

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON TURKEY / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Turkey is a founding member of the Organization (since 4 November 1946)
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (Last term: 2001-2005)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Member (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP). Member (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme. Member (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport. Vice-Chairperson: Mr Ömer Şenel, Member (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation. Member (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee. Member (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme. Member (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage. Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Gürcan TÜRKÖĞLU (Term expires: 40th session of the Committee (2016)); Member (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) – Executive Council Member State.
4. **The Director-General's visits to Turkey: 8**
 - 10-11 July 2016: on occasion of the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee (Istanbul).
 - 23-25 May 2016: on the occasion of the World Humanitarian Summit (Istanbul). You also visited the refugee camp in Gaziantep and had bilateral meetings with H.E. Mr Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Turkey; Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr Nabi Avci, Minister of National Education; Dr Fuat Oktay, President of the Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency; and Ambassador Lale Ülker, Chair of the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee.
 - 4-8 January 2015: Official Visit
 - 29 April -1 May 2013: on the occasion of the 2nd International Jazz Day
 - 18-20 April 2012: Conference on "Jewish Refugees from Nazism and their Role in Modernization of Higher Education in Turkey (1933-1945)" (Istanbul)
 - 9-13 May 2011: Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (Istanbul)
 - 19-20 January 2011: launch of the 2011 series of the Alliance of Civilizations Istanbul Conferences
 - 22-23 June 2010: Summit of the Heads of State and Government of South-East European Cooperation Process and the Eight Meeting of the Summit Forum of the Heads of State of South-East Europe on Cultural Corridors (Istanbul).
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Turkey: 4**
 - 16-17 March 2009: Fifth World Water Forum
 - 3-6 November 2008: Third Session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (Istanbul, 4-8 November 2008)
 - 16-17 September 2002: Third Round Table of Ministers of Culture, entitled "Intangible Cultural Heritage - a Mirror of Cultural Diversity"
 - 13-15 February 2002: official visit.

6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:

- H.E. Mr Huseyin Avni Botsali, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 27 March 2014)
- Staff: Mrs Emriye Bagdagül Ormanci, 1st Counsellor, Ms Fulya Yücekök, Counsellor
- Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Gürcan Balık (January 2013 – August 2013); H.E. Mr Hüsnü Gürcan Türkoglu, (August 2009 – November 2012), H.E. Mr Ali Tinaz Tuygan (January 2007 – April 2009).

7. UNESCO Office: none. Turkey is covered by the UNESCO Office in Venice – UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (BRESCE).

8. Turkish National Commission for UNESCO:

- Date of establishment: 25 August 1949
- President: Prof. Mr. Mehmet Öcal Oğuz (since September 2011)
- Vice-Presidents: Assistant Professor Dr. M. Akif Kireççi; Ambassador Mr. Hüsnü Gürcan Türkoğlu (since May 2014)
- Secretary-General: Ms Sema Dinçer (since January 2013)
- Assistant Secretary-General: Ms Irem Alpaslan (responsible for International Affairs)
- Assistant Secretary-General: Ms Şule Ürün (responsible for Internal Affairs)

9. Turkish personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:

- Mr Ömer Zülfü Livaneli, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (since 1996); participated in the second meeting of the High Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Cultures (March 2011); resigned in May 2016.
- Mr İlber Ortaylı (President of the Topkapi Palace Museum), participated in the first meeting of the High Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Cultures (September 2010).

10. UNESCO Chairs: 7 chairs and 1 UNITWIN Network

- UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Sustainable Development, Koç University (2016)
- UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diplomacy, Governance and Education, Istanbul Aydın University (2015)
- UNESCO Chair on the Management and Promotion of World Heritage Sites: New Media and Community Involvement, Kadir Has University (2015)
- UNITWIN Network for Underwater Archaeology, established in 2012, coordinated by Selçuk University
- UNESCO Chair in Philosophy and Human Rights, Malpete University, Istanbul (2009)
- UNESCO Chair in Computer-Integrated Manufacturing, University of Galatasaray, Istanbul (1997)
- UNESCO Chair on Mechatronics, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul (1993)

11. Associated Schools: 19 (8 primary and 10 secondary schools and 1 vocational and technical institution). Turkey joined the ASPnet in 1986.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

13. UNESCO Clubs: none

14. Biosphere Reserves: 1

- Camili Biosphere Reserve (2005)

15. Global Geoparks Network: 1

- Kula Global Geopark

16. World Heritage List: 16 sites (14 cultural sites and 2 mixed sites)

Cultural Sites:

- Archaeological Site of Ani (2016)
- Diyarbakır Fortress and Hevsel Gardens Cultural Landscape (2015)
- Ephesus (2015)
- Bursa and Cumalıkızık: the Birth of the Ottoman Empire (2014)
- Pergamon and its Multi-Layered Cultural Landscape (2014)
- Neolithic Site of Çatalhöyük (2012)
- Selimiye Mosque and its Social Complex (2011)
- Archaeological Site of Troy (1998)
- City of Safranbolu (1994)
- Xanthos-Letoon (1988)
- Nemrut Dag (1987)
- Hattusha: the Hittite Capital (1986)
- Historic Areas of Istanbul (1985)
- Great Mosque and Hospital of Divrigi (1985)

Mixed, Cultural and Natural Heritage:

- Hierapolis-Pamukkale (1988)
- Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia (1985)

17. Tentative List: 60 properties

- Akdamar Church (2015)
- The Theatre and Aqueducts of the Ancient City of Aspendos (2015)
- Eshab-ı Kehf Kulliyesi (Islamic-Ottoman Social Complex) (2015)
- Historic Guild Town of Mudurnu (2015)
- Mount Harşena and the Rock-tombs of the Pontic Kings (2015)
- Mountainous Phrygia (2015)
- Ancient City of Stratonikeia (2015)
- The Bridge of Uzunköprü (2015)
- İsmail Fakirullah Tomb and its Light Refraction Mechanism (2015)
- Yıldız Palace Complex (2015) İznik (2014)
- Zeynel Abidin Mosque Complex and Mor Yakup (Saint Jacob) Church (2014)
- Tomb of Ahi Evran (2014)
- Vespasianus Titus Tunnel (2014)
- Mahmut Bey Mosque (2014)
- Archaeological Site of Kültepe-Kanesh (2014)
- Ancient City of Kaunos (2014)
- Anatolian Seljuks Madrasahs (2014)
- Archaeological Site of Arslantepe (2014)
- Ancient City of Korykos (2014)
- Ancient City of Anazarbos (2014)
- Çanakkale (Dardanelles) and Gelibolu (Gallipoli) Battles Zones in the First World War (2014)
- Eflatun Pinar: The Hittite Spring Sanctuary (2014)
- Archaeological site of Laodikeia (2013)
- Lake Tuz Special Environmental Protection Area (SEPA) (2013)
- Trading Posts and Fortifications on Genoese Trade Routes from the Mediterranean to the Black Sea (2013)
- The Ancient City of Sardis and the Lydian Tumuli of Bin Tepe (2013)
- Archaeological Site of Aphrodisias (2009)
- Ancient Cities of Lycian Civilization (2009)
- Archaeological Site of Sagalassos (2009)
- Archaeological Site of Perge (2009)
- Sümela Monastery (The Monastery of Virgin Mary) (2000)
- Alahan Monastery (2000)
- St. Nicholas Church (2000)
- Harran and Sanliurfa (2000)
- The Tombstones of Ahlat the Urartian and Ottoman citadel (2000)
- Seljuk Caravanserai on the route from Denizli to Dogubeyazit (2000)
- Konya-A capital of Seljuk Civilization (2000)
- Alanya (2000)
- Mardin Cultural Landscape (2000)
- St.Paul Church, St.Paul's Well and surrounding historic quarters (2000)
- Ishak Pasha Palace (2000)
- Kekova (2000)
- Güllük Dagi-Termessos National Park (2000)
- Karain Cave (1994)
- Odunpazari Historical Urban Site (2012)
- Mamure Castle (2012)
- Hacı Bektas Veli Complex (2012)
- Aizanoi Antique City (2012)
- Historic City of Ani (2012)
- Archeological Site of Zeugma (2012)
- Gordion (2012)
- Historic Town of Birgi (2012)
- Mausoleum and Sacred area of Hecatomnus (2012)
- Medieval City of Beçin (2012)
- Historical Monuments of Niğde (2012)
- Yesemek Quarry and Sculpture Workshop (2012) Esrefoglu Mosque (2011)
- The Archaeological Site of Göbeklitepe (2011)
- Hatay, St. Pierre Church (2011)

- 18. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 12 elements on the Representative List
- Ebru, Turkish art of marbling (2014)
 - Turkish coffee culture and tradition (2013)
 - Mesir Macunu festival (2012)
 - Ceremonial Keşkek tradition (2011)
 - Kırkpınar oil wrestling festival (2010)
 - Semah, Alevi-Bektaşî ritual (2010)
 - Traditional Sohbet meetings (2010)
 - Karagöz (2009)
 - Âşıklık (minstrelsy) tradition (2009)
 - Novruz, Nowrouz, Nooruz, Navruz, Nauroz, Nevruz (2009) – jointly with Azerbaijan, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Pakistan
 - The Arts of the Meddah, Public Storytellers (2008)
 - The Mevlevî Sema Ceremony (2008)
- 19. Memory of the World Register:** 5 inscriptions
- The Old Assyrian Merchant Archives of Kültepe (2015)
 - Evliya Çelebi's "Book of Travels" in the Topkapi Palace Museum Library and the Süleymaniye Manuscript Library (2013)
 - The works of Ibn Sina in the Süleymaniye Manuscript Library (2003)
 - The Hittite cuneiform tablets from Bogazköy (2001)
 - Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute Manuscripts (2001)
- 20. Creative Cities Network:** 1
Gaziantep, City of Gastronomy.
- 21. Legal instruments:** 13 ratified and 27 non-ratified
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (9 June 2009)
 - Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (27 March 2006)
 - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: non-ratified
 - Revised Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in African States. Addis Ababa: non-ratified
- 22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO will be associated in 2016-2017:** 2
- 50th anniversary of the death of Mehmed Fuad Köprülü, scholar (1890-1966) (with the support of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan)
 - 850th anniversary of the death of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi, poet and Sufi (1093 or 1103-1166) (with the support of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan)
- 23. Participation Programme:**
- No requests presented since 2010
 - 2008-2009: 1 request presented and approved for a total amount of US\$ 26,000 (of which US\$ 9,817 has not been spent and returned to UNESCO).
- 24. Fellowships:** 6 fellowships awarded since 2005, for a total amount of US\$ 77,500
- 25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016:** fully paid
- Assessment rate for 2016: 1.018 %
 - Contributions assessed for 2016: US\$ 3,323,770

26. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):

Year	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	5,014	47,835	140,130	5,020,145	40,290	40,290	24,042

27. Representation within the Secretariat (min. 5, max. 8): under-represented

- 2 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (geographical posts) :