

50 years

9 MAY 1950
Schuman Declaration: The first proposal of the idea of the EU.



25 MARCH 1957
The Treaty of Rome establishing European Economic Community (EEC) and European Atomic Energy Community was signed.



12 SEPTEMBER 1963
Ankara Agreement was signed between Turkey and the EEC.



JULY 1966
IKV officially came into operation. Turkey's first and oldest library for EU studies was established.



1967
IKV's first publication: "France's Planning Experience".



23 NOVEMBER 1970
Additional Protocol of Ankara Agreement was signed between Turkey and the EEC.



1973
IKV's new logo was launched.



FEBRUARY 1974
The Turkish Cypriot Delegates took part in the application process of the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce to the EEC Permanent Conference of Chambers of Commerce and Industry with the initiative taken by IKV.



1976
Ertuğrul Soysal was appointed as IKV Chairman.

1 MARCH 1979
Basri Öztekin was appointed as IKV Chairman.



29 NOVEMBER 1980
Turkey was represented by IKV's Vice-President and the first Turkish Member of the European Roundtable of Industrialists Group Jak Kamhi at the EEC Permanent Conference of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.



1981
IKV's new logo was launched.



15 DECEMBER 1981
IKV was confirmed as one of the organisations specialised on the EEC under the Decision No. 8/3967 of the Council of Ministers in Turkey.



1983
Asım Kocabiyik was appointed as IKV Chairman.



1985
IKV's new logo was launched.

16 SEPTEMBER 1986
The normalisation process of the suspended Turkey-EEC relations since the 1980 military intervention started.

1987
The then Minister of State Prof. Ali Bozer asked the support of IKV while facing resistance in Turkey's membership application to the EEC.



25 MAY 1987
Jak Kamhi was appointed as IKV Chairman.

SEPTEMBER 1988
A special issue of IKV Journal was published commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Ankara Agreement.



16 NOVEMBER 1990
IKV Chairman Jak Kamhi and a delegation consisting of representatives of the private sector had various meetings in Brussels.



24 DECEMBER 1992
Sedat Aroglu was appointed as IKV Chairman.



12 SEPTEMBER 1993
A special issue of IKV Journal was published commemorating the 30th Anniversary of Ankara Agreement.

1994
IKV launched a consultancy programme for Europartenariat projects.



1 JANUARY 1995
The fourth enlargement of the EU: Austria, Finland and Sweden joined the Union.



6 MARCH 1995
Customs Union was established within the framework of the Turkey-EU Association Council Decision No. 1/95.



6 DECEMBER 1995
Meral Gezgin Eriş was appointed as IKV Chairwoman.



12-13 DECEMBER 1997
Turkey suspended its political dialogue with the EU at the Luxembourg Summit in which Turkey was excluded from the list of ten candidate countries.

1 MAY 1999
The Treaty of Amsterdam: Strengthening decision-making mechanism, membership criteria of fundamental rights and freedoms.



4 JULY 2000
The Secretariat General for EU Affairs was founded by the Turkish Prime Ministry (Law No. 4587).



1950



18 APRIL 1951
The European Coal and Steel Community established: West Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

31 JULY 1959
Turkey applied for associate membership of the EEC.



26 NOVEMBER 1965
IKV was established under the name of "Economic Development Facility" by ITO Chairman Behçet Osmanağaoğlu and ISO Chairman Fazıl Zobu.



1967
IKV's first brochure: "Common Market and Turkey"
"Economic Development Facility is ready to inform industrialists and traders on development, industrialisation and Common Market issues".



1969
TOBB joined Economic Development Facility's group of trustees which was renamed under the Law No. 903 as the "Economic Development Foundation".



19 FEBRUARY 1971
The Secretary-General of the European Commission M. Emile Noël gave a speech on "The EEC and Turkey-Common Market Relations in the Second Period of the Association Process" at IKV's conference.



1 JANUARY 1973
The first enlargement of the EU towards Northern Europe: Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom joined the Union.



JUNE 1974
IKV's first newsletter: "Common Market News".

11 MARCH 1978
IKV began to organise specialised courses on the EEC.



17 APRIL 1980
At IKV's 16th General Council Meeting, IKV's Honorary Membership was granted to the President of the European Commission Jean Rey (1967-1970).



1 JANUARY 1981
The second enlargement of the EU towards Southern Europe: Greece joined the Union.



MARCH 1981
The first issue of IKV Journal was published.



1982
Refik Baydur was appointed as IKV Chairman.



1984
IKV's Brussels Office was established as the first representation of Turkish private sector in Belgium.



1 JANUARY 1986
The third enlargement of the EU: Spain and Portugal joined the Union.



17 OCTOBER 1986
The State Ministry responsible for Turkey-EEC relations was founded and Prof. Ali Bozer was appointed as Minister of State.



14 APRIL 1987
Turkey's membership application to the Association Council was presented by Minister of State Prof. Ali Bozer at 08.30 to the then President of the Council and Belgian Minister for External Relations Leo Tindemans and President of the European Commission Jacques Delors.



1 JULY 1987
The first step of "deepening" process of the EU: Thanks to the Single European Act which established "Single Market".



7 FEBRUARY 1992
From the EEC to the EU; the Maastricht Agreement: EU based on three pillars; the first step in establishing political union, common economic, security and defense policy and strengthening EU citizenship.

22 JUNE 1993
The enlargement of the EU towards Central and Eastern Europe was confirmed at the Copenhagen Summit and the Copenhagen Criteria were defined as membership benchmarks for candidate countries.



1994
Sir Leon Brittan, the European Commission Deputy Chairman, spoke at IKV's conference titled "Effects of Customs Union on Turkey's Economy".



1 JANUARY 1995
IKV's new logo was launched.



26 MARCH 1995
Schengen Agreement entered into force.



21 MARCH 1997
A joint declaration was published to submit to the Amsterdam Summit in the first meeting of the European National Consultative Council convened by IKV and Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee.



4 NOVEMBER 1998
The first Progress Report on Turkey was published by the European Commission.



11-12 DECEMBER 1999
Turkey's candidate status was officially recognized by the EU at the Helsinki Summit.

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2000

5 JUNE 2002
In the first meeting of Turkey Platform organised by IKV and TOBB, the first common declaration was prepared echoing the message "Turkey's place is in the EU. We have no time to lose".



27 NOVEMBER 2002
The second declaration of the Platform containing "Turkey proved her decisiveness. It is now EU's turn" was submitted to Brussels.



19 APRIL 2003
EU Harmonisation Commission in the Grand National Assembly of Turkey was established.



1 MAY 2004
The most comprehensive enlargement process of the EU: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, the Greek Cypriot Administration of Southern Cyprus, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia joined the Union.



24 MARCH 2001
The first Accession Partnership Document for Turkey was adopted by the European Council.

7 OCTOBER 2002
In the second meeting of the Turkey Platform held in Istanbul, the common declaration containing the message "Turkey proved her decisiveness. It is now EU's turn" was submitted to the EU.



12 MARCH 2003
Davut Ökütçü was appointed as IKV Chairman.



2004
IKV's "Horizontal Effects of the Acquis on the Leading Turkish Business Sectors" Project was chosen as the most influential project funded by an EU programme.



JUNE 2004
Within the framework of the European Data Bridges Programme, IKV's "Turkey-EU Seminars Before the Accession Process" projects were completed in 24 provinces.



10 DECEMBER 2004
The third declaration of the Turkey Platform was announced in Brussels under the heading "Turkey kept its word. Now it's the EU's turn".



2005
IKV's weekly online newsletter was launched.



29 JULY 2005
Turkey signed the "Additional Protocol" which extends the Ankara Agreement to ten new Member States.



9 NOVEMBER 2005
European Commission released the Progress Report on Turkey which indicates that political criteria are sufficiently met, noting the need to work on the implementation of reforms.



9 JUNE 2006
A special documentary on the occasion of IKV's 40th Anniversary was presented by Mehmet Ali Birand.



11 DECEMBER 2006
The EU General Affairs Council, with the recommendation of the Commission dated 9 November 2006, declared that until the commitments of the Additional Protocol are fulfilled by Turkey, 8 chapters are not to be opened and no chapter is to be provisionally closed.



1 JANUARY 2007
The sixth enlargement of the EU: Bulgaria and Romania joined the EU.



27 MAY 2007
The project of strengthening impact analysis capacity of the Turkish business community within the framework of Turkey's EU negotiations process was launched by Minister of State Ali Babacan.



DECEMBER 2007
IKV, on behalf of the Turkish civil society, submitted a declaration to the European Council to protest the withdrawal of the term "accession" from the Council conclusions.



8 FEBRUARY 2006
Turkey was introduced to the concept of impact analysis into the EU negotiation process at IKV's seminars on "Regulatory Impact Analysis in the Negotiations Process".



17 APRIL 2007
Turkey's Programme for Alignment with the EU Acquis was published.



11 JULY 2007
In cooperation with TOBB, the first meeting of IKV's "Window to Turkey" Project was introduced.



Chapters opened to negotiations between March-December 2007:
"Enterprise and Industrial Policy" (29 March 2007)
"Statistics" and "Financial Control" (26 June 2007)
"Consumer and Health Protection" and "Trans-European Networks" (19 December 2007)

Chapters opened to negotiations between June-December 2008:
"Company Law" and "Intellectual Property Law" (17 June 2008)
"Free Movement of Capital" (18 December 2008)
"Information Society and Media" (19 December 2008)

Chapters opened to negotiations between June-December 2009:
"Taxation" (30 June 2009)
"Environment" (21 December 2009)

Chapter opened to negotiations in 2010:
"Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy" (30 June 2010)

2010

FEBRUARY 2008
IKV's "ABC Project" training on EU accession process was launched with the participation of approximately 130 teachers.



1 DECEMBER 2009
From the three pillar structure to a "single legal structure";
The Treaty of Lisbon: A more efficient, transparent and democratic EU.



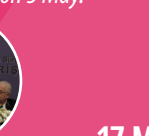
2010
IKV's monthly Journal "IKV Dergisi" which reaches almost 3000 readers every month relaunched and is also available on IKV's new website.



17 MAY 2012
The "Positive Agenda" was launched between Turkey and the EU.



22 APRIL 2011
With the leadership of IKV and TAV, "Civil Society Platform in Turkey's EU Accession Process" was established in Istanbul. A joint declaration was submitted to the EP on 3 May.



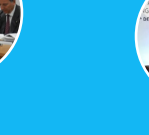
29 JUNE 2011
Egemen Bağış took office as Turkey's Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator.



7 MAY 2013
The 50th Anniversary of Turkey-EU relations.
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy and former Commissioner Franco Frattini and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey and former Turkish Parliament President Hikmet Çetin attended IKV's special conference on Turkey-EU relations.



16 DECEMBER 2013
The Readmission Agreement was signed and the Visa Liberalisation Dialogue was launched between Turkey and the EU.



2014
IKV launched FTA Information and Capacity Building Center Project and its first meeting was held on 21 April.



4 AUGUST 2014
IKV's website (www.ikv.org.tr) was relaunched with its new version.



NOVEMBER 2014
IKV's English newsletter "IKV Monthly" was launched.



9 MAY 2015
IKV celebrated its 50th Anniversary with the participation of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.



28 AUGUST 2015
In the Interim Government, Ali Haydar Konca was appointed as Minister for EU Affairs.



22 SEPTEMBER 2015
Prof. Beril Dedeoğlu took office as Minister for EU Affairs in the Interim Government.



24 NOVEMBER 2015
Ambassador Volkan Bozkır took office as Minister for EU affairs and Chief Negotiator.



2 FEBRUARY 2016
IKV took part in the Support to the EU Information Centres Network Project by taking charge of the Istanbul EU Information Centre Network.



25 MAY 2016
Ömer Çelik took over the EU Ministry from his predecessor H.E. Ambassador Bozkır.



MARCH 2015
The 200th issue of IKV Journal was published.



6 JULY 2015
Ayhan Zeytinoglu was appointed as IKV Chairman.



15-16 SEPTEMBER 2015
IKV's term as Chair of C20 Turkey Steering Committee was successfully completed.



10 NOVEMBER 2015
European Commission's Turkey Progress Report was published in a new format.



29 NOVEMBER 2015
At the Turkey-EU Summit, EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan on refugees was approved.



17-18 MARCH 2016
Turkey and the EU agreed on measures to end irregular migration from Turkey to the EU.



Chapter opened to negotiations in 2015:
"Economic and Monetary Policy" (14 December 2015)

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