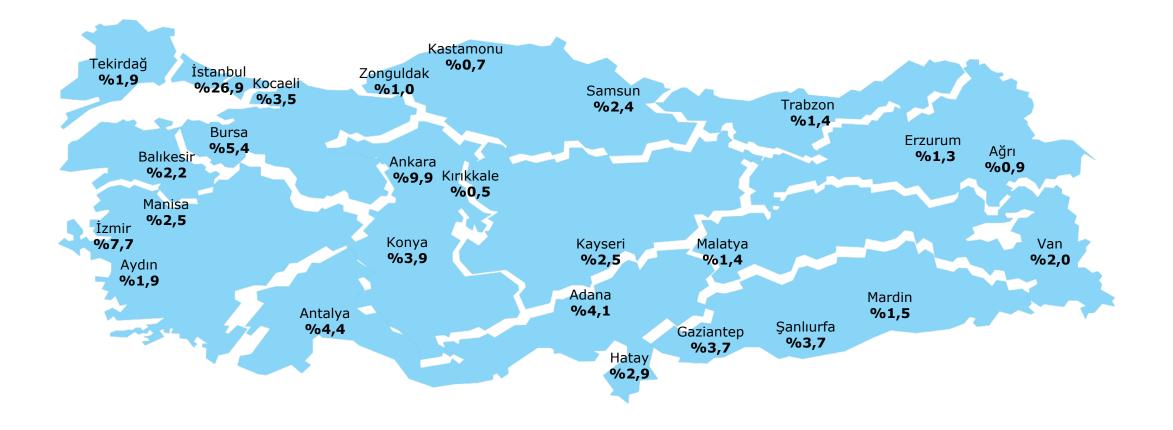
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#### Sample

This research is carried out with 1000 adult participant in 26 provinces (Adana, Ağrı, Ankara, Antalya, Aydın, Balıkesir, Bursa, Erzurum, Gaziantep, Hatay, İstanbul, İzmir, Kastamonu, Kayseri, Kırıkkale, Kocaeli, Konya, Malatya, Manisa, Mardin, Samsun, Şanlıurfa, Tekirdağ, Trabzon, Zonguldak ve Van), representative of Turkey at IBBS-2 level.





## **Explanation of the Terminology**

PDT

Indicates the Sum of Positive Values. The total of «definitely agree» and «agree».



Indicates the Sum of Negative Values. The total of «definitely disagree» and «disagree».



Indicates the difference between the Sum of Positive Values and Sum of Negative Values.

## DEMOGRAPHY



Single

21,7%

Others

7,9%



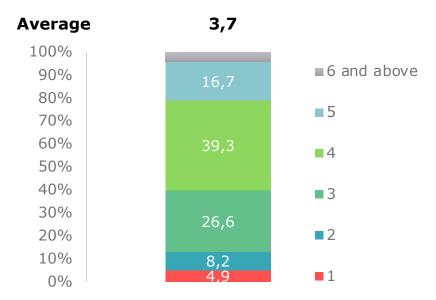
## Age

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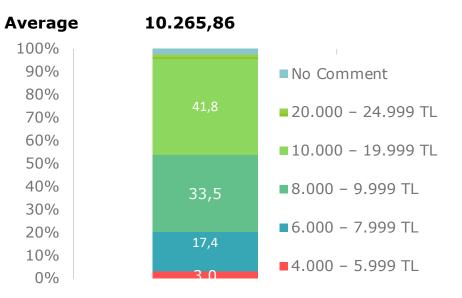


#### Demography (2)

## **Household Size**

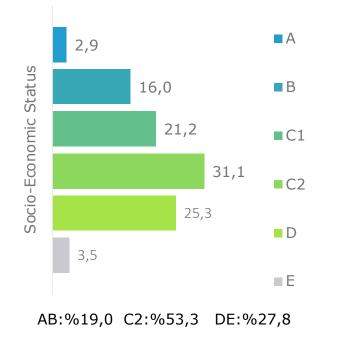


## Monthly Household Income

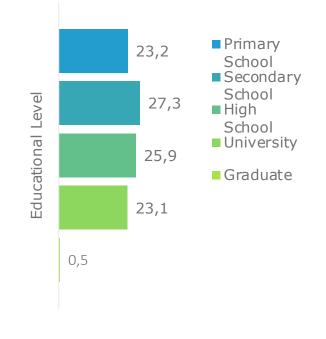




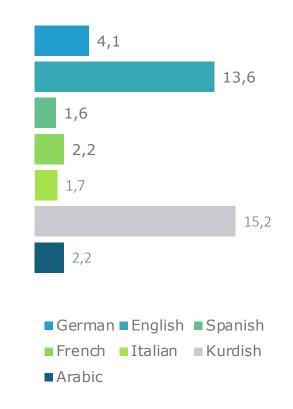
### **Socio-Economic Status**



## **Educational Level**



## Foreign Language



\* 63.3% answered that they do not know **any language other than Turkish**.



#### Demography (4)

## **Occupational Distribution**

Job Status	Occupation	%
	Stand Alone, shop owner, craftsman	1,5
	Farmer	1,4
Self-employed	Mobile – self-employed	1,0
%5,5	Business Owner (1-5 employees)	0,7
-	Freelance Expert	0,6
	Business Owner (11-20 employees)	0,3
	Proletarian/servant – regular worker	43,0
	Officer / technical staff / specialist etc.	6,4
	Ustabaşı/kalfa	4,2
	Proletarian/servant – piece work	3,1
Salaried-employees	Executive (1-5 employees)	1,1
%59,8	Waged-qualified expert	1,1
	Military personnel	0,4
	Executive (20+ employees)	0,3
	Executive (6-10 employees)	0,1
	Executive (11-20 employees)	0,1
	Housewife- have a regular income	9,5
Unomployed	Housewife - no additional income	5,9
Unemployed %24,6	Student	3,7
~0 <b>24</b> ,0	Unemployed-have a regular income	3,5
	Unemployed-no additional income	2,0
Retired %10,0	Retired	10,1

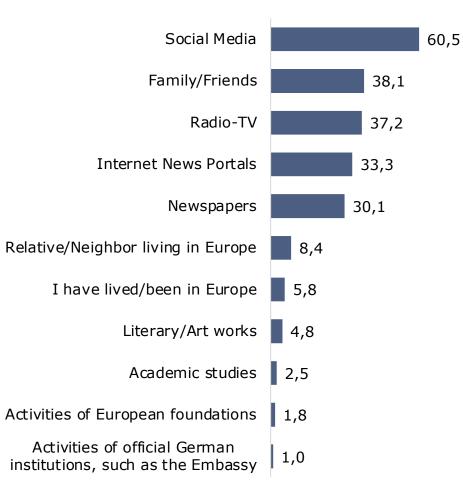
## GENERAL PERCEPTIONS ON EUROPE AND EUROPEANNESS



General Perceptions on Europe and Europeanness (1)

## **Sources of Information on Europe**

Would you tell us where do you get your information on Europe?

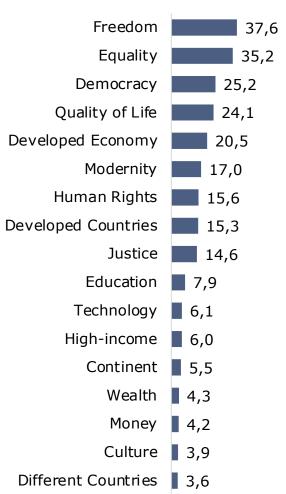




#### General Perceptions on Europe and Europeanness (2)

## **Association with Europe**

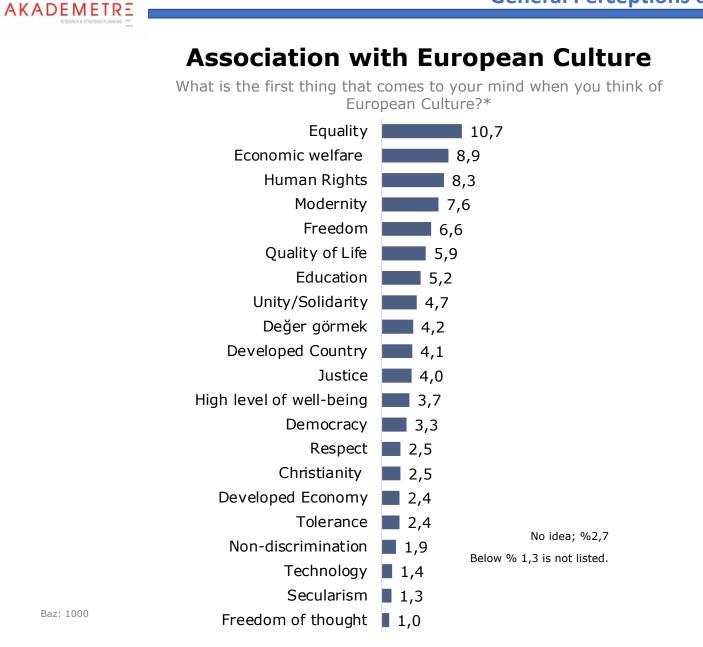
Would you tell us the first 3 (three) things that come to your mind when "Europe" is mentioned?\*



\* This question was asked as open-ended.

Below % 3,6 is not listed.

#### General Perceptions on Europe and Europeanness (3)



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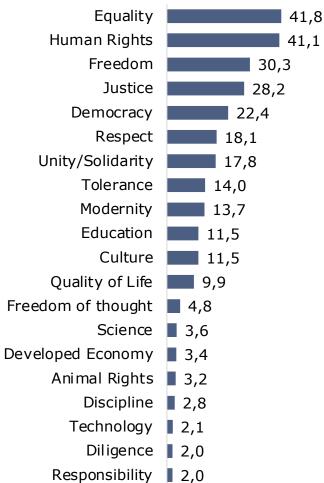
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#### General Perceptions on Europe and Europeanness (4)

## **Association with European Values**

Would you please tell me the first 3 (three) things that comes to your mind when

"European values" are mentioned?\*



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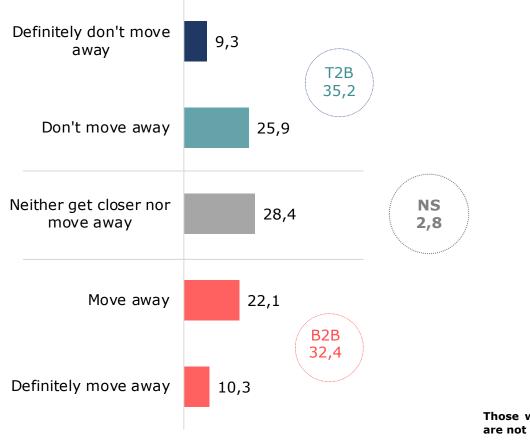
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General Perceptions on Europe and Europeanness (5)

## **Moving Away From European Values**

Do you think Turkey has been moving away from European values in recent years?



Those who say that European values are not valid in Turkey; 2.5%



#### **General Perceptions on Europe and Europeanness (6)**

## **Moving Away From European Values**

Do you think Turkey has been moving away from European values in recent years?

#### **Definitely move** Neither get closer **Definitely don't** European values SES Move away Don't move away No idea are not valid in nor move away move away away Turkey. 13,8 37,9 6,9 24,1 А 17,2 В 10,6 21,9 21,9 26,9 14,4 3,1 1,3 C1 6,6 13,2 37,7 32,5 8,5 1,4 C2 23,2 27,0 8,0 28,9 9,6 1,6 1,6 32,0 5,1 D 13,0 27,3 18,2 2,4 2,0 Е 28,6 17,1 5,7 11,4 11,4 17,1 8,6

#### -By Socio-Economic Status -

#### -By Gender-

Gender	Definitely move away	Move away	Neither get closer nor move away	Don't move away	Definitely don't move away	European values are not valid in Turkey.	No idea
Male	11,6	21,4	24,0	27,9	10,6	3,0	1,4
Female	9,0	22,8	32,7	24,0	8,0	2,0	1,6



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**General Perceptions on Europe and Europeanness (7)** 

## **Moving Away From European Values**

-By Age -

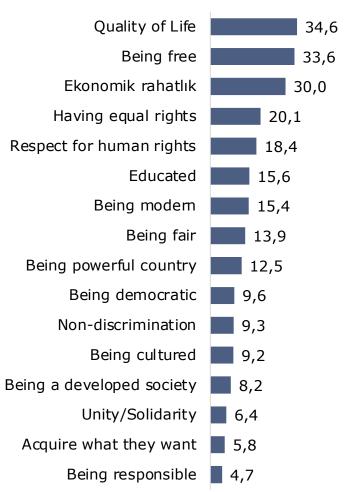
Age	Definitely move away	Move away	Neither get closer nor move away	Don't move away	Definitely don't move away	European values are not valid in Turkey.	No idea
18-24	11,1	21,6	34,6	21,6	8,5	2,0	0,7
25-29	9,2	18,5	24,4	27,7	14,3	4,2	1,7
30-34	6,5	17,1	32,5	32,5	8,9	2,4	
35-39	11,9	20,6	32,5	24,6	8,7	0,8	0,8
40-44	5,8	25,8	32,5	22,5	11,7		1,7
45-49	10,0	27,3	21,8	30,9	8,2		1,8
50-54	2,2	16,9	22,5	41,6	11,2	4,5	1,1
55-59	34,4	27,8	14,4	12,2	4,4	4,4	2,2
60-64	1,4	25,7	35,7	18,6	5,7	7,1	5,7



#### General Perceptions on Europe and Europeanness (8)

## **Association with Being European**

Would you tell me the first 3 (three) things that come to your mind when "being European" is mentioned?\*



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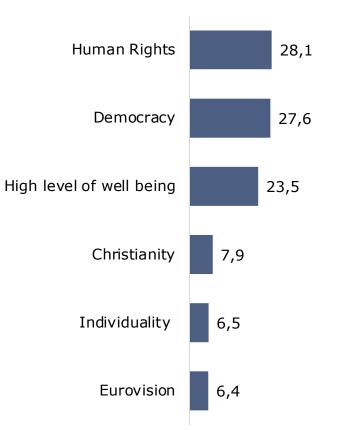
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**General Perceptions on Europe and Europeanness (9)** 

## Phenomenon of "Being European"

Which of the following do you think most represents the phenomenon of "being European"?





**General Perceptions on Europe and Europeanness (10)** 

#### **Negative Opinion about Europe Negative Opinion about Europe** (%1,2) You indicated that you have a negative opinion towards Europe? Would you Would you tell me whether you have any negative tell me the reason for this negative opinion?\* opinions about Europe? \*\*\*\*\*\* **Cultural Difference** Do not supporting Turkey interests \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Yes No 1,2 98,8

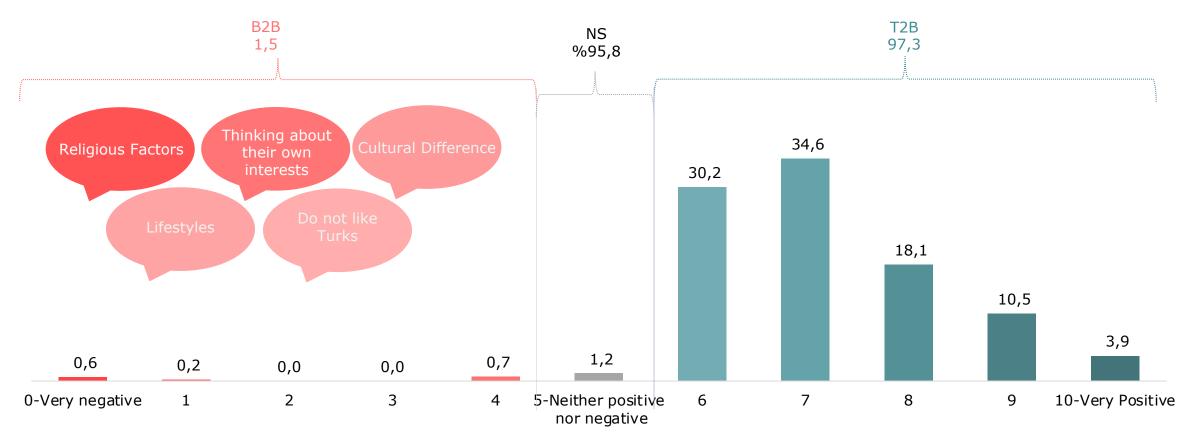
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**General Perceptions on Europe and Europeanness (11)** 

## **Positive Opinion about the Europeans**

On a scale of 0 to 10, would you indicate in general how positive your opinion about the Europeans?



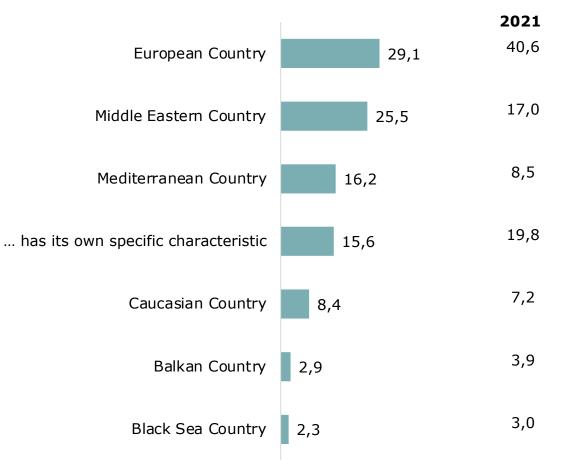
## THE EUROPEANNESS OF TURKEY/TURKS



#### The Europeanness of Turkey/Turks (1)

## Turkey is a ...

Which one of the following represents Turkey the best?

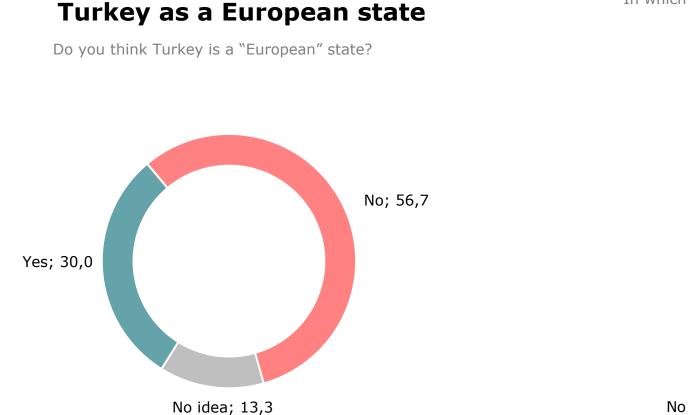


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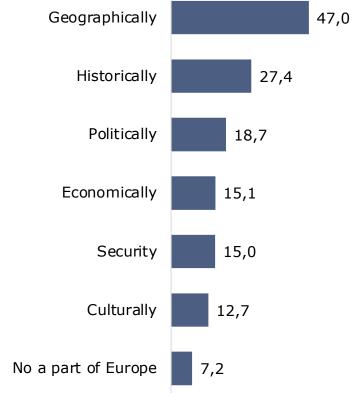


#### The Europeanness of Turkey/Turks(2)

## **Turkey's European Qualities**



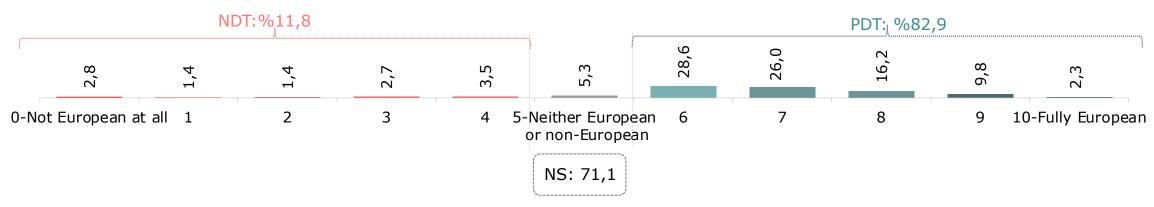






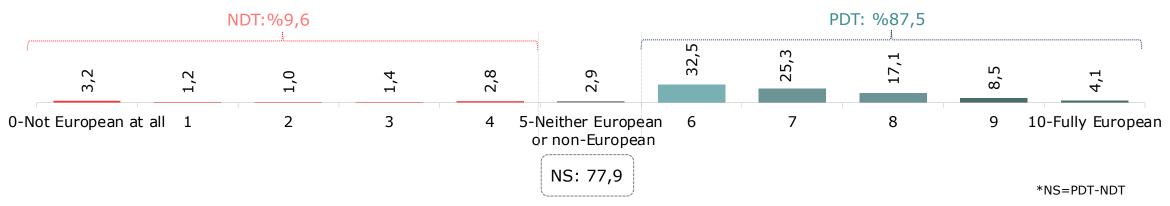
### **Turks are European**

On a scale of 0 to 10, please indicate to what extent do you think Turks are European?



## **Europeans Accept Turks as Europeans**

On a scale of 0 to 10, to what extent do you think Europeans accept Turks as Europeans?

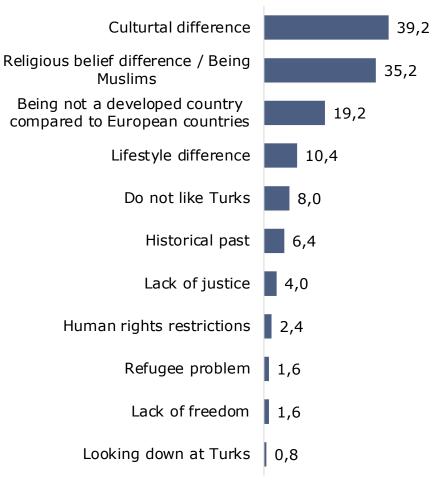




#### The Europeanness of Turkey/Turks(4)

## Reasons for Europeans Not to Evaluate Turks as European (%9,6)

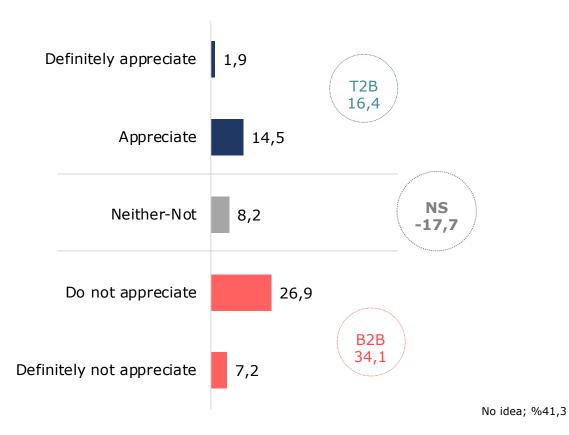
You stated that Europeans do not accept Turks as European enough or at all. What do you think is the reason for this?





## **European Appreciation of Turks**

On a scale of 1 to 5, how well do you think Europeans appreciate the Turks?





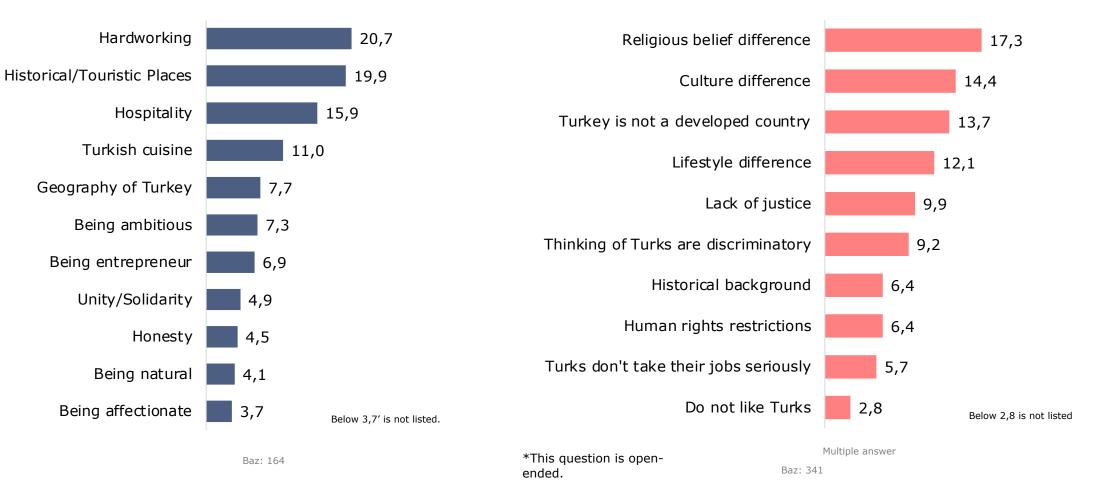
#### The Europeanness of Turkey/Turks(6)

## **Reasons Europeans Appreciate Turks**

You stated that Europeans appreciate the Turks. Would you please tell me what do you think the Europeans like about the Turks?

## **Reasons Europeans Don't Appreciate Turks**

You stated that Europeans do not appreciate the Turks. Would you please tell me what do you think the Europeans do not like about the Turks?



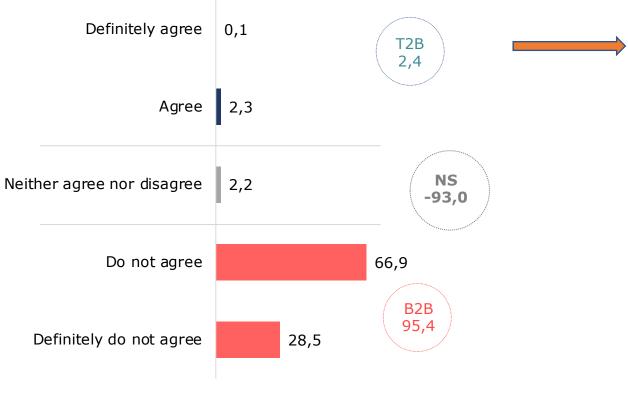


## **Are Europeans Envious of Turkey?**

In Turkey, it is mentioned from time to time that the Europeans are envious of Turkey. Would you tell me to what extent do you agree with this view?

## What Europeans Envy about Turkey?

You stated that you agree with the view that the Europeans are envious of Turkey. Would you tell me what features of Turkey do you think the Europeans are envious about?



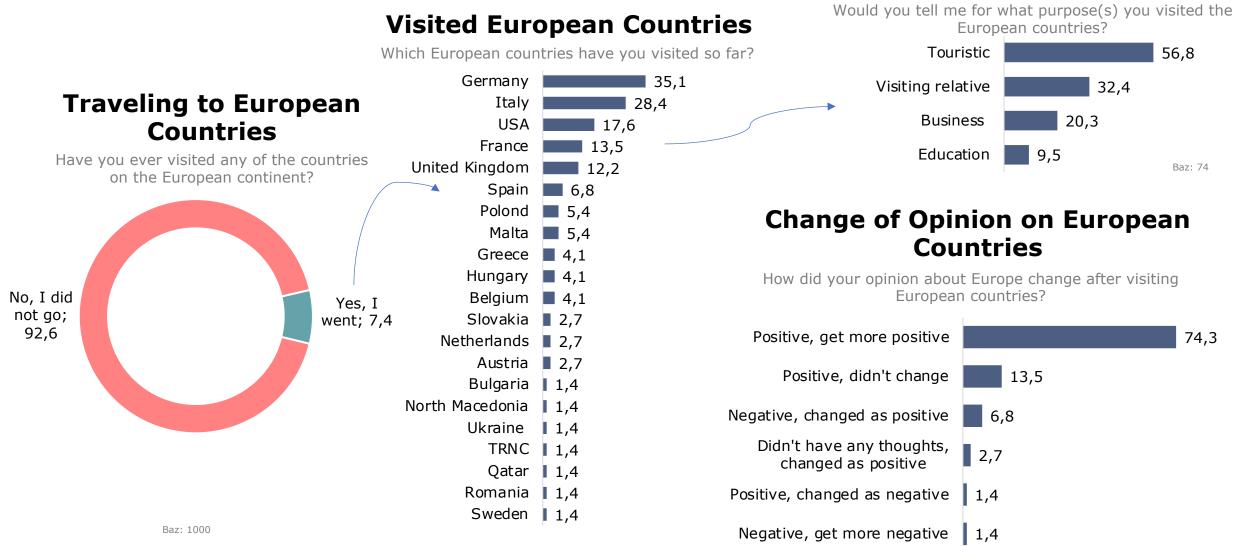


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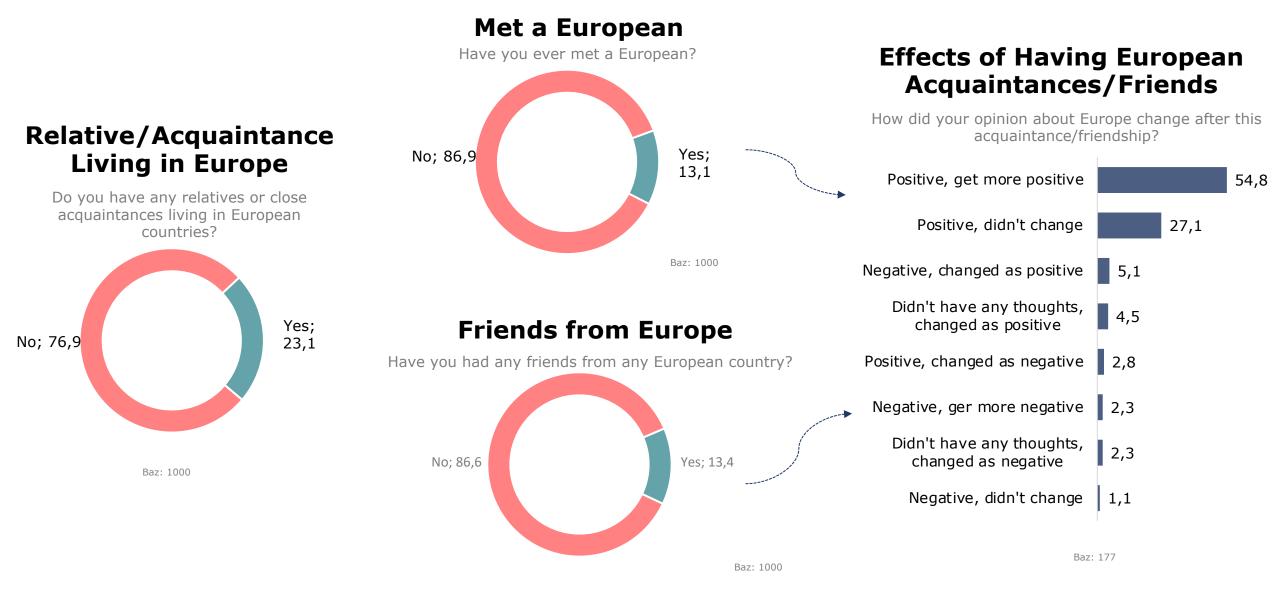
#### The Europeanness of Turkey/Turks(8)

### **Purposes to visit**





#### The Europeanness of Turkey/Turks(9)



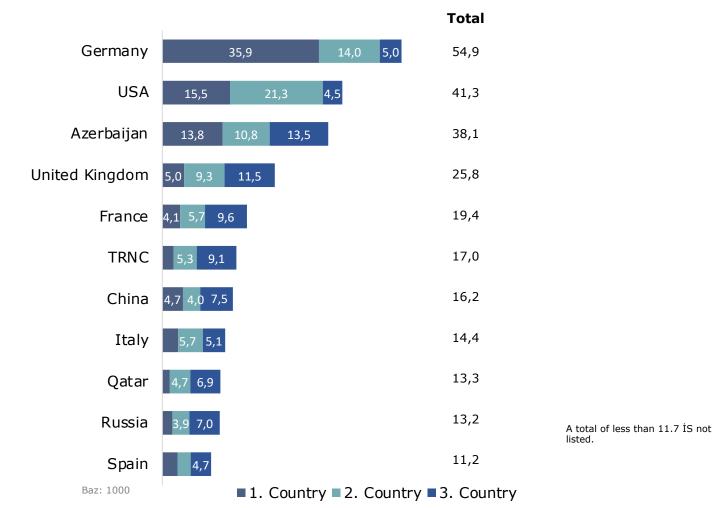
## POLITICAL DIMENSION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



Political Dimension and International Relations (1)

## **The Most Important Partners of Turkey**

Would you indicate the 3 most important partners of Turkey from among the following countries?



#### Political Dimension and International Relations (2)

<b>Turkey's Friends</b> Would you consider following countries as Turkey's friends?					Net Skor 2022	Net Skor 2021	Net Skor 2020	Net Skor 2019
Azerbaijan		55,3	24,3	20,4	31,0	34,4	40,6	37,1
TRNC		3,4	28,7	22,9	19,7	22,0	15,0	27,5
Georgia	38,3		40,8	20,9	-2,5	9,2	-30,7	-13,9
Uzbekistan	35,2		40,1	24,7	-4,9	-0,4	-7,8	28,9
Ukraine	32,7		44,4	22,9	-11,7	-14,7	-46,4	-38,3
Qatar	31,9		42,3	25,8	-10,4	-18,7	-30,6	-9,1
Pakistan	28,0		,7	27,3	-16,7	-5,7	-24,4	-13,9
Germany	26,5		52,2		-25,7	-30,9	-60,5	-68,5
Saudi Arabia	23,0	51,	7	25,3	-28,7	-28,7	-62,2	-49,2
China	22.0	52,7	7	25,3	-30,7	-15,2	-56,2	-47,6
Russian Federation	20.9	57,	,3	21,8	-36,4	-15,0	-62,1	-46,8
United Kingdom	19,2	60,	.5	20,3	-41,3	-42,6	-73,5	-75,3
India	17,8	53,5		28,7	-35,7	-16,0	-50,4	-40,3
France	17,6	60,3		22,1	-42,7	-44,7	-73,5	-78,4
Iraq	16,3	61,0		22,7	-44,7	-43,9	-66,3	-
Iran	16,2	60,9		22,9	-44,7	-40,8	-62,8	-37,3
Syria	16,2	60,1		23,7	-43,9	-41,4	-72,7	-
USA	14,3	66,1		19,6	-51,8	-41,9	-75,4	-82,5
Greece	10,4	68,2		21,4	-57,8	-57,8	-72,7	-67,6
Israel	8,7	68,6		22,7	-59,9	-55,5	-79,3	-
		∎Yes ■No	No idea					

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Basis: —	2019	2020	2021	2022
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#### **Political Dimension and International Relations (3)**

Threat Against Turkey Do you think following countries pose threat to Turkey?						Net Score 2022	Net Score 2021	Net Score 2020	Net Score 2019
USA	42,7		34,3		23,0	8,4	33,6	53,4	71,6
Israel	41,9		35,1		23,0	6,8	-2,2	49,2	53,9
Armenia	36,4		39,9		23,7	-3,5	4,0	36,1	38,2
Greece	33,5		42,8		23,7	-9,3	-29,3	35,9	25,7
United Kingdom 📔	33,4		43,8		22,8	-10,4	10,9	28,1	40,4
Iran	33,3		43,3		23,4	-10,0	0,1	37,0	15,0
Iraq	32,0		43,6		24,4	-11,6	2,2	31,7	22,4
France	31,1		43,7		25,2	-12,6	7,4	25,9	44,0
Syria 🗍	30,6		44,4		25,0	-13,8	-6,4	46,1	34,5
Russian Federation	30,5		44,7		24,8	-14,2	-6,1	28,4	7,3
Southern Cyprus ㅣ	29 5		44,7		25,8	-15,2	-3,0	12,4	19,8
Germany	25,3		52,0		22,7	-26,7	5,2	15,9	32,0
China	22,1		52,6		25,3	-30,5	-34,0	18,2	3,9
North Korea 🗍	19,9	52	2,7		27,4	-32,8	-40,3	-10,3	-
Saudi Arabia ㅣ	19,4	5	4,5		26,1	-35,1	-29,2	8,2	5,9
United Arab Emirates ㅣ	19,4	5 <sup>,</sup>	4,3		26,3	-34,9	-39,1	-3,8	-1,3
Egypt	18,4	54	,9		26,7	-36,5	-35,2	-7,3	-4,7
India	17,5	54,	6		27,9	-37,1	-31,9	-11,8	-7,6
Bulgaria	16,5	57	,4		26,1	-40,9	-43,4	-12,2	-
Myanmar	15,9	53,3			30,8	-37,4	-46,9	-17,8	-
		∎Yes	No	■No idea					

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#### **Political Dimension and International Relations (4)**

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#### **Trust to Other Countries**

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Would you please tell me to what extent you trust the following countries, in general?

Mean Line: 35,2							
Germany	10.4	35,9	38.8	10.0 4.6	46,		
Italy	10,4	32,5	41,2	11,9 2,9	42,		
United Kingdom	11,2	31,1	40,4	13,9 2,2	42,		
France	11,2	26,8	39,9	16,9 4,9	38,		
Russia	9,7	27,8	38,8	16,4 5,8	37,		
Bosnia-Herzergovina	8,0	29,1	44,2	13,2 3,6	37,		
Spain	8,9	27,6	45,4	15,1 1,9	36,		
Ukraine	7,9	28,6	42,3	16,2 3,9	36,		
Bulgaria	12,5	23,8	39,5	18,7 4,4	36,		
Romania	9,8	25,6	43,2	14,9 5,0	35,		
Greece	9,3	26,0	36,2	18,4 9,8	35,		
Hungary	9,6	25,3	45,2	14,3 3,9	34,		
USA	8,9	25,8	34,7	20,4 9,5	34,		
Norway	9,8	24,2	40,9	17,5 6,9	34,		
Southern Cyprus	7,5	26,2	30,5	22,9 11,8	33,		
Albania	8,8	24,7	42,5	18,1 3,6	33,		
Serbia	6,2	26,9	43,6	17,1 4,9	33,		
Crotia	11,6	21,5	43,0	17,5 5,1	33,		
Kosovo	8,0	24,9	43,5	17,1 4,3	32,		
North Macedonia	11,3	21,4	45,4	16,1 3,5	32,		
Sweden	9,6	22,9	39,7	19,2 7,4	32		
China	6,8	25,3	37,1	22,3 6,4	32,		
Denmark	8,5	23,5	44,2	16,9 5,7	32		
Poland	9,3	21,9	45,2	17,4 4,9	31		
Finland	8,0	23,0	43,0	17,3 7,8	31		
Netherland	9,3	21,6	44,1	18,4 5,4	30		
Definitely trust	Trust	Neither trust nor don't trust	t 🗧 Don't trust 🗖 Defini	tely don't trust ■No idea			





#### **Cooperation with other countries**

With which country(ies) Turkey should cooperate while implementing its foreign policy?

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2013
USA	39,9	31,4	27,7	8,4	1,7	2,5	7,2	12,6	14,2
Muslim Countries	27,9	19,7	24,8	19,2	23,4	22,4	9,8	19,5	12,5
European Countries	26,2	23,4	21,3	10,4	7,6	4,1	8,1	7	10,3
Turkic Republic	25,8	20,7	30,2	41,2	31,8	37,4	16,7	16,2	11,3
Russian Federation	18,6	27,8	21,3	12,9	13,2	7,8	3	9,4	6,8
China	18,1	23	11,8	10,4	4,8	3,4	3,1	3,7	4,2
United Kingdom	15,9	15,4	7,2	3,1	1,4	0,9	1	1,8	3,6
Middle Eastern Countries	12,0	11,6	9,5	-	-	-	-	-	-
NATO Members	8,9	9,8	10,1	15,7	8,1	7,1	-	-	-
Members of Shanghai Cooperation Organization	4,2	6,6	3,7	4,8	-	-	-	-	-

Multiply Answers

2013 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 Basis:

\* From the results of the "Turkish Foreign Policy Public Perceptions Survey-2022", released on September 8, 2022.

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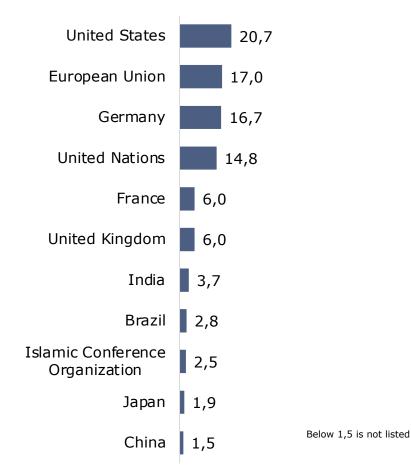
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Political Dimension and International Relations (6)

#### More Say in Solving Problems of the World

Which of the following countries/group of countries would it be better to have more say in solving problems of the world?





Political Dimension and International Relations (7)

#### **Regions to Pursue More Active Foreign Policy**

Which of the following regions Turkey should seek to be more active?

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Europe	40,0	34,2	48,3	44,9	34,1	35,9	29,8
Middle East	35,0	26,4	45,6	47,6	51,5	61,8	55,0
Black Sea	28,1	26,6	16,5	21,9	18,0	26,4	20,1
Far East - China	25,6	33,9	20,1	21,1	19,7	14,9	6,2
Caucasia	22,0	17,6	15,8	18,0	15,7	28,8	23,2
Balkans	19,6	18,5	16,1	18,4	12,4	13,4	11,5
Eastern Mediterranean	10,2	9,2	17,2	7,1	-	-	-
Latin America	8,4	9,9	5,9	6,8	5,7	2,6	1,5
Aegean	5,8	9,4	11	6,5	-	-	-
Africa	5,3	5,7	5,1	4,2	4,2	4,1	1,7
	Multiply Answers						

2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 Basis:

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#### Political Dimension and International Relations (8)

#### **Evaluation on Europe**

I'm going to read you some statements about Europe. Would you indicate to what extent in general do you agree with them?

**PDT** Mean Line: 36,9 14,6 34,3 48.9 10,6 34,1 13,5 3.5 44,7 9,3 33,4 11,6 42,7 30,0 11,8 12,4 1.5 41,8 8,1 26,9 14,3 5,4 35,0 9,3 3,3 24,5 17,9 33,8 10,1 5,3 23,6 15,5 33.7 10,9 22,4 15,3 7,1 33,3 11,9 21,4 5,8 14,4 33,3 5,6 9,8 22,6 16,4 32,4 6,9 25,2 4,1 17,2 32,1 22,0 5,7 9,3 18,7 31,3

It is important for the Turkish economy

It is the most politically influential region in the world

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It is peaceful in international relations

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It usually consists of Turkey's friend

Reforms carried out by Turkey in the EU harmonization process are not different from capitulations.

Attitudes of Europeans towards Turkey and Turks are fed by their Christian roots

Turkey's Europeanization efforts did not go beyond imitation

It poses a threat to Turkey's security

European countries have helped the development of terrorist organizations in Turkey

European countries want to disintegrate Turkey

The reforms the EU is still demanding from Turkey are aimed at weakening the country

It creates problems for Turkey's interests

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#### Political Dimension and International Relations (9)

#### **Developed Status of European Countries** Would you please indicate, by looking at the card, to what extent do you think the European countries are developed in

	terms of the factors listed? Mean Line: 73,2					
Tourism	33,5	42,6	14,4	6,5	76,1	
Animal Rights	33,9	42,2	14,2	6,0	76,1	
Social Welfare	36,5	39,1	16,2	5,6	75,6	
Environmental Consciousness	37,8	37,7	14,8	6,6	75,5	
Culture and Art	36,1	39,0	16,1	5,7	75,1	
Human Rights	36,4	38,2	16,5	5,0	74,6	
Social Justice	35,7	38,4	16,2	6,6	74,1	
Infrastructure	31,5	42,5	17,2	5,91 <mark>,</mark> 7	74,0	
Social Security	36,2	37,6	18,0	5,7	73,8	
Economy	38,4	35,4	16,5	5,91,7	73,8	
Social Rights	32,0	40,6	16,1	7,1	72,6	
Military power	30.8	41,2	17,5	7,1 1,6	72,0	
Opportunities for Education	39,3	31,8	17,7	8,9	71,1	
Opportunities for Employment	36,4	34,1	20,6	6,7	70,5	
Health Facilities	30,0	33,0	23,3	10,0 3,5	63,0	
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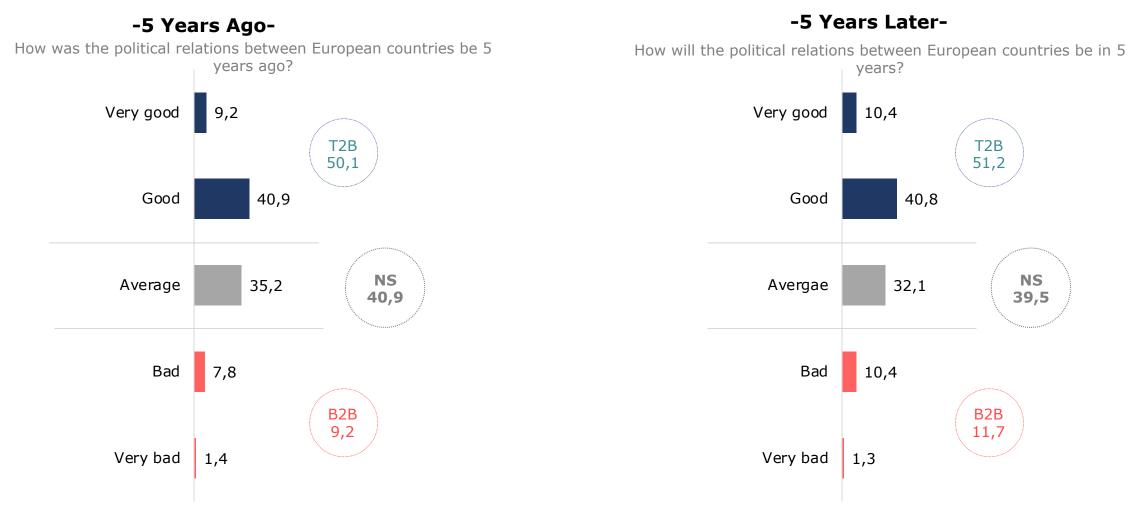
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Political Dimension and International Relations (10)

#### **Turkey - Europe Political Relations**



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Political Dimension and International Relations (11)

#### **Policies of European Countries towards Refugees**

Would you rate the policies of European countries towards refugees in recent years on a scale of 1 to 5?

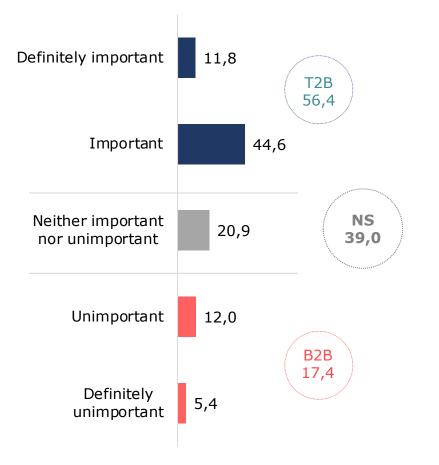




Political Dimension and International Relations (12)

#### **Impact of European Countries on Turkey's Security**

How important do you think cooperation with the European countries is for Turkey's security?



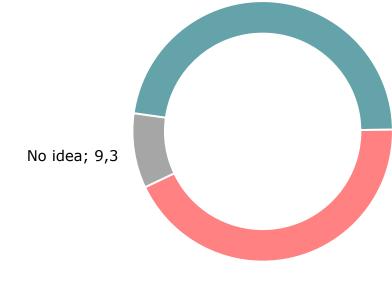


Political Dimension and International Relations (13)

#### **Implementation of ECHR's Verdicts**

Do you think the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights should be implemented in Turkey?

Should apply; 47,6

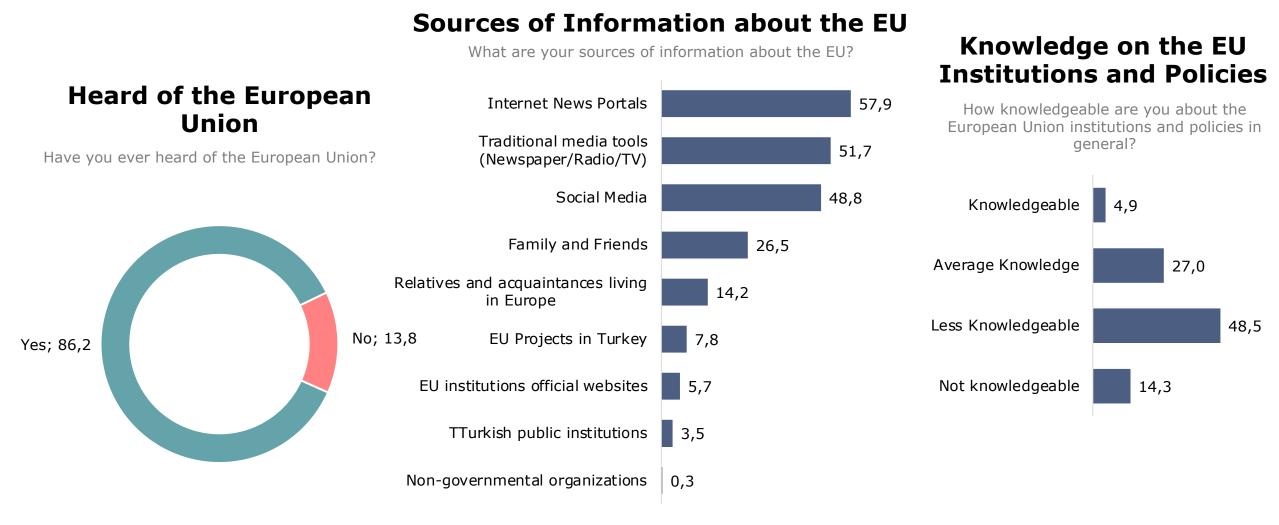


Should not apply; 43,2

## **RELATIONS WITH THE EU**



#### Relations with the EU (1)

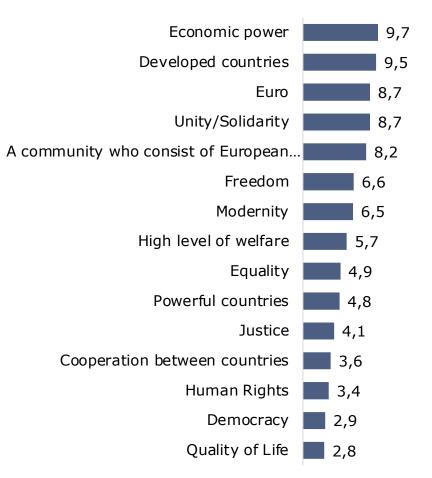




#### **Relations with the EU (2)**

#### **Association with European Union**

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when the European Union is mentioned?



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**Opinion on the EU** 

Would you tell me how positive your opinion is about the

#### Relations with the EU (3)

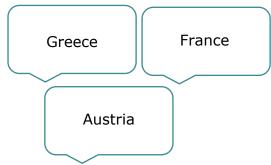
#### The Reason for Negative Opinion on the EU

You stated that your opinion about the European

Union is generally negative or very negative. What EU in general? is the reason for this negative opinion? Çok olumlu 6,1 Thinking about Exclusion of Do not like T2B their own foreign countries Turkey 60,1 interests Olumlu 53,9 Turkey's self-Turkey will not sufficiency jion the EU NS 58,9 Ne olumlu ne olumsuz 29,9 differences Olumsuz 1,0 B2B 1,2 Çok Olumsuz 0,1

#### **Countries Impacting Negatively**

Which countries' attitudes are more influential in the formation of your negative thoughts about the European Union?



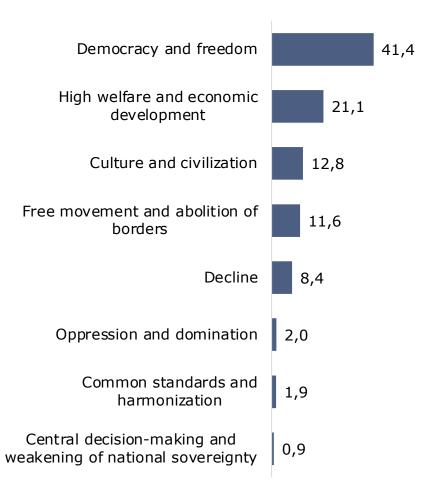
No idea; %8,8



#### Relations with the EU (4)

#### Association with the EU

Which of the following do you identify the EU with?





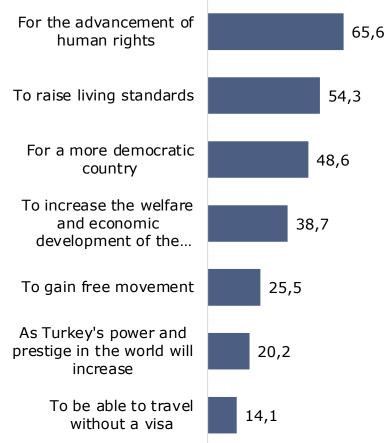


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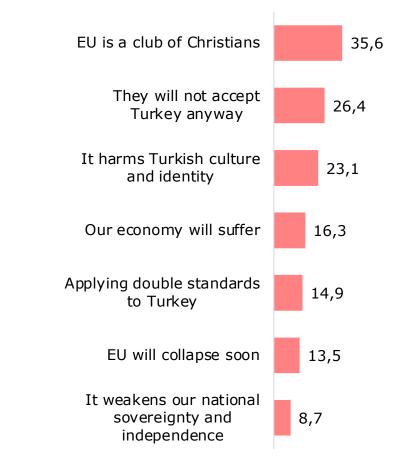
#### **Reasons for Saying YES**

Why do you support Turkey's European Union membership?



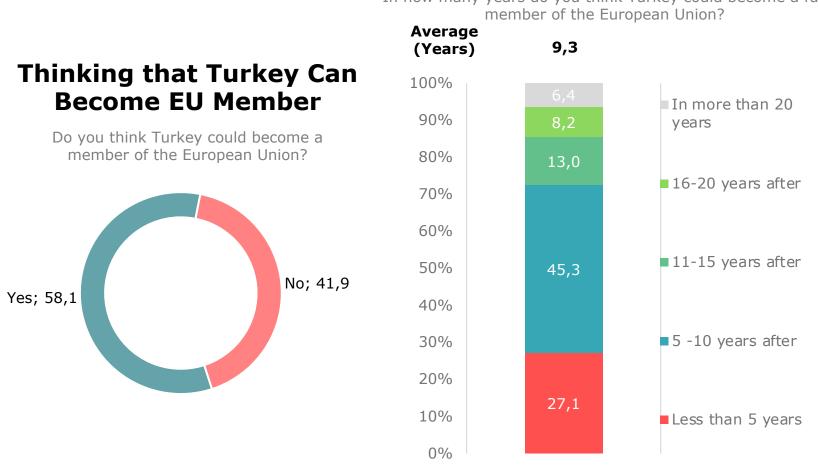
#### **Reasons for Saying NO**

What is your reason for not supporting Turkey's European Union membership?





#### Relations with the EU (6)



#### **Forecast for Turkey's EU Membership**

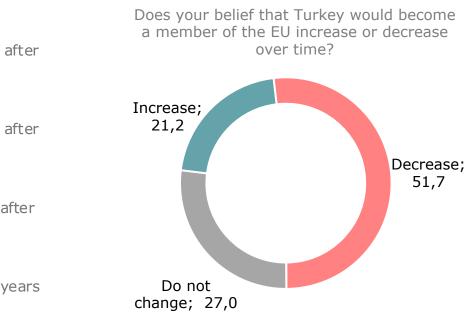
In how many years do you think Turkey could become a full

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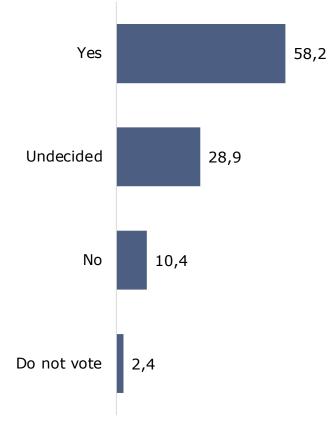
Change of Belief in EU **Membership** 





#### **Referendum for EU Membership**

How would you vote if a referendum held this weekend for Turkey's accession to the EU?



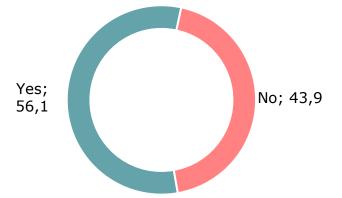


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#### Relations with the EU (8)

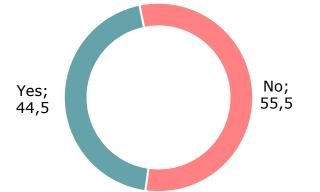
#### **Institutional Capacity and Trained Personal**

Do you believe that Turkey has the administrative and institutional capacity, and trained human resources to become a member of the EU?



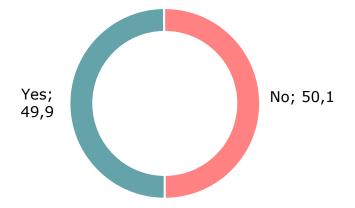
#### Level of Democracy and Human Rights

Do you believe that Turkey has reached the necessary level of democracy and human rights to become a member of the EU?



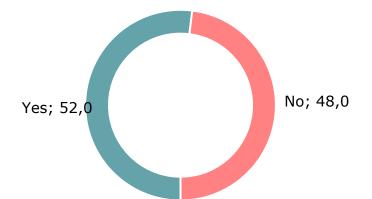
#### **Level of Economic Development**

Do you believe that Turkey has reached the necessary level of economic development to become a member of the EU?



#### Having done Enough?

Do you believe that Turkey has done its part to the extent it is necessary to become a member of the EU?





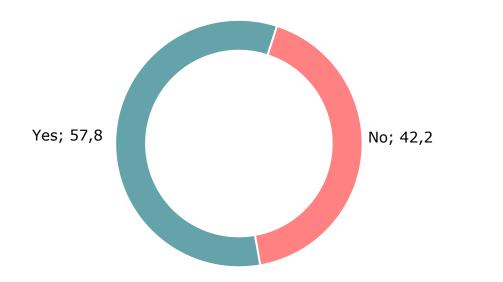
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#### Approval of Reforms in the EU Harmonization Process

Do you approve the reforms/changes Turkey has made in the process of harmonization with the EU?

#### **Evaluation Reforms in the EU** Harmonization Process

Do you find the reforms/changes implemented by Turkey in the process of harmonization with the EU sufficient?







Yes; 54,4

#### **Benefits of EU Membership to** Turkey

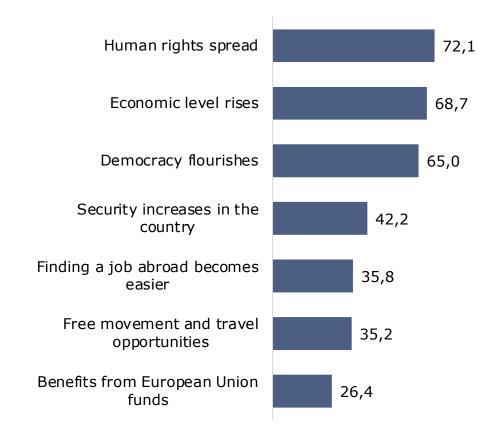
Do you think European Union membership will be beneficial to Turkey?

No; 34,7

No idea; 10,9

**Benefits of EU Membership to Turkey** 

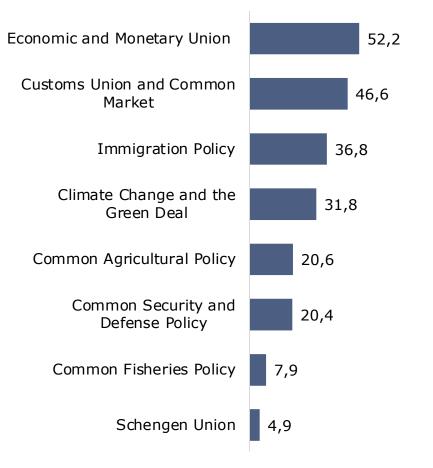
How would European Union membership benefit Turkey?





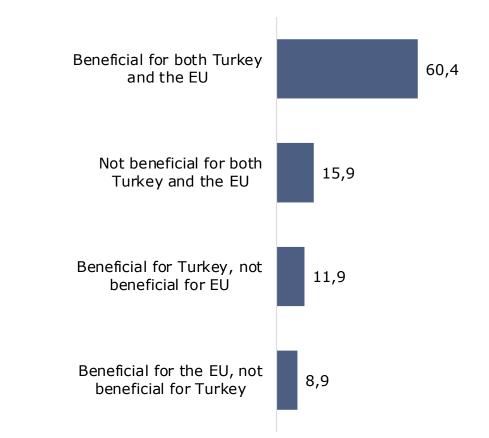
#### **Policies to Implement After EU Membership**

In your opinion, which of the following common policy areas should Turkey align itself if/when it becomes a member of the EU?



#### **Evaluation on Customs Union**

What do you think about the Customs Union between Turkey and the EU?



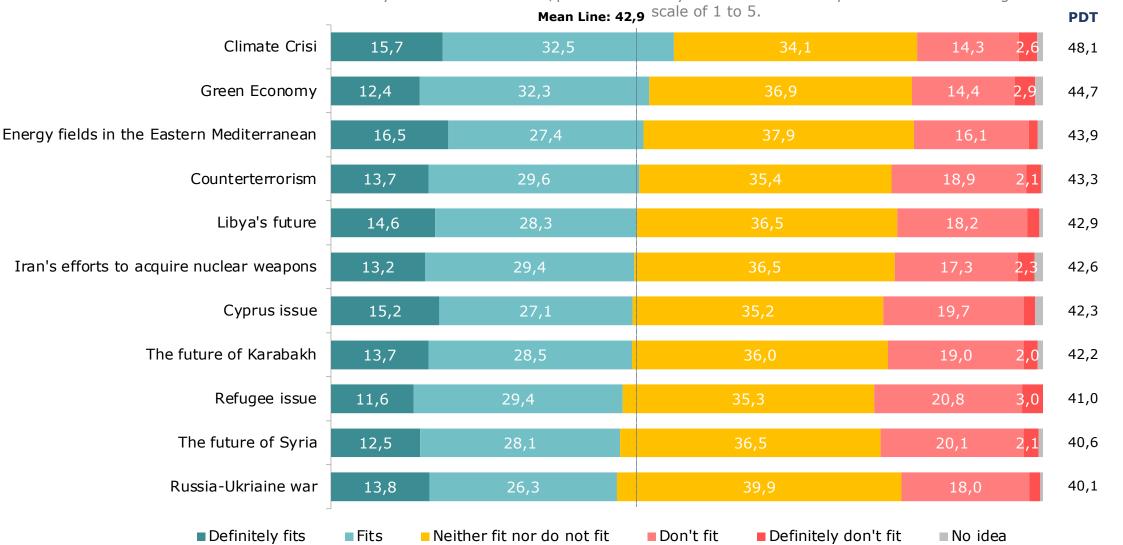


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#### Relations with the EU (12)

#### Alignment of Turkey's and EU's Interests/Policies

To what extent do you think the interests/policies of Turkey and the EU are compatible on the following issues? Indicate on a





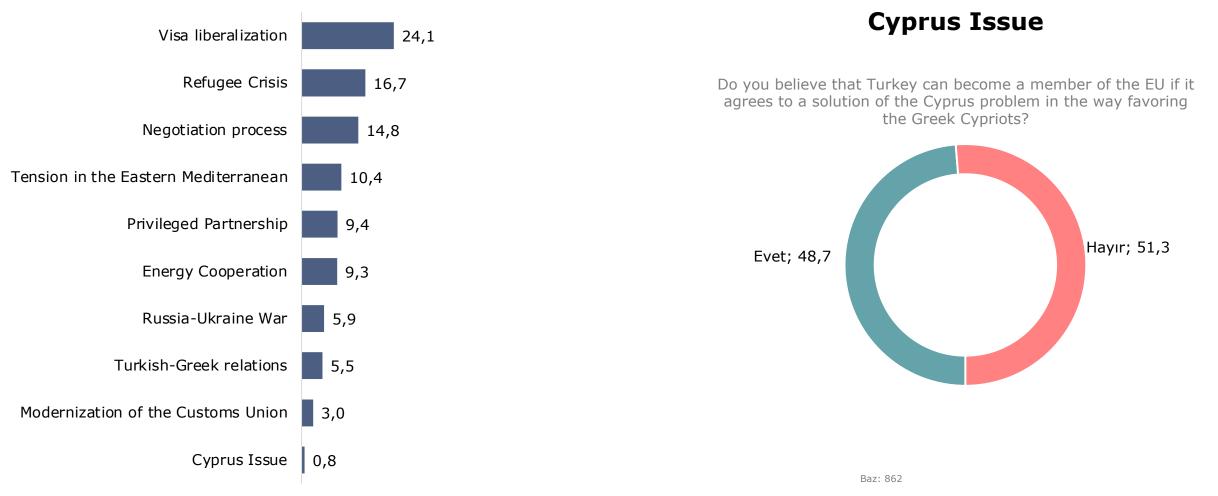
#### **Relations with the EU (13)**

Factors to Improve Tu Which of the following would make the most positiv current EU-Turkey	ve contribution to the development of the
Providing visa liberalization to Turks	20,0
Cooperation on immigrants and refugees	10,3
Resolving the Cyprus issue	9,7
Modernization of the Customs Union	9,3
EU countries do not applying double standards against Turkey	8,9
Increase in Turkey-EU trade	7,9
Turkey's turn towards democratic reforms	7,9
Increase in the number of tourists coming to Turkey from EU countries	7,4
The EU is not be a partf of Turkish-Greek relations and the Cyprus problem	6,3
Turkey changes its anti-terrorism law	4,1
Increasing cooperation in education and student exchange programs	3,8
Recovery of the Turkey's economy	2,3
The weakening of right-left populist parties in Europe	0,9
Harmonization of Turkey's foreign and security policies with the EU	0,8
Developing Turkey-France and Turkey-Germany relations	0,3



#### **Most Important Issue in Turkey-EU Relations**



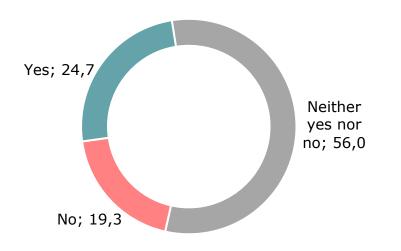




#### Relations with the EU (15)

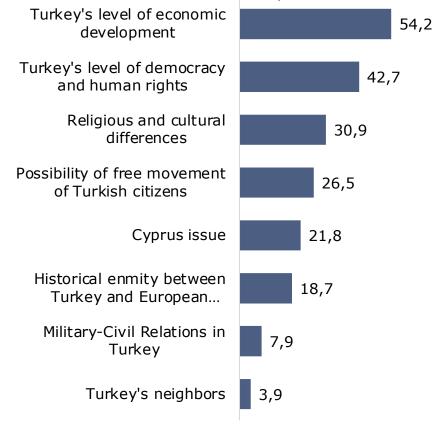
#### **EU's Sincerity Towards Turkey**

Do you think the European Union is sincere towards Turkey?



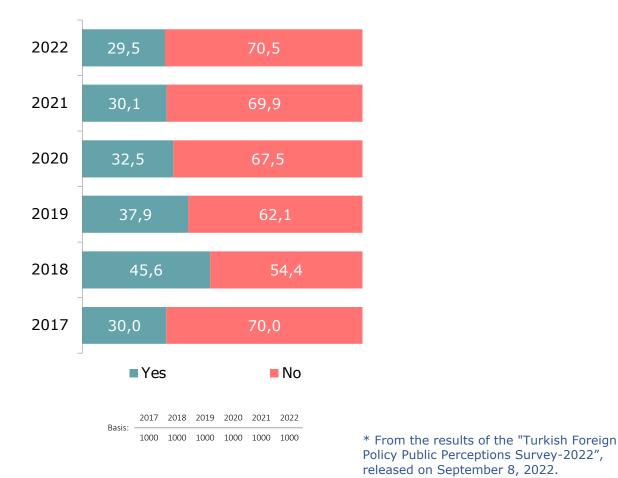
#### **Barriers to Turkey's EU Membership**

Which factor do you think constitute the biggest obstacle to Turkey's EU membership?





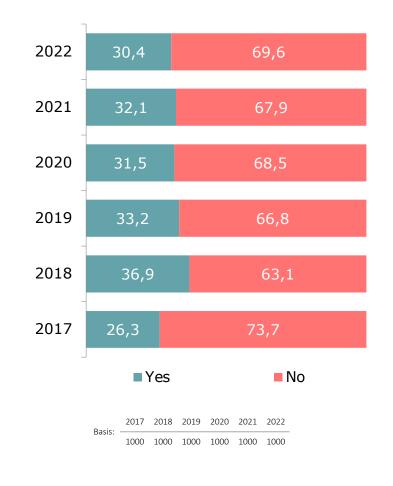
# Would the EU suspend the accession talks with Turkey?



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# Would Turkey suspend the accession talks with the EU?





#### **Support for Membership Negotiations**

What do you think about the EU membership negotiations under the current national and international circumstances?



Negotiation should continue

Negotiations should be suspended

Negotiations should be ended

 \* From the results of the "Turkish Foreign Policy Public Perceptions Survey-2022", released on September 8, 2022.

#### -By Party Affiliation-



Negotiation should continue

Negotiations should be suspended

Negotiations should be ended

Basis:		AK Party	CHP	MHP	HDP	İYİ Party
Dubibi	2022	369	197	97	98	84

#### **Relations with the EU (18)**

# Attributes of a possible new relationship model between Turkey and the EU ve Models in Which of the following(s) should be prioritized in a new relationship model between the EU and Turkey?

#### 2021 2020 2019 2018 2017 Deeper economic and trade 49,2 44,6 44,3 49,2 69,7 partnership within the Customs 53,8 Union Increased participation to EU's 30,3 36,8 48,5 42,4 55,6 socio-cultural and education 34,2 programs Increased coopertation 42,9 34,9 39,5 35,2 42,8 30,7 oncounterterrorism Turkey should be granted visa-27,4 30,1 44,3 25,5 27,3 27,5 freetravel Continued cooperation on 21,1 19,0 22,3 7,8 11,5 24,4 therefugee issues Increased cooperation on 21,8 18,2 23,4 22,8 security 27,1 34,6 32,6 Increased access to EU funds 22,2 Below %22,2 is not listed. Multiply Answers Basis 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

304

291

321

269

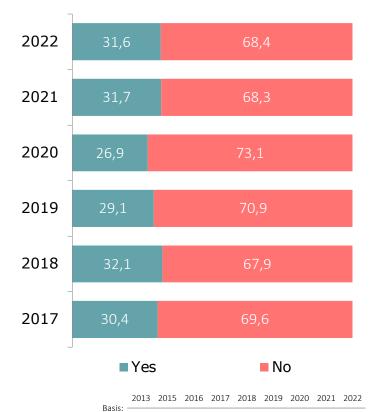
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#### Support for Alternative Models in Turkey-EU Relations

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Should Turkey and the EU establish an alternative model of relationship other than full membership?



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#### Relations with the EU (19)

#### **Alternatives for Turkey's EU Membership** Which of the following could be an alternative to Turkey for the EU Membership? 2021 2020 2019 2018 2017 2016 2015 2013 Being more active in the Organization for 10,0 12,3 11,4 15 17,6 17,6 14,2 12,6 20,4 Islamic Cooperation 20,2 14,2 18,1 14,1 27,6 14,8 11,2 12,3 Strategic cooperation with Russia 28,6 Improving relations with the NATO-USA 17,1 12,0 14,8 10,1 8,6 7,5 19,8 13,1 12,8 A Turkic Union should be established 12,1 9,2 23,2 27,8 15,9 11,5 9 Joining the Shanghai Cooperation Organization 10,4 12,0 7,4 8,8 12,1 13,1 6,8 4,9 9

In 2021 **%20,0;** in 2022 **%11,5** think that the EU membership has no alternative.

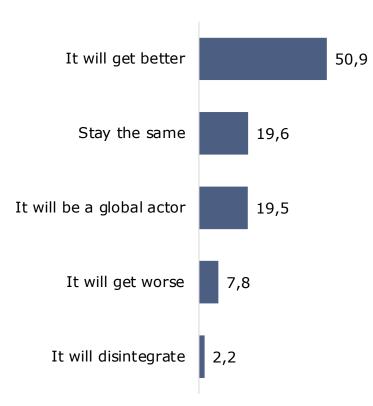
In 2021 %8,0; in 2022 %8,3 think that Turkey should not join any union.

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#### **Future of the European Union**

How do you evaluate the future of the European Union?



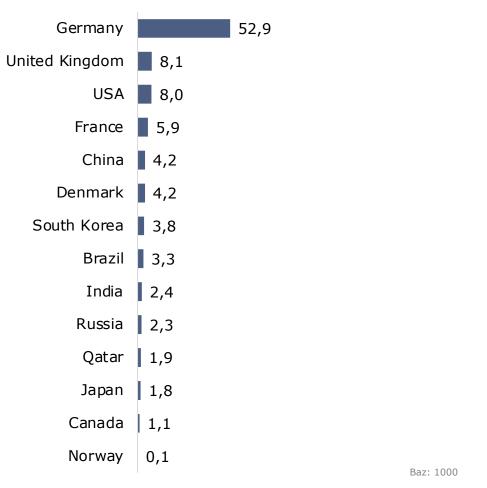
## **ECONOMIC DIMENSION**



#### Economic Dimension (1)

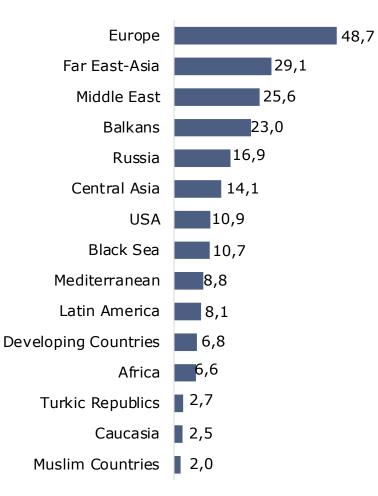
#### Most Important Economic Partner

Which country is Turkey's most important economic partner?



#### Economic/Commercial Relations Needed to Be Developed

In your opinion, with which of the following regions/countries Turkey should primarily develop its economic/commercial relations?





#### **Economic Dimension (2)**

#### **Evaluation on Economic Relations Between Turkey and European Countries**

#### -General-Which of the statements you see on the card

best explains in general your evaluation of the

economic relationship between Turkey and the

European countries?

#### -Five Years Later-

Which of the statements you see on the card best describes how the economic relationship between Turkey and Europe will be in 5 years?

#### -Reasons of those Who Think That Economic Relations Will not be Good

You stated that the economic relations between Turkey and Europe would not be good or moderately good in 5 years. Why do you think so?





#### **Economic Dimension (3)**

## Country sending most tourists to Turkey

Which European country do you think sends most tourists to Turkey?

Germany		52,2
Bulgaria	7,9	
Czechia	7,0	
Austria	6,4	
Spain	4,2	
Belgium	3,7	
United Kingdom	3,2	
Denmark	2,6	
France	2,5	
Finland	2,2	
Italy	2,1	
Netherlands	1,4	
Greece	1,1	
Luxembourg	0,8	
Poland	0,8	
Switzerland	0,7	
Norway	0,6	
Sweden	0,3	
Hungary	0,3	

## **Most Turkish Exports in Europe**

In your opinion, which country Turkey exports the most goods and services in Europe?

46,0

Germany	
Austria	5,8
Italy	5,4
Bulgaria	4,5
Spain	3,8
Czechia	3,7
France	3,3
Switzerland	3,1
Poland	3,1
United Kingdom	3,0
Netherlands	2,9
Norway	2,8
Luxembourg	2,6
Sweden	2,5
Greece	1,9
Denmark	1,8
Finland	1,8
Belgium	1,0
Hungary	1,0

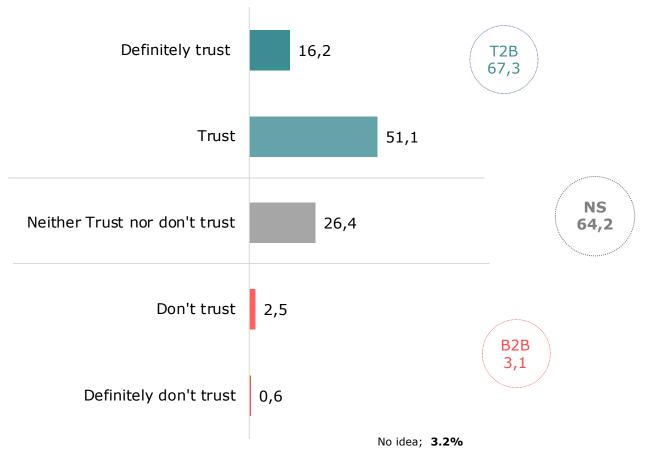
## **Most Imports from Europe**

In your opinion, which European country Turkey imports the most goods and services from?

Germany		45,0
France	6,4	
Austria	6,1	
Netherlands	4,3	
Czechia	∎ 4,2	
Bulgaria	3,9	
United Kingdom	3,9	
Italy	3,9	
Spain	2,9	
Switzerland	2,6	
Sweden	2,3	
Belgium	2,2	
Poland	2,2	
Denmark	1,9	
Finland	1,9	
Luxembourg	1,7	
Hungary	1,7	
Greece	1,5	
Norway	1,4	

## Level of Confidence in the Quality of Goods Produced in European Countries

To what extent do you trust the quality of the goods produced in European countries?





#### **Economic Dimension (5)**

## **Turkey's Economic Need for the EU**

Do you think Turkey needs the EU from an economic perspective?

## Areas in which Turkey Needs the EU Economically

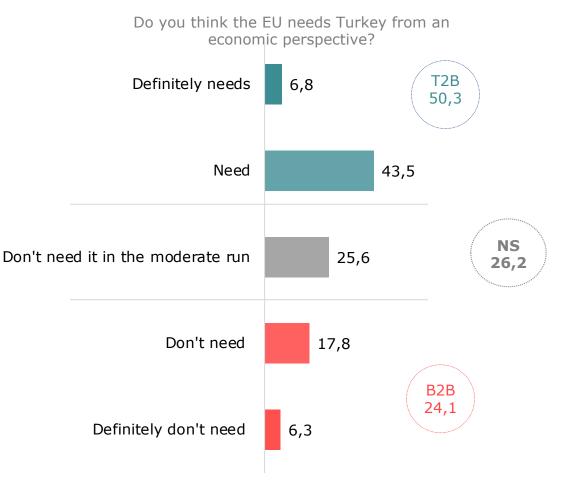
You stated that Turkey needs the EU economically. In which areas do you think Turkey needs the EU?





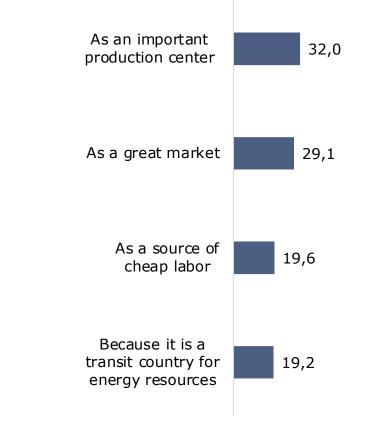
#### **Economic Dimension (6)**

## Whether the EU Needs Turkey Economically



## Areas where the EU needs Turkey Economically

You stated that the EU needs Turkey economically? In which areas do you think it needs it?

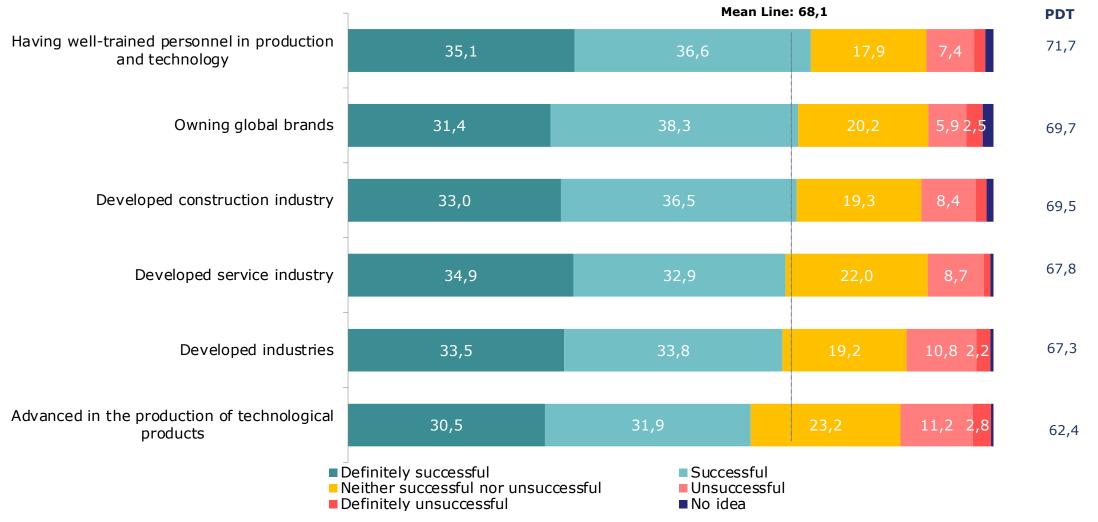




#### **Economic Dimension (7)**

## **Evaluations on the Business World**

How successful do you find European countries in general in terms of business-related characteristics that I will now list?

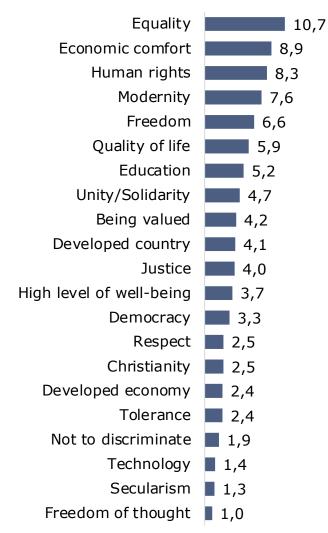


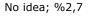
# SOCIAL-CULTURAL DIMENSION

#### Social-Cultural Dimension (1)

## **Association with "European Culture"**

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of European culture?





Below %1,3 is not listed.

\* This question is open-ended.

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#### Social-Cultural Dimension (2)

## Attractiveness of European Culture

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Could you tell me how attractive European culture is to you?



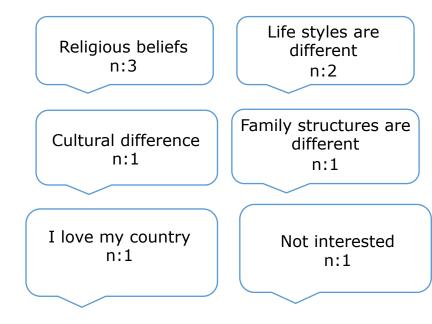
## **Reasons for Attractiveness**

You mentioned that European culture is attractive or very attractive to you. What aspect of the European culture appeals to you?

Modernity		31,0
Equality	12,1	
Being valued	9,7	
Human rights	9,7	
Quality of life	8,5	
Economic comfort	7,3	
Freedom	6,9	
High welfare level	6,0	
ot to discriminate	2,4	
Democracy	2,0	
Life styles	1,6	
Science	0,8	
Unity/solidarity	0,8	
eedom of thought	0,8	
ling without visas	0,8	
gh education level	0,4	Baz: 2

## Reasons for being unattractive

You mentioned that European culture does not appeal to you. What aspect of the European culture does not appeal to you?

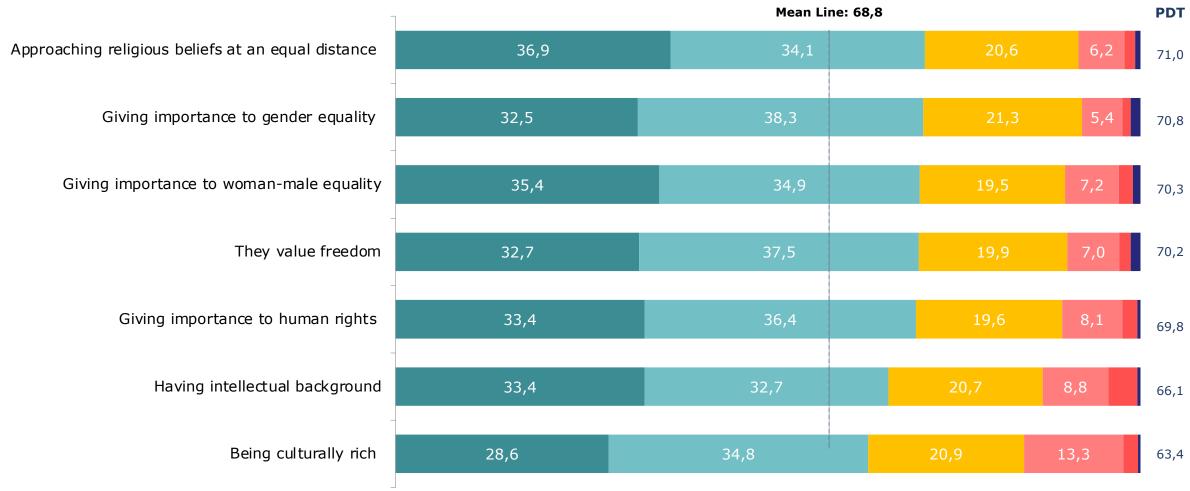




#### Social-Cultural Dimension (3)

## **Evaluating European Countries in Sociological and Cultural Perspectives**

How successful do you find European countries in terms of sociological and cultural characteristics that I will now list?



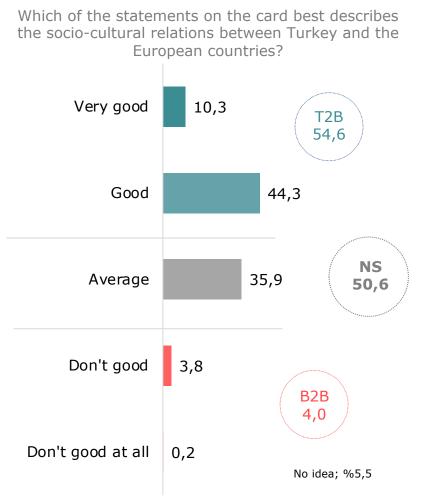
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Social-Cultural Dimension (4)

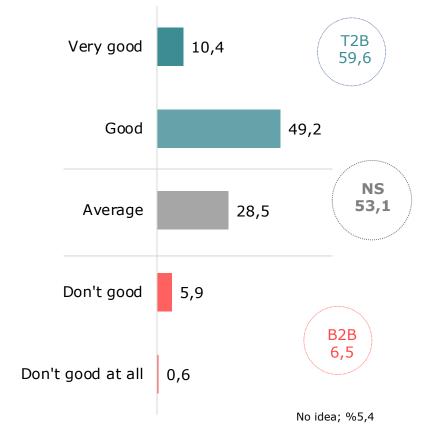
## **Evaluation on Socio-Cultural Relations Between Turkey and European Countries**

#### -General-



#### -Five Years Later-

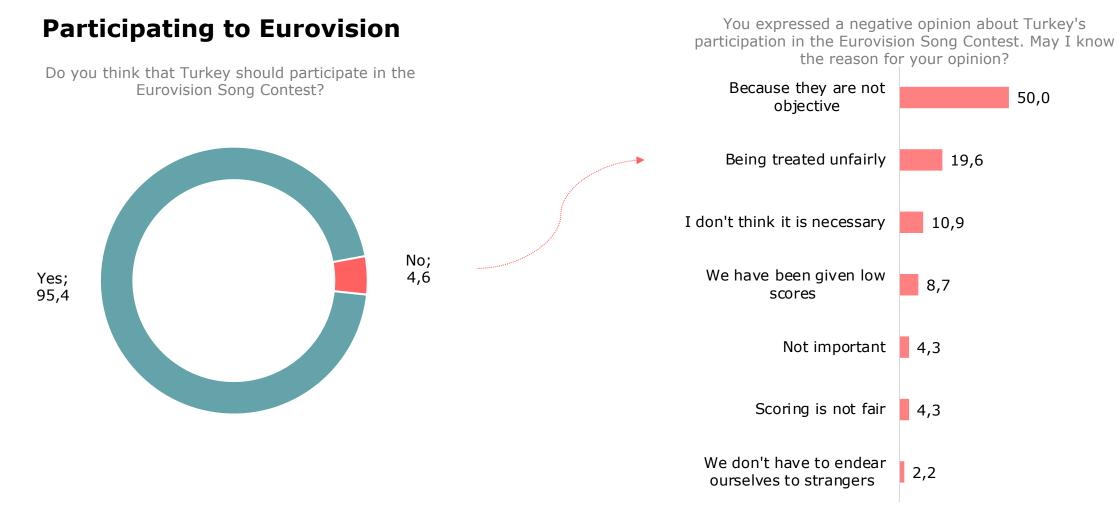
Which of the statements you see on the card best explains how you think the socio-cultural relations between Turkey and European countries will be in 5 years?





**Reasons for Not Participating** 

#### Social-Cultural Dimension (5)

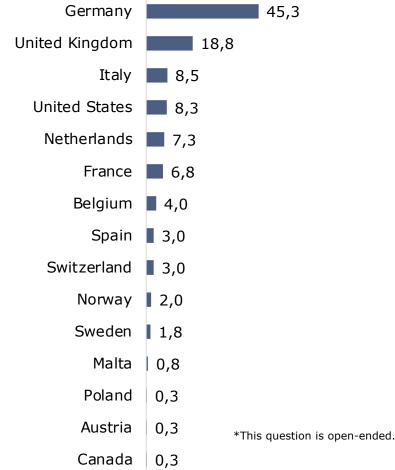




#### Social-Cultural Dimension (6)

## **Preferred European Country** for Study

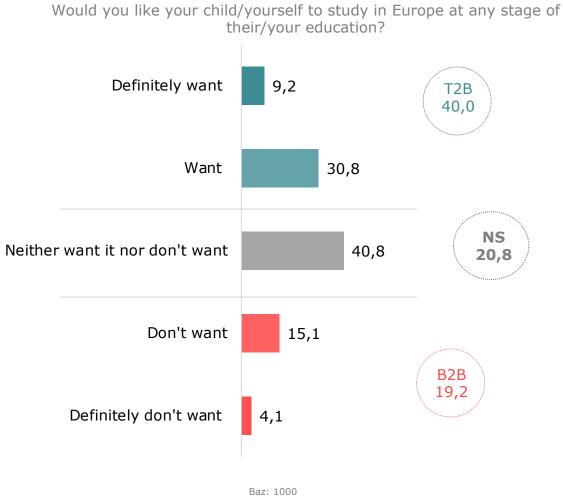
In which European country would you prefer your child to study?



## **Study in Europe**

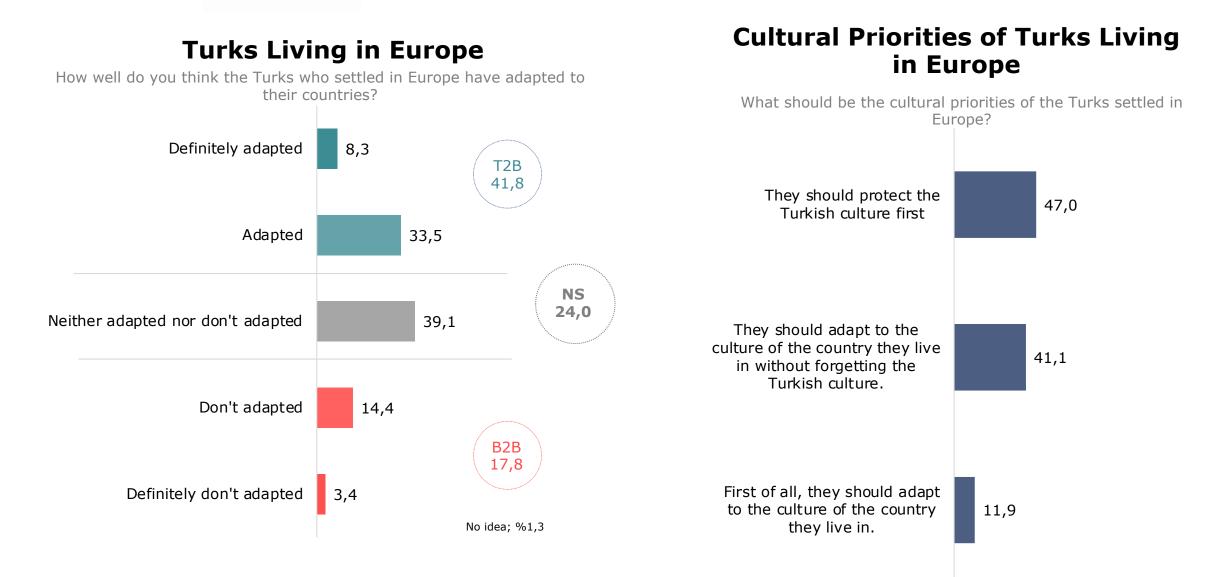
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#### Social-Cultural Dimension (7)



#### Social-Cultural Dimension (8)

■No idea

т			the Turks Living in		
-			following statements regarding t lean Line: 42,4	ine Turks settied in Europ	PDT
They are happy to live in Europe	12,9	40,2	35,4	8,1 2,3	53,1
Have a successful business life	14,6	36,8	35,4	10,2 2 <mark>,</mark> 1	51,4
They have made a good decision for themselves by immigrating to Europe	9,8	39,2	37,4	8,7 2,8	49,0
They make a great contribution to the European economy	12,9	32,3	36,9	13,7 4,1	45,2
They have fully adapted to the countries they are in	13,2	30,8	36,9	13,3 5,5	44,0
They are in a better position economically than those living in Turkey	13,3	30,7	39,7	10,4 5,5	44,0
They are generally accepted in Europe	13,1	28,4	45,8	10,2	41,5
Over time, they have to lose their Turkishness	11,3	25,5	42,3	15,2 5,0	36,8
They are constantly humiliated in the countries they are in	7,6	27,8	42,9	14,8 5,6	35,4
They face systematic discrimination	10,2	23,9	45,7	13,1 6,6	36,8
They are often excluded from the society in the countries they live in	9,4	23,0	45,9	14,7 6,4	32,4

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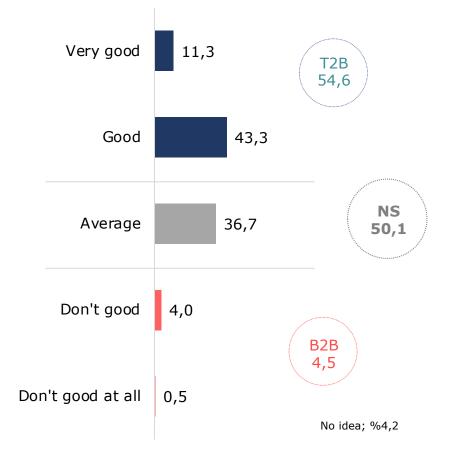
■ Definitely Agree ■ Agree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Disagree ■ Definitely disagree

# **NGO DIMENSION**



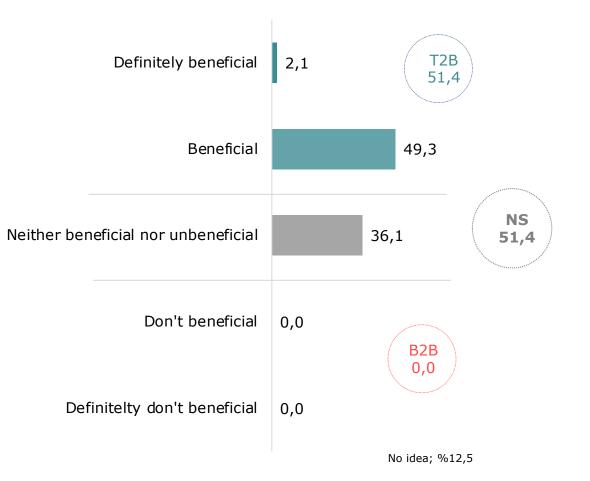
#### **Relations Between Turkey and European Countries in Civil Society Arena**

When you think about non-governmental organizations/foundations, which of the following statements describes the relations between Turkey and European countries?



## **European NGOs Working in Turkey**

How do you evaluate the European-origin civil society institutions operating in Turkey?





Definitely don't beneficial

NGO Dimension(2)

## Turkish Institutions Receiving Support from the EU Funds

How do you evaluate the support received by Turkish institutions from the EU funds?

# Definitely beneficial 2,2 T2B 49,1 Beneficial Beneficial 46,9 Neither beneficial nor unbeneficial Don't beneficial 9,2

7,5

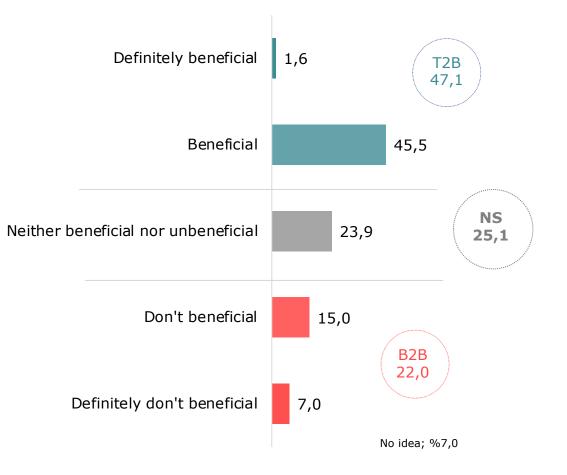
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16,7

No idea; %6,9

## Turkish Institutions Receiving Support from European Funds

How do you evaluate the support received by various Turkish institutions from Europe-based organizations?





European countries and Turkey

Turkey

cooperation

rights

decision makers in Turkey

countries

#### NGO Dimension (3)

## **Evaluation on the Activities of European NGOs in Turkey**

To what extent do you approve the following activities of the European-origin civil society institutions in Turkey?

Definitely positive

Positive

Mean Line: 52,7 **PDT** Studies that develop cultural relations between 62,9 19,6 43.3 21,6 4,8 8,2 Studies on the development of education in 55,5 15,1 40,4 3,0 13,7 54,8 Minority rights work 16,8 38,0 14,9 Their works describing Europe to Turkey 15,4 38,6 15,0 54,0 2,7 Studies that contribute to international 53,6 9,3 44,3 9,5 17,2 Their work supporting democracy and human 53,3 18.5 34.8 17,6 Their studies offering alternative policies to 53,3 17,5 35.8 15,0 2.952,5 Work on promoting gender equality 12.8 39,7 15,6 4.1 Their works describing Turkey to European 52,3 14,2 16,5 38,1 Works that support commercial and economic 13,2 49,9 36,7 6,2 3,7 18,2 relations between European countries and Turkey 37,6 Studies on the climate crisis 14,0 16,4 23,6 3.0 Neither positive nor negative Negative Definitely negative ■ No idea



#### NGO Dimension (4)

## **Evaluation on European Countries**

When you think of European countries in general, would you please indicate to what extent you agree with the statements I will read to you?



I would like to live in the same apartment with people from European countries.

I don't mind if a member of my family marries someone from European countries.

European countries are places I want to visit

I would like to work in the same workplace with people from European countries

I support all kinds of social activities with European countries

If I have the opportunity, I would like to live in European countries.

I support all kinds of commercial activities with European countries



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Thank you...

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