



Turkey 2023: A Trilateral Task Force

Turkey 2023 is a new project to outline a long-term prosperity vision for Turkey, explore its role in Europe and the transatlantic relationship, assess the state of the Republic and its institutions one hundred years after its foundation, and examine its position in the region and the world.

The project is based around an expert trilateral task force assembled by the [Center for American Progress](#) (Washington), the [Istanbul Policy Center](#) (Istanbul), and [Istituto Affari Internazionali](#) (Rome). The task force brings together a group of respected scholars several times a year for discussions to explore the challenges of inclusive growth, regional crises, and global relationships, including prospects for EU membership and global integration. The findings and recommendations from these workshops will be compiled in several policy papers in 2016 and 2017, versions of which we will be sharing through events and social media outreach.

For more information please see our Medium page: https://medium.com/@Turkey_2023 and Twitter handle: https://twitter.com/Turkey_2023.

After initial meetings in Istanbul in January, the Task Force has developed an economic roadmap for Turkey through 2023. This economic paper addresses ideas of inclusive growth, income inequality, shared prosperity, equal citizenship, and sustainable investment strategies. We hope to identify ways in which the EU and the U.S. can support Turkey along this path.

This effort is particularly timely, the momentum generated by the 2000 economic reforms has waned in recent years, punctuated by the global financial crisis. Persistent questions around the rule of law—including with regard to property rights—are affecting the investment appetite. Currently, public finances are decreasing, and the country's structural debt is growing, forcing stopgap measures, and the current accounts deficit remains stubbornly high. Now more than ever, attention must focus on how Turkey can build competitive advantages in the areas of infrastructure, education, quality of labor, and the sustainability of investment flows.

The Task Force

Turkey and Europe have a wealth of human capital—there is no shortage of expertise on Turkey and its ties to Europe given their long history together. But the *Turkey 2023 Trilateral Task Force* aims to bring together a new generation of scholars and policy experts to tackle the long-term challenges facing Turkey's integration with Europe. Here are some of the experts involved.



The Turkey 2023 Trilateral Task Force Chairs:

Fuat Keyman, Director of Istanbul Policy Center and Professor of International Relations at Sabancı University

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Josef Janning, Head and Senior Policy Fellow at the Berlin Office of the European Council on Foreign Relations and former Director of Studies at the European Policy Centre (EPC) in Brussels

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Amb. Marc Pierini, Visiting Scholar at Carnegie Europe, focusing on developments in the Middle East and Turkey from a European perspective; Pierini served as EU ambassador and head of delegation to Turkey (2006–2011)



Onur Sazak, Research and Academic Affairs Manager at Istanbul Policy Center; BA in International Relations and MA in International Economic Relations from American University in Washington, D.C.

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Expert Working Group 1—Long-Term Economic Growth:

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İzak Atiyas, IPC, Sabancı University, Director of TÜSİAD-Sabancı University Competitiveness Forum; focuses on productivity, industrial policy, competition policy, regulation of network industries and privatization

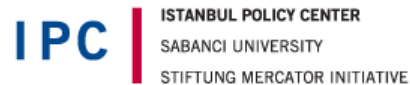
Sebnem Kalemli-Ozcan, Professor of Economics, University of Maryland; PhD from Brown University; specializes in international macroeconomics, finance and growth, with current research on linkages between real and financial sectors in a globalized economy and the effects on economic fluctuations and development

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Mustafa Kutlay, TOBB University of Economics and Technology, specializes in international comparative political economy, European and Turkish political economy, emerging/regional powers; he is also the director of European studies center at USAK, an Ankara-based Turkish think tank

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