

I. Research policy in general and funding programmes

Is Turkey having a general Science and Research policy and how is it designed:

- who is overall responsible for research policy: which Ministry/department or other institution?
- how is it designed: inter-ministerial? stakeholder's consultation?
- under which form: law, Action Plan (with reference to legal act/text, if possible);
- how often reviewed/updated?

Funding of research projects:

- who is doing it: specific agency; centralised/decentralised system?
- how is money being allocated: specific criteria and procedures (open calls, specific support measures)?
- ratio of allocation of money institutes, universities and industry, if possible (for last 3 years)?

Implementation of EU research Framework Programme(s):

- who is responsible for EU research framework: is there a special department or contact point?
- which administrative bodies are assisting in implementing the EU research programmes: how many contact points? Centralised/decentralised?

II. International Agreements on Science and Technology Cooperation

- Can Turkey provide, for information purposes, a list of bilateral, regional and or multilateral agreements it has with third countries?
- Can it give brief outline of the content and aim of these agreements?

III. Research Fund for Coal and Steel

- Is Turkey having research in steel: how important is research for its industry?
- Is Turkey having coal research?

IV. Other actions supporting research policy in broad sense

Actions relating to 3% objective:

- which initiatives have Turkey taken to improve role and importance of research in general and more specifically as a means to sustain economic development and the so-called Lisbon strategy?
- Has Turkey identified an R&D investment target by 2010?
- Has Turkey considered measures to increase investment in research such as fiscal incentives? Facilitating partnership between public and private sector? Facilitating access to risk capital for young/innovative enterprises? And if so, how is it taken or envisaged?
- Has Turkey taken any step in order to participate in the open method of coordination put in place by CREST?

Actions relating to mobility of researchers:

- Has Turkey taken measures to support research careers?
- Has Turkey taken measures to facilitate mobility of researchers?
- Has Turkey taken measures to attract students to study sciences, including from socially disadvantaged groups?

Actions relating to Science and Society:

- Is the “science & society” dimension of the government-led research policy given any administrative existence and resources, such as being assigned to the responsibility of a specific ministerial department?
- Are specific actions considered to raise awareness and improve understanding of science by citizens?
- Is the University sector developing its own best practice towards a higher level of communication with the public (from associations and interest groups to public policy decision-makers)?
- Is publicly-funded research in Turkey subject to specific ethical rules, in particular, sensitive areas such as life sciences, health research, nanotechnologies or information society?
- What are the existing provisions, at State or at every institution level, allowing that the ethical requirements for participation in the EU Framework Programme be fulfilled (relevant national laws and codes of conduct, national/institutional ethical committees habilitated to provide clearance to research proposals)?

- Is the Parliament of the Republic of Turkey pronouncing opinions, resolutions etc, with particular attention to e.g. science education, public engagement along the new research and innovation pathways, the quality and diversity of the human potential in the national research system, openness of science-based controversies or ethical questions to the democratic debate?

- Is Turkey considering the question of women and sciences, with a view to balancing gender in research and to facilitating the access of women to positions of higher responsibility?

- Can Turkey give an indication on how many women are involved in research?

V. Other specific areas/concerns

- Is Turkey anticipating any difficulty on any of the specific actions explained to it in terms of absorption capacity?