

# Turkey's National Action Plan for the EU Accession (Phase 1)

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## **Chapter 23: Judiciary and Fundamental Rights**

*The official Screening Report of the Chapter on Judiciary and Fundamental Rights has not yet been submitted to Turkey.*

- Turkey provides the Commission with a **Judicial Reform Strategy** with a view to further strengthening the independence, impartiality and efficiency of the judiciary. The Strategy should outline concrete measures for ensuring the achievement of the objectives set.
- Turkey provides the Commission with an **Anti-corruption Strategy** with a view to establishing an effective legal and institutional framework for further fighting corruption. The Strategy should outline concrete measures for ensuring the achievement of the objectives set and should include an analysis of the effectiveness of legislation on financing of political parties and election campaigns in addressing corruption.
- Turkey provides the Commission with an action plan for the further **implementation of legislation on fundamental rights** with a view to achieving full observance of these rights in practice. The action plan should include measures that would ultimately secure the full respect of the rights and the freedoms guaranteed under the ECHR and the case-law of the ECtHR including legislative measures, as necessary.
- Turkey establishes both an **Ombudsman system** and an independent, adequately resourced national **human rights institution** in accordance with relevant UN principles.
- Turkey revises its legislation on **freedom of expression** and on foundations in line with ECHR and the case of the ECtHR.
- Turkey ratifies the **Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture (OPCAT)**.

## **Chapter 24: Justice, Freedom and Security**

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- In the context of the Action Plan for the alignment with the acquis on migration and asylum, Turkey should adopt a detailed **roadmap for legislative alignment and institutional enhancement** (including recruitment and training of specialised staff) to upgrade considerably the infrastructure required to accommodate asylum seekers, refugees and irregular migrants waiting for their return.
- Turkey should complement its **Integrated Border Management Action Plan** with a roadmap containing concrete actions, targets, realistic deadlines, responsible authorities and an estimated budget for each of the actions requiring important investments. The roadmap should cover issues related to enhancing inter-agency co-operation, legislative alignment, institution building - including as a final aim to have a professional body in charge of the control and surveillance of Turkey's borders - and an appropriate human resources policy.
- Turkey should pursue **readmission negotiations** with the European Commission at a steady pace in view of concluding them.
- Turkey should adopt a multi-annual and multi-disciplinary strategy to **fight organised crime**, in line with the EU strategic concept on tackling organised crime.

### **Chapter 30: External Relations**

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- Turkey should be making full use of consultation mechanism of the **Customs Union**. Making consultations with a view to ensuring coherence of Turkey's position with European Union in multilateral negotiations, in particular in the World Trade Organizations, on trade in goods.

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