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Turkish EU Membership. A Lost Opportunity?

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Turkey. The Gateway to the East.

Neighbours:

Bulgaria
Georgia
Armenia
Iran
Iraq
Syria
(Cyprus)
(Greece)

Turkish oil and gas pipelines





Turks in Europe

Germany 2,200,000

France 700,000

Netherlands 420,000

UK 400,000

Belgium 240,000

Switzerland 130,000

TOTAL 6,500,000

Turkish EU Accession Chapters



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY FOR EU AFFAIRS
CURRENT SITUATION IN ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS
(30 June 2016)

| OPENED CHAPTERS | | 8 CHAPTERS OF WHICH OPENING BENCHMARK IS ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL | |
|---|--|--|--|
| 25 | SCIENCE AND RESEARCH (Provisionally closed) | 1 | FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS |
| 20 | ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRIAL POLICY | 3 | RIGHT OF ESTABLISHMENT AND FREEDOM TO PROVIDE SERVICES |
| 18 | STATISTICS | 9 | FINANCIAL SERVICES |
| 32 | FINANCIAL CONTROL | 11 | AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT |
| 21 | TRANS-EUROPEAN NETWORKS | 13 | FISHERIES |
| 28 | CONSUMER AND HEALTH PROTECTION | 14 | TRANSPORT POLICY |
| 6 | COMPANY LAW | 29 | CUSTOMS UNION |
| 7 | INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW | 30 | EXTERNAL RELATIONS |
| 10 | INFORMATION SOCIETY AND MEDIA | CHAPTERS BLOCKED BY SOUTHERN CYPRUS UNILATERALLY | |
| 4 | FREE MOVEMENT OF CAPITAL | | |
| 16 | TAXATION | | |
| 27 | ENVIRONMENT | | |
| 12 | FOOD SAFETY, VETERINARY AND PHYTOSANITARY POLICY | 2 | FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR WORKERS |
| 22 | REGIONAL POLICY AND COORDINATION OF STRUCTURAL INSTRUMENTS | 15 | ENERGY |
| 17 | ECONOMIC AND MONETARY POLICY | 23 | JUDICIARY AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS |
| 33 | FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY PROVISIONS | 24 | JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND SECURITY |
| | | 26 | EDUCATION AND CULTURE |
| | | 31 | FOREIGN, SECURITY AND DEFENSE POLICY |
| CHAPTERS WITHOUT POLITICAL BLOCKAGES | | | |
| 5 | PUBLIC PROCUREMENT | 34 | INSTITUTIONS (At the end of negotiations) |
| 8 | COMPETITION POLICY | 35 | OTHER ISSUES (At the end of negotiations) |
| 19 | SOCIAL POLICY AND EMPLOYMENT | | |

Turkish Opinion to joining the EU

FIGURE 1

Q: Do you want Turkey to be part of the EU?

Share of respondents

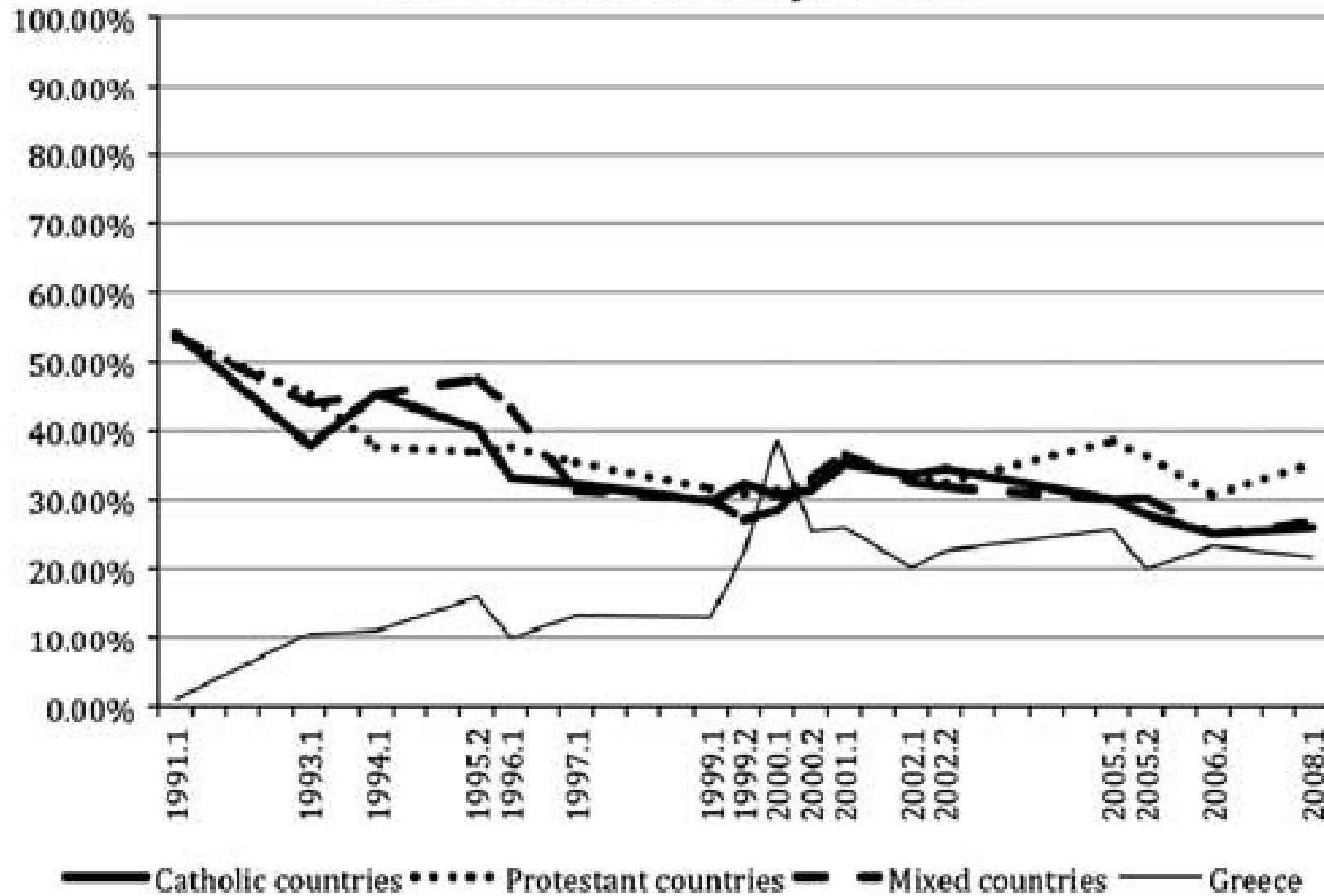


| Party* | Yes | No | Don't know/no answer |
|--------|-----|----|----------------------|
| AKP | 46 | 52 | 2 |
| CHP | 56 | 43 | 2 |
| MHP | 39 | 61 | 0 |
| HDP | 60 | 40 | 0 |

Notes: *Party affiliation determined by self-reported vote in November 1, 2015 general election. Totals may not equal 100 percent due to rounding. The parties are the Justice and Development Party (AKP), the Republican People's Party (CHP), the Nationalist Movement Party (MHP), and the People's Democratic Party (HDP).

Source: All figures are from CAP's nationwide poll of Turkey conducted by the Turkish polling firm Metropoll. The survey is based on 2,534 face-to-face interviews with Turks using stratified sampling and weighting methods in 28 provinces. Seventy percent of in-person respondents are then called by phone to verify the data. The survey was conducted May 24 through June 4, 2018. Total results have a margin error of 1.95 percent at the 95 percent level of confidence.

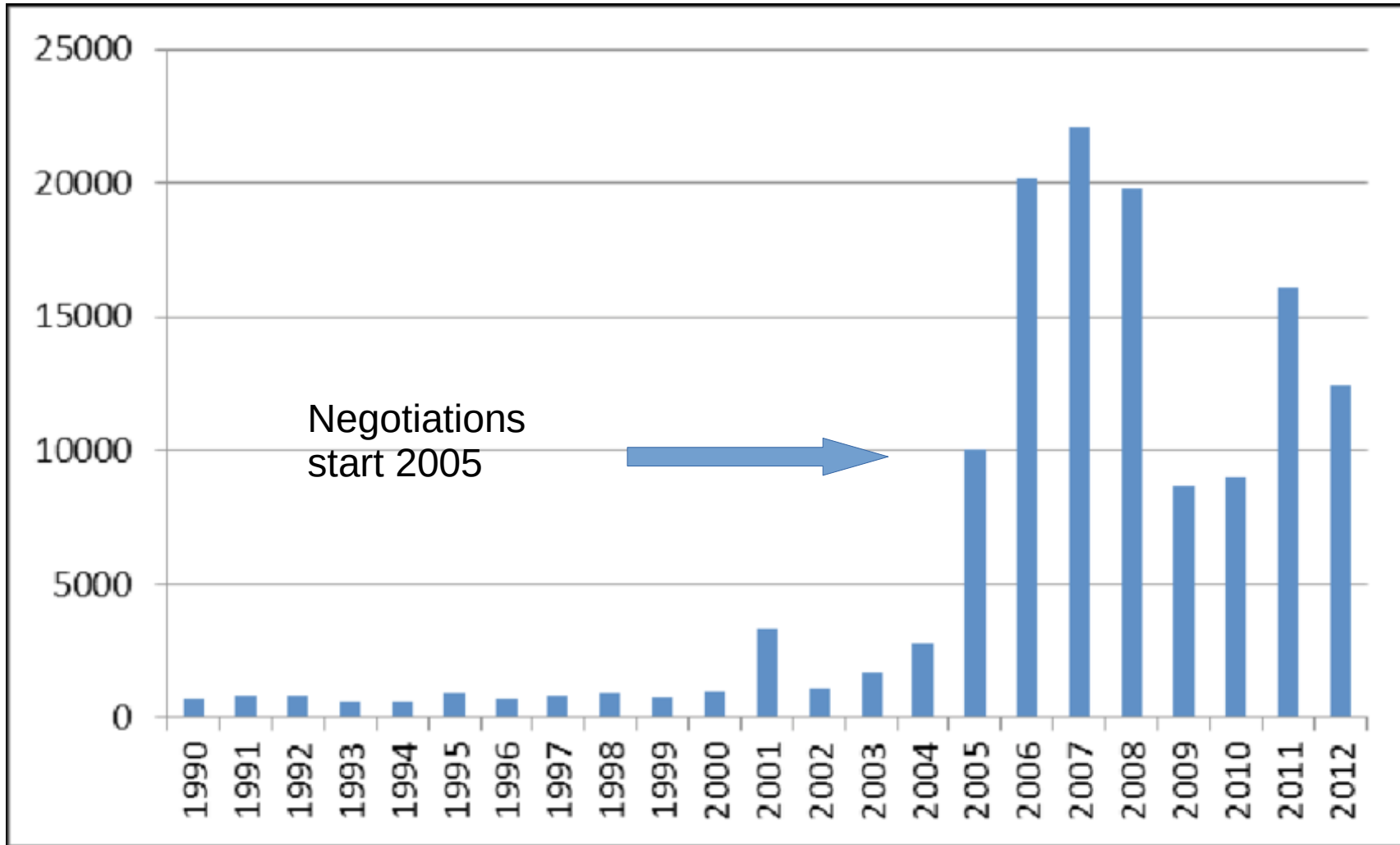
Favorable towards Turkey accession



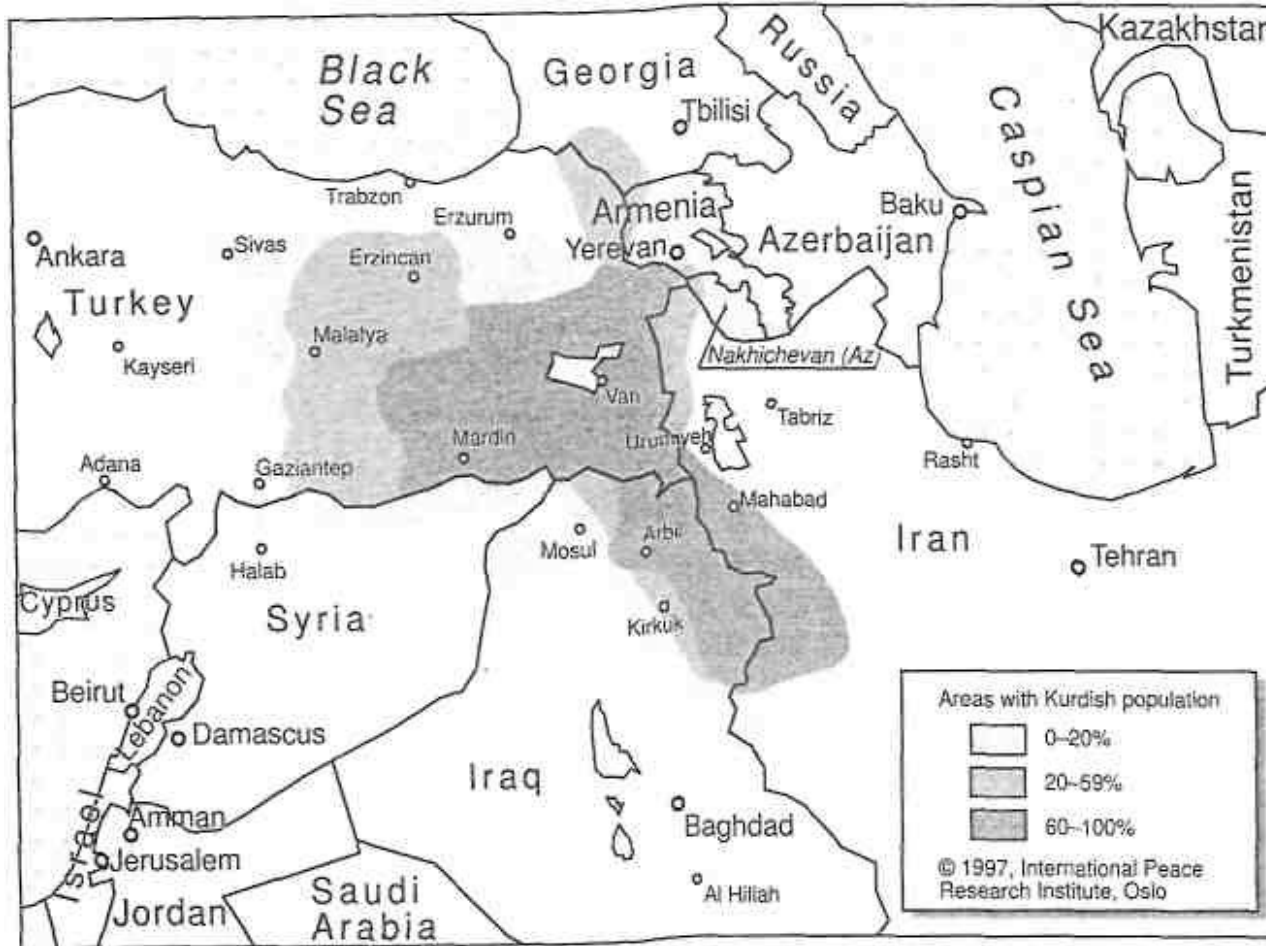
EU Opinion
on Turkish
membership

— Catholic countries Protestant countries — Mixed countries — Greece

Turkey Historical FDI (Foreign Direct Investment)



The Kurdish Problem



A history of the Kurdish problem (8m) Washington Post

The Cyprus Problem



Pre 1878– Ottoman Empire

1878–1914
British protectorate

1914-1960 British Cyprus

1960 Independence

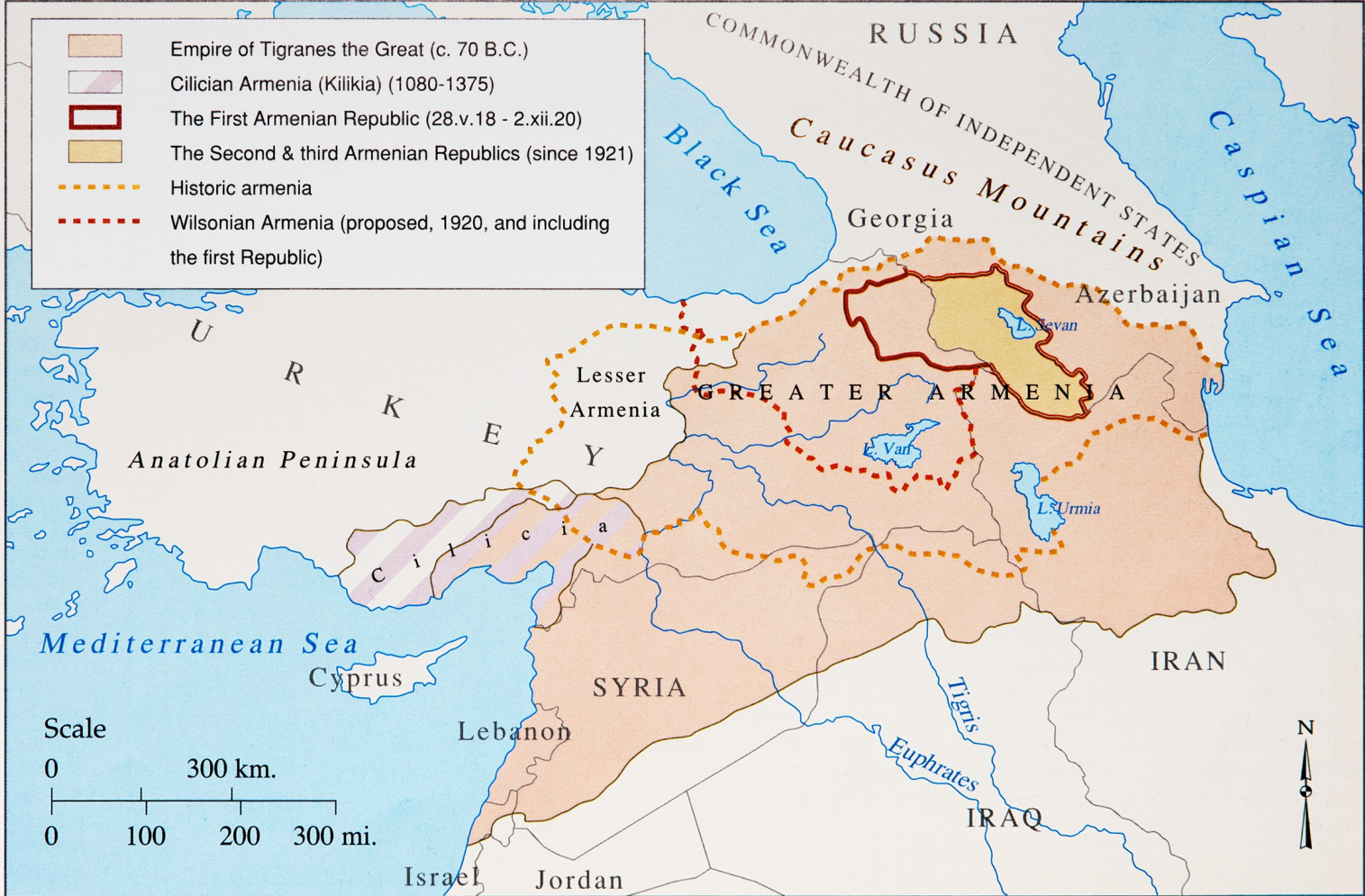
1974 Greek Coup d'État
(by The Colonels)
overthrows the President

1974 Turkish forces take control of N. Cyprus

1974. UN buffer zone

2004. S. Cyprus joins the EU

The Armenian Problem



1. Historical Armenia



For Turkey: Ethnic strife and confusion during the 1st World War

For the EU and 21 countries: genocide

[Film \(14m\)](#) (facing history.org)

Turkish Coup attempt in 2016



Soldiers involved in the coup surrender on the Bosphorous bridge.
Many Turkish citizens took to the streets to oppose the coup. 300+ killed. 2,100 injured. Supposedly started by the Gülen movement, but no clear evidence.

Post 2016 Coup Attempt

- 1/3 of all civil servants under investigation
- 150,000 civil servants fired
- 97,000 civil servants arrested
- 3,000 schools, student housing and universities closed
- 6,000 university teachers without work
- 189 media sources closed
- 319 journalists arrested
- 4,463 judges and lawyers fired

(source TurkeyPurge .com, Anadolu agency)

Turkey today and the future

The Turkish pound in constant collapse. See [XE](#) (currency reserves -ve)

Trade: Exports. Oil, gold, iron, cars, lorries, fabrics, clothing. Mostly to Germany, UK and USA (see [export countries](#))

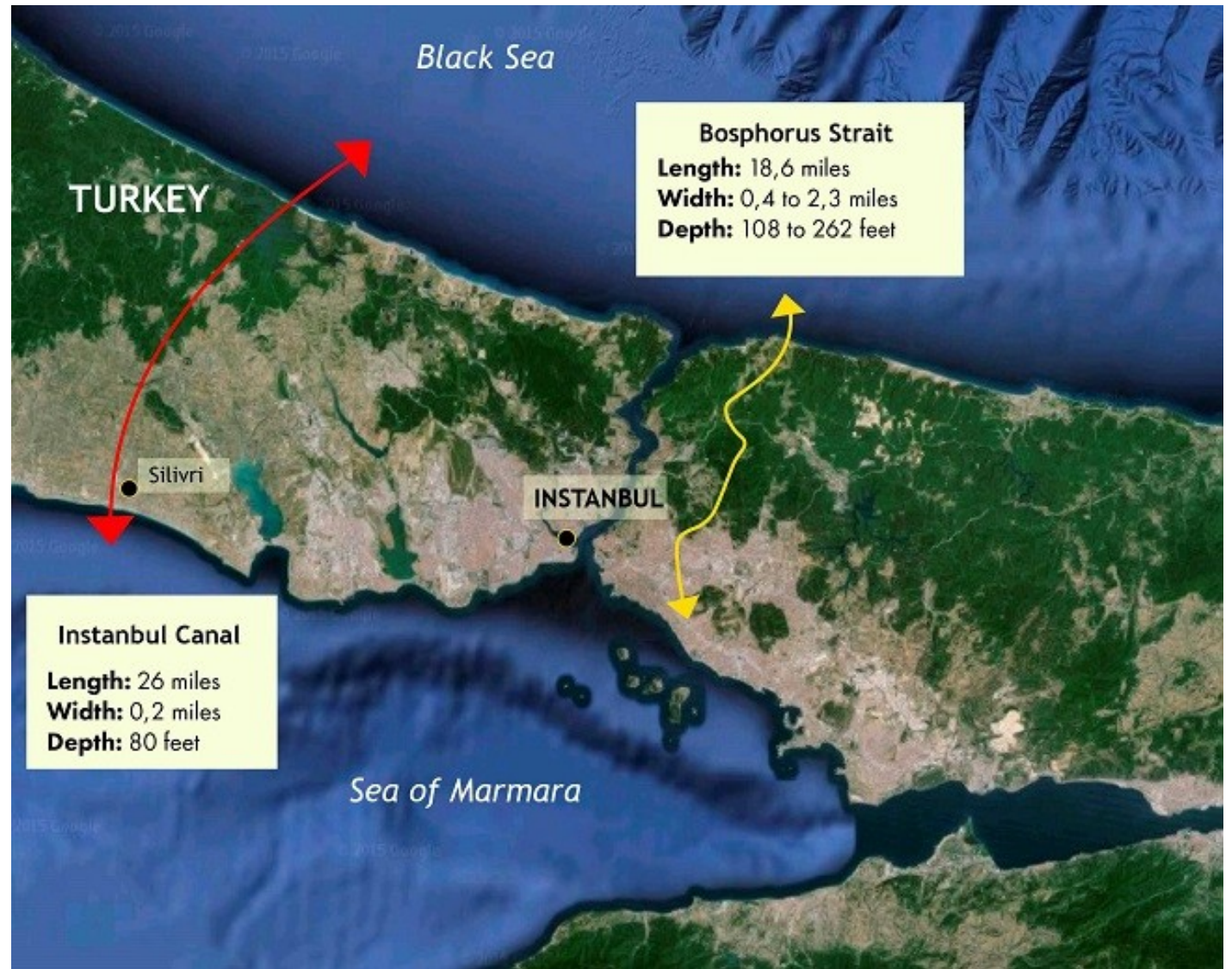
Trade: Imports. Fuel, gems and precious metals, machinery, vehicle parts, iron and steel

Energy: 44 % sustainable, mostly hydroelectric. Searching for [new drilling sites](#).

Agriculture: considerable potential – but extracting water from rivers supplying other countries (Euphrates).

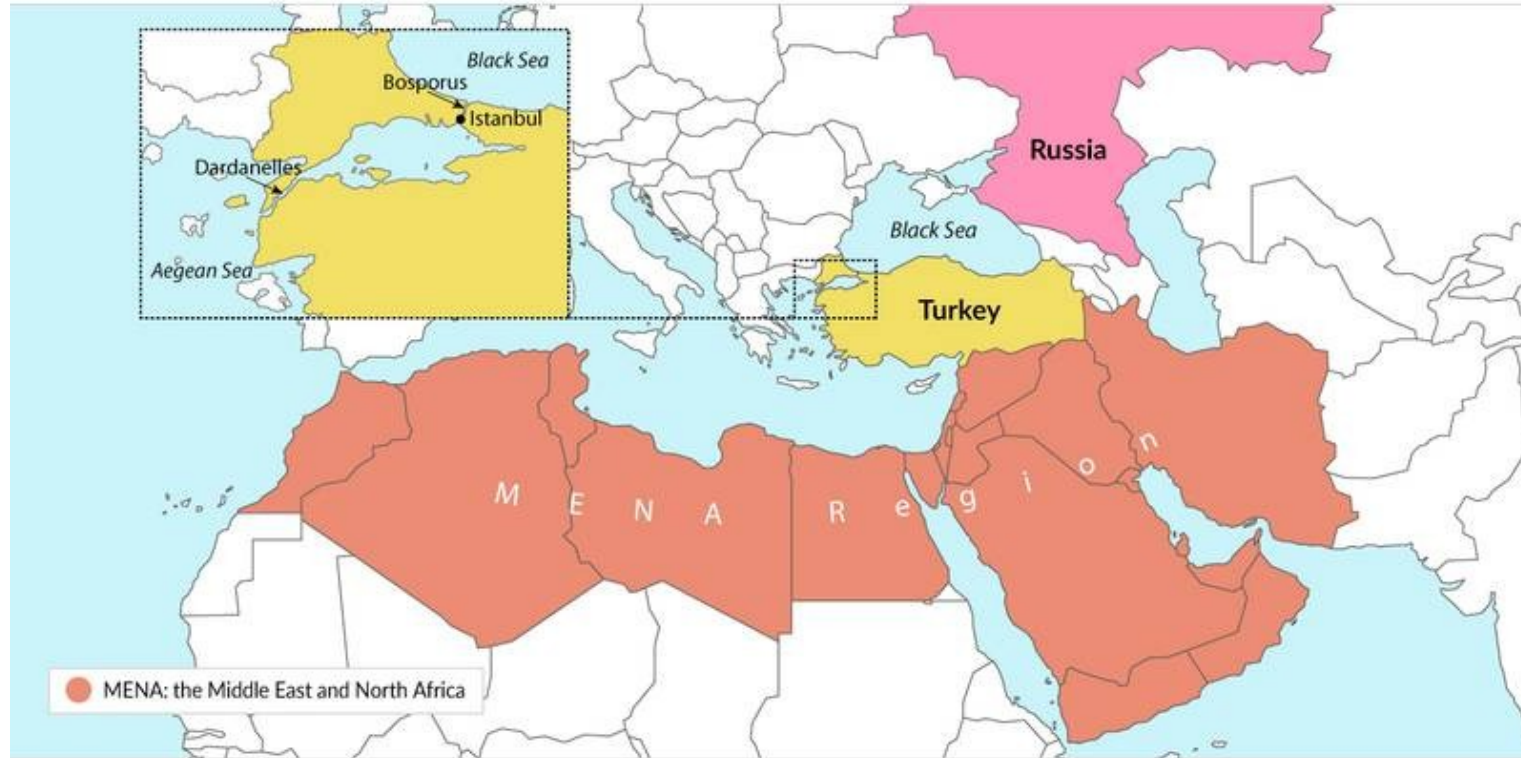
The Istanbul Canal Project. A 20bn \$ 45Km tanker route. Strongly opposed by environmentalists (opposition repressed) and many other countries.

The planned
Istanbul Canal



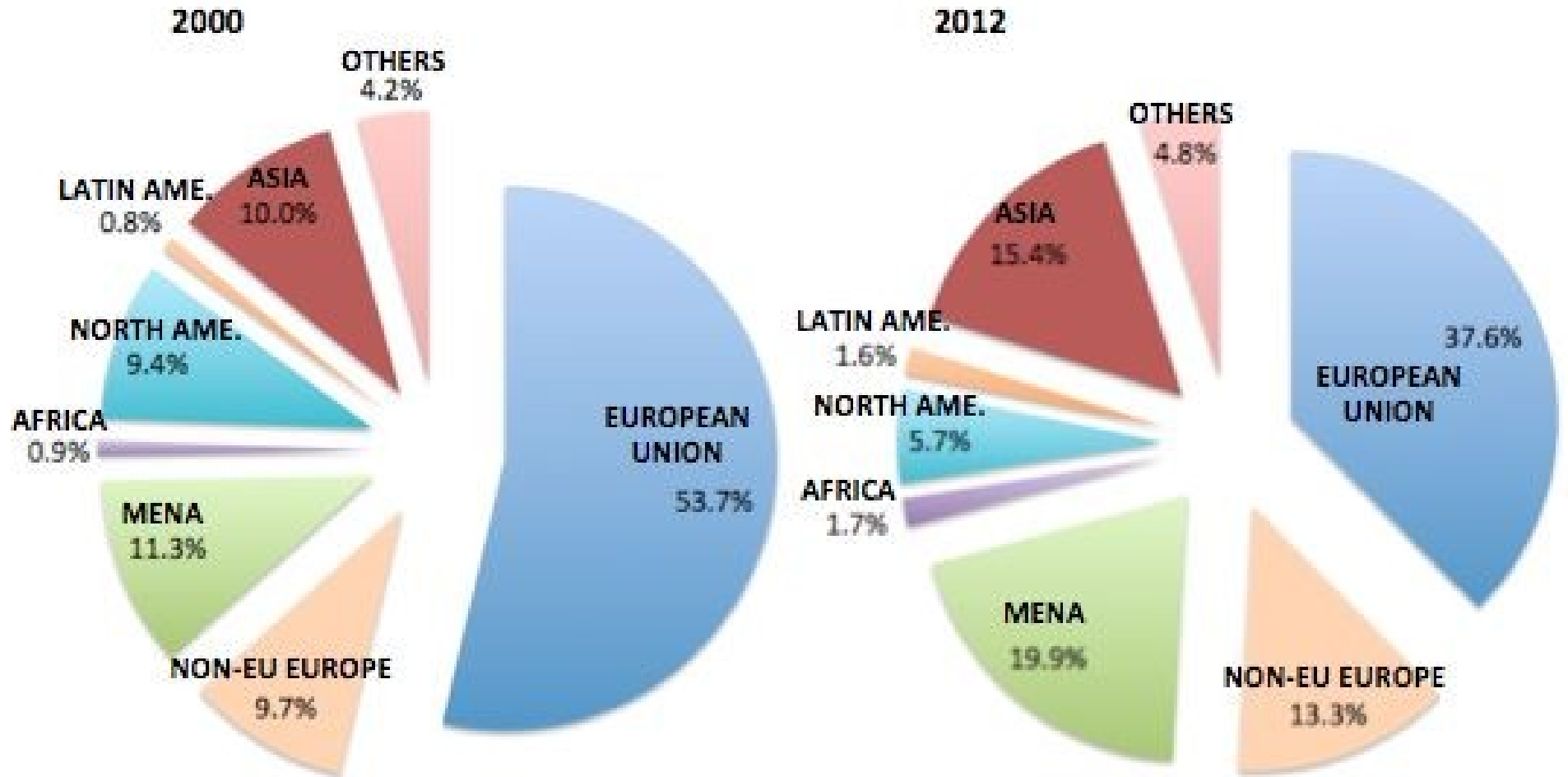
Turkish modern geopolitics

Turkey and the MENA Region



See Turkey and Russia in the Eastern Mediterranean and Black Sea. (GIS)

Turkish Trade moving towards MENA (from MEI@75)



Tread carefully!

Turkey has played a strong political rôle in North Africa, and its trade is moving towards MENA and away from the EU, but with Turkey's Customs Union with the EU, the EU remains the main commercial partner, and Turkey is the fifth biggest trade partner of the EU.

75 % of all FDI is from the EU.

