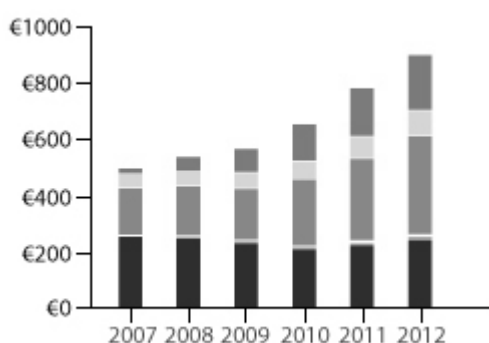


## Turkey - Financial Assistance

Component	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
■ Transition Assistance and Institution Building	256,7	256,1	233,2	211,3	230,6	250,9
■ Cross-border Co-operation	2,0	2,8	9,3	9,5	9,7	9,9
■ Regional Development	167,5	173,8	182,7	238,1	291,4	350,8
■ Human Resources Development	50,2	52,9	55,6	63,4	77,6	89,9
■ Rural Development	20,7	53,0	85,5	131,3	172,5	197,8
TOTAL	497,2	538,7	566,4	653,7	781,9	899,5



Since 2007, Turkey is receiving EU financial aid under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA). The allocation for 2008 totals € 538.7 million.

IPA assistance is deployed in accordance with the strategy that was established in the Turkey Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document (MIPD) for 2007-2009, which was updated in 2008 and now covers the period 2008-2010.

IPA assistance to Turkey is implemented under decentralised management according to the **five IPA components** available to Candidate Countries and builds on assistance provided to Turkey under the previous financial instruments, the MEDA Programme (1996-2001) and the Turkey pre-accession assistance instrument (2002-2006).

Further examples of EU-assisted projects can be found on the [selected projects](#) webpage.

Annual or multi-annual programmes (depending on the component) are designed in accordance with the strategic MIPDs. They are adopted by the Commission following consultation with the beneficiary countries and other stakeholders. They are implemented in one of three ways: by centralised assistance is managed by the Commission Headquarters in Brussels, decentralised assistance is managed by the authorities of the beneficiary country as a result of an accreditation process carried out by the Commission or shared assistance is managed by the authorities of one of the Member States participating in the cross-border programme management.

In the past, the EU has provided support to Turkey under a variety of financial instruments, including Community Assistance for Reconstruction, Development and Stabilisation (CARDS) (programming years: 2001-2004), **Phare** and **ISPA** (2005-2006) as well as **SAPARD** (2006).

### IPA Component I: Institution building

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The objective of the Multi-Beneficiary programmes is to address common needs across several IPA beneficiaries and seek to attain efficiencies and economies in implementation by providing centrally managed and/or jointly managed assistance with international organisations rather than by implementing the programmes nationally.

#### **IPA Component II: Cross- border cooperation**

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IPA 2007 and 2008 programmes support cooperation between Turkey and Bulgaria as well as Turkey's participation in the Black Sea basin Programme under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI).

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