

**Question for written answer E-007556/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Turkey's bid for EU membership

Jean-Claude Juncker, President-designate of the Commission, has made it expressly clear that no further enlargement will take place under his presidency.

The year 2014 marks the 10th anniversary of the beginning of the accession negotiations with Turkey. In Mr Juncker's opinion, Turkey is 'clearly far away from EU membership'. However, the EU accession process remains the main driver of Turkey's political modernisation project. Negotiations must therefore continue.

How does the Commission intend to redress the course of negotiations with Turkey under its new leadership?

How does the EU intend to recover its leverage and press for reforms in Turkey in order to bring the country closer to EU values and norms?