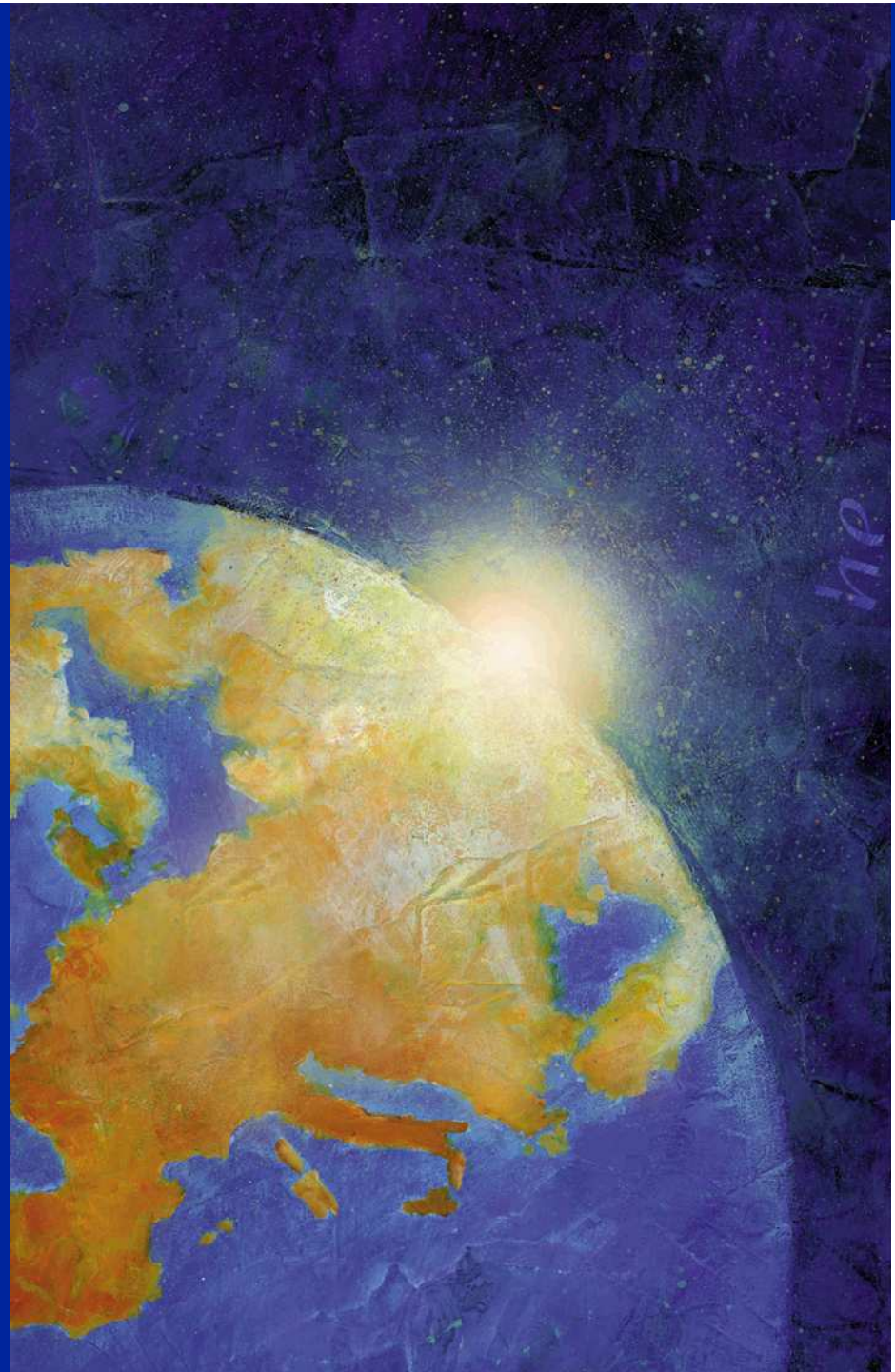




# Accession Negotiations with Turkey

## The Environment Chapter

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# Overview

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# Basic principles

- **Legal Basis**

**Article 49** of the Treaty on European Union: "any European State which respects the principles referred to in Article 6(1) may apply to become a member of the Union (...)".

**Article 6(1)** of the Treaty on European Union : "The Union is founded on the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights, and fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law, principles which are common to the Member States".

- **Copenhagen Criteria**

**Political:** Stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, rule of law, human rights, protection of minorities

**Economic:** Functioning market economy; capacity to withstand competitive pressure and market forces within EU

**Acquis:** Ability to take on obligations of membership and administrative capacity to implement the acquis

# The new European Union

1973: Denmark, Great Britain, Ireland

1981: Greece

1986: Portugal, Spain

1995: Austria, Finland, Sweden

2004: Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia

2007: Bulgaria, Romania



# Enlargement Agenda

- **Candidate Countries**
  - Croatia
  - the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
  - Turkey
- **Potential Candidate Countries**
  - Albania
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Kosovo under UN1244
  - Montenegro
  - Serbia
  - Iceland



## I. B. EU-Turkey Relations



- 1949** Member of Council of Europe
- 1952** Member of NATO
- 1963** EU-Turkey Association Agreement
- 1995** EU-Turkey Customs Union in industrial and processed agriculture goods achieved

# Key Facts and Economic Indicators



- **Key Facts**
  - **Religion:** Muslims 99,8%
  - **Population:** 72,520,000 millio
  - **Surface:** 779.452 km
  - **Capital:** Ankara
  - **Terrestrial Neighbours:** Greece, Bulgaria, Syria, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq
- **Economic Indicators**
  - **GDP growth:** 4.6% In 2007, but effects financial crisis since 2008
  - **GDP per capita** 6,892 € (2007)
  - **Trade with EU:** 56.4% exports to the EU, 40.4% imports from EU (2007)
  - **Regional disparities:** East-West: richest region Kocaeli GDP per head 46% of EU25; poorest regions Agri, Van 8%
  - **Agriculture:** 26.5% of working population in 2007 (33% in 2004) 7.7% of GDP in 2007; (EU25: 5% of work pop., 2.2% of GDP)



## I. C. Accession Negotiations with Turkey

**1987** - Application for membership

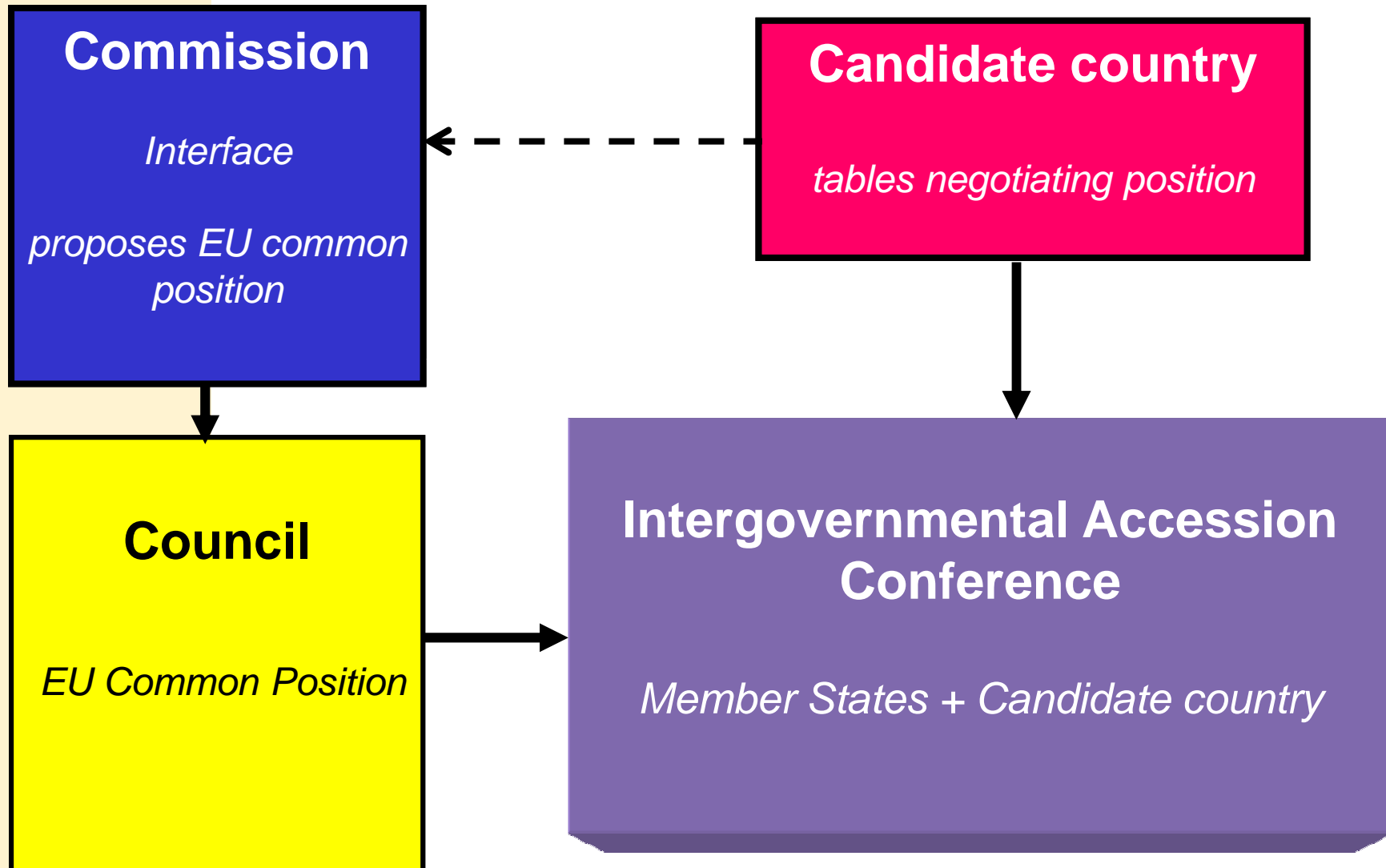
**1999** - Helsinki European Council

**2002**- Copenhagen Council

**2004** - European Council

**2005** - Negotiations begin on October 3rd

# Negotiations: Structure

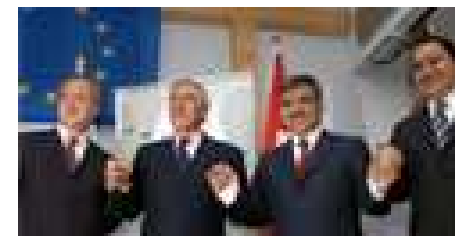




## II. The Environment Chapter

- **General:**
  - **Technically complicated**
  - **Expensive**
    - **cost of compliance with the environmental *acquis* for Turkey estimated at EUR 58 billion for the 2007 – 2023, mostly on water (60% of the total investments needed), waste and industrial pollution.**
  - **Long transition periods**

# The Environment Chapter



## Timeline of Negotiations with Turkey on the Environment Chapter:

- **30 September 2010: Turkey presented Plan for setting up Necessary Administrative Capacities at National, Regional and Local Level and Required Financial Resources for Implementing the Environmental Acquis**
- **12 November 2010: Presidency invited Turkey to present its Negotiating Position**
- **13 November 2010: Turkey presented its Negotiating Position**
- **21 December 2010: 8th meeting at ministerial level of the Accession Conference with Turkey agreed to open chapter 27 'Environment'**



# The Environment Chapter

- **Content of the Environment Chapter:**
  - **Horizontal legislation**
  - **Air Quality**
  - **Waste Management**
  - **Water Quality**
  - **Nature Protection**
  - **Industrial pollution Control and Risk Management**
  - **Chemicals Management**
  - **Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)**
  - **Noise**
  - **Forestry**



# Assessing Turkey's readiness

## GENERAL

- Turkey has obligation to comply progressively with the environmental *acquis* to ensure compliance by accession at the latest (except for the *acquis* for which transition periods will be negotiated)
- Further efforts necessary, in particular:
  - air and water quality;
  - waste management;
  - nature protection;
  - industrial pollution control and risk management;
  - chemicals
- Special attention to strengthening administrative capacity and inspection services

# Assessing Turkey's readiness

## Horizontal legislation

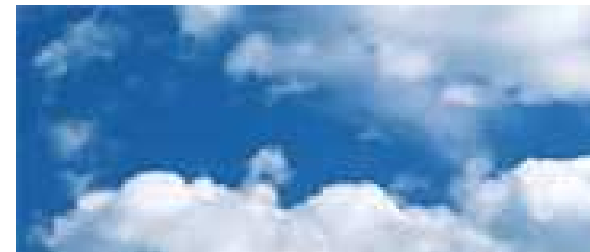
- **Work to do on:**

- **Strategic Environment Assessments**
- **Procedures as regards public and trans-boundary consultations**
- **Emissions trading**
- **Implementation of climate change, including taking on binding quantified emission limitation or reduction commitments**



# Assessing Turkey's readiness

## Air quality



**limited progress in legislative alignment**

- **Work on:**
  - Emissions of volatile organic compounds
  - National emissions' ceilings
  - Preparation of air quality action plans
  - Establishment of monitoring stations, laboratory infrastructure and National and Regional Clean Air Centres

# Assessing Turkey's readiness

## Waste management

### Limited progress

#### Work on:

- Landfill of waste
- Mining waste
- Batteries and waste batteries and accumulators
- Construction of waste management centres,
- Remediation of existing landfills and hot-spots



# Assessing Turkey's readiness



## Water quality

**Overall alignment with EU legislation low**

**Work on:**

- **River basin approach:**
  - River basin management plans and integrating environmental concerns when building new water infrastructure
- **Waste water**

# Assessing Turkey's readiness

## Nature protection



**Need considerably step up its efforts for alignment with EU legislation**

### Work on:

- **Framework law on nature protection and implementing legislation on birds and habitats**
- **List of potential Natura 2000 sites**

# Assessing Turkey's readiness

## Industrial pollution control and risk management

Limited progress



**Work on:**

- **Legislative alignment and implementation, including of inspection services**
- **Set up of an integrated permit system and a system on control of major-accidents hazards involving dangerous substances**

# Assessing Turkey's readiness

## Chemicals



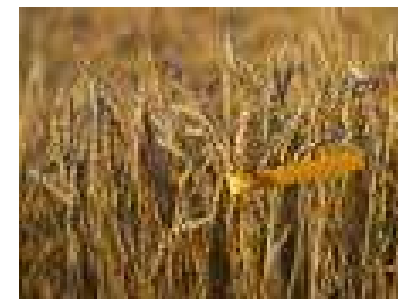
### Work on:

- **Preparation to be able to implement the REACH regulation upon accession and play its role in the various European Chemicals Agency committees and bodies**

# Assessing Turkey's readiness

## Genetically modified organisms (GMOs)

Need to step up efforts to align with EU legislation



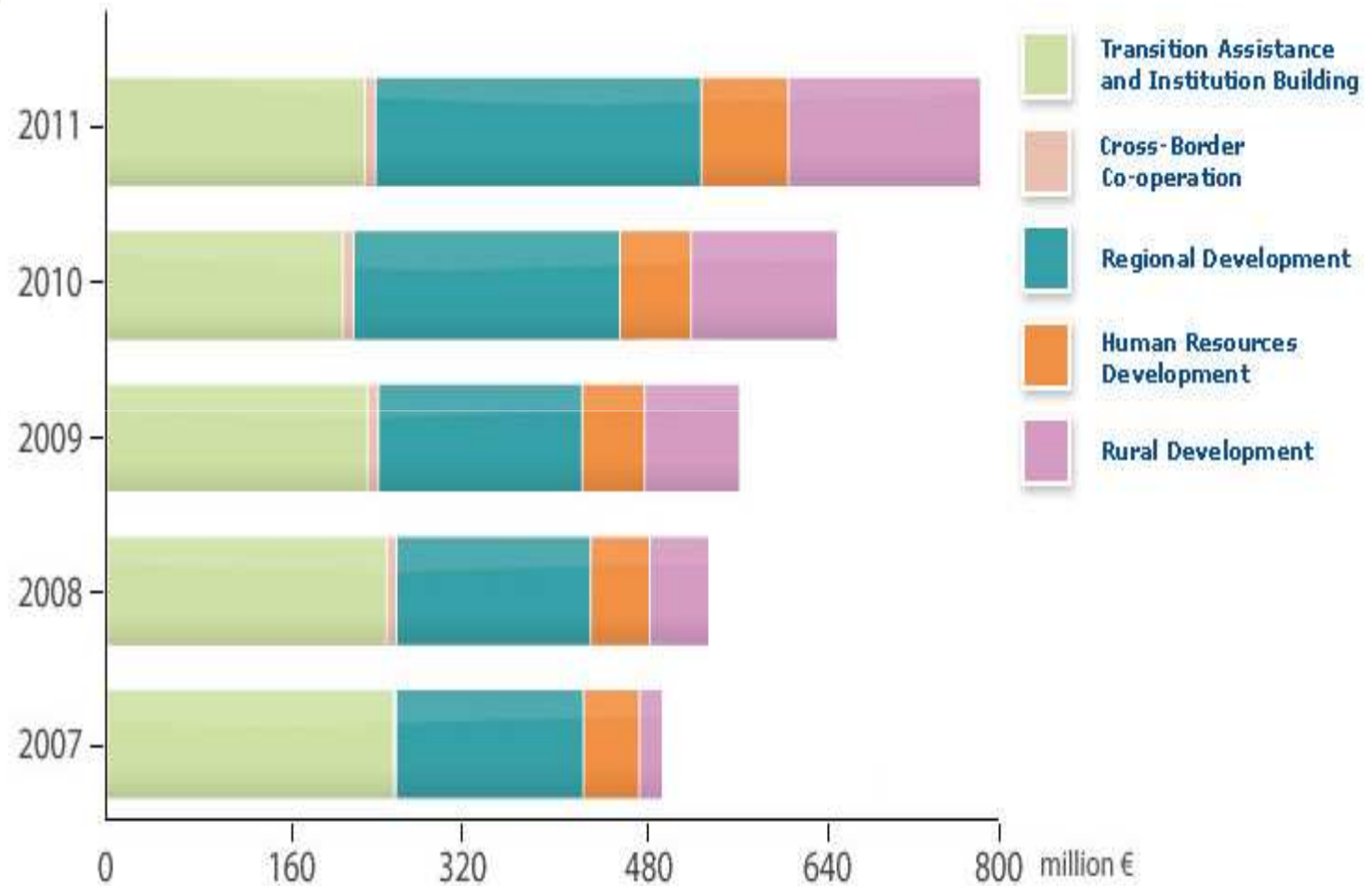
## Noise

Alignment with EU legislation well advanced

Work on:

- Preparation of noise maps and action plans

# Financial Assistance





# Upcoming IPA Projects in Environment field

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## 2009

- Control of Industrial Volatile Organic Compound Emissions: € 2.6 million
- Capacity Building on Water Quality Monitoring: € 3.7 million
- Implementation Capacity of Environmental Noise Directive: € 5.6 million
- Implementation Capacity of Seveso II Directive: € 2.7 million
- Strengthening Institutional Capacity on CITES Implementations: € 1.3 million



# Conclusion

Thank you for your  
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