

## 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:** yes, for the period 2017-2021
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) (term expires in 2021)
  - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (term expires in 2021)
  - Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (term expires in 2021)
  - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (term expires in 2019)
  - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB) (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme. Vice-President: Mr Akif Kireççi (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport. Vice-Chairperson: Mr Ömer Şenel (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Vice-President (term expires in 2018)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Turkey:** none
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Turkey: 8**
  - 10-11 July 2016: on occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee.
  - 4-8 January 2015: Official Visit
  - 29 April-1 May 2013: on the occasion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Mr Ahmet Altay Cengizer, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 2 November 2016)
  - Staff: Ms Emriye Bagdagül Ormanci, First Counsellor; Mrs Elif Okutucu, Counsellor; Ms Alara İstemil Aydil, Counsellor ; Mrs Nursen Ozlu, First Secretary ; Mr Halil Atik, Third Secretary ; Mr Ozcan Onur, Attaché
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Huseyin Avni Botsali (March 2014 – October 2016)
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: Dr. Mehmet Öcal Oğuz (since September 2011)
  - Vice-Presidents: Ambassador Mr Hüsnü Gürcan Türkoğlu, Dr. Akif Kireççi (since May 2014)
  - Secretary-General: Ms Sema Dinçer (since January 2013)
  - Assistant Secretary-General (responsible for international affairs): Ms İrem Alpaslan
  - Assistant Secretary-General (responsible for internal affairs): Ms Şule Ürün
9. **Turkish personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Mr Kudsi Ergüner, UNESCO Artist for Peace (since 2016)
  - Mr Akif Kireççi, Vice-President of the Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (term expires in 2019)
  - Mr Ömer Şenel, Vice-Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (term expires in 2019)
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 10 chairs and no UNITWIN Network
  - UNESCO Chair on Intangible Cultural Heritage in Formal and Informal Education (2017), Ankara Gazi University
  - UNESCO Chair on International Migration (2016), Yaşar University
  - UNESCO Chair on Improvement in Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (2016), Giresun University
  - UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Peace (2016), Istanbul Aydin University
  - UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Sustainable Development (2016), Koç University
  - UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diplomacy, Governance and Education (2015), Istanbul Aydin University
  - UNESCO Chair on the Management and Promotion of World Heritage Sites: New Media and Community Involvement (2015), Kadir Has University
  - UNESCO Chair in Philosophy and Human Rights (2009), Maltepe University
  - UNESCO Chair in Computer-Integrated Manufacturing (1997), University of Galatasaray
  - UNESCO Chair on Mechatronics (1993), Bogaziçi University
11. **Associated Schools:** 32 (1 pre-primary school, 1 pre-primary to secondary school, 7 primary schools, 4 primary/secondary schools, 16 secondary schools and 2 vocational and technical institutions). 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. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** 1
  - Kula Volcanic UNESCO Global Geopark (2013)
16. **World Heritage List:** 17 sites (15 cultural and 2 mixed)

*Cultural:*

  - Aphrodisias (2017)
  - 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:*

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

#### 17. Tentative List: 71 properties

- Archeological Site of Assos (2017)
- Ayvalık Industrial Landscape (2017)
- İvriz Cultural Landscape (2017)
- The Malabadi Bridge (2016)
- Tushpa/Van Fortress, the Mound and the Old City of Van (2016)
- Sultan Bayezid II Complex: A Center of Medical Treatment (2016)
- Yivli Minaret Mosque (2016)
- Sivrihisar Great Mosque (2016)
- The Bodrum Castle (2016)
- Nuruosmaniye Complex (2016)
- Ancient city of Kibyra (2016)
- Hacı Bayram Mosque and its Surrounding Area (the Hacı Bayram District) (2016)
- Kızılırmak Delta Wetland and Bird Sanctuary (2016)
- 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)
- Archeological Site of Kültepe-Kanesh (2014)
- Ancient City of Kaunos (2014)
- Anatolian Seljuks Madrasahs (2014)
- Archeological 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)
- Archeological 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)
- Odunpazarı Historical Urban Site (2012)
- Mamure Castle (2012)
- Hacı Bektas Veli Complex (2012)
- Aizanoi Antique City (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)
- Ancient Cities of Lycian Civilization (2009)
- Archeological Site of Sagalassos (2009)
- Archeological 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 Caravanserais 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)

#### 18. Intangible Heritage Lists: 16 elements

*15 elements on the Representative List:*

- Spring celebration, Hidrellez (2017), jointly with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Traditional craftsmanship of Çini making (2016)

- Nawrouz, Novruz, Nowrouz, Nowrouz, Nawrouz, Nauryz, Nooruz, Nowruz, Navruz, Nevruz, Nowruz, Navruz (2016), jointly with Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
- Flatbread making and sharing culture: Lavash, Katyrma, Jupka, Yufka (2016), jointly with Azerbaijan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan
- 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)
- The Arts of the Meddah, Public Storytellers (2008)
- The Mevlevi Sema Ceremony (2008)

*1 element on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding:*

- Whistled language (2017)

**19. Memory of the World Register:** 6 inscriptions

- Compendium of the Turkic Dialects (2017)
- The Old Assyrian Merchant Archives of Kültepe (2015)
- Evliya Çelebi's "Book of Travels" in the Topkapı 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:** 4 cities

- Hatay Metropolitan Municipality, UNESCO City of Gastronomy (2017)
- Istanbul, UNESCO City of Design (2017)
- Kütahya, UNESCO City of Crafts and Folk Art (2017)
- Gaziantep, UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy (2015)

**21. Legal instruments:** 14 ratified and 26 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: accession (2 November 2017)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (9 June 2009)
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (27 March 2006)

**22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated:**

*2016-2017:*

- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Mehmed Fuad Köprülü, scholar (1890-1966), with the support of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan (2016)
- 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi, poet and Sufi (1093 or 1103-1166) (with the support of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan) (2016)

*2018-2019:*

- 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first publication of *Atebetü'l-Hakayık* (1918) (with the support of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan)
- 950<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the writing of Yusuf Khass Hajib's *Kutadgu Bilig* (Wisdom of Royal Glory 1069), with the support of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan (2019)

**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. **NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:** 1

*NGOs with Consultative status*

- Mother Child Education Foundation, ACEV (2010)

26. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2018:** fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2018 1.018 %
- Contributions assessed for 2018: US\$ 3,323,770

27. **Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US\$):

| Year  | 2016    | 2015  | 2014   | 2013    | 2012      | 2011   | 2010   |
|-------|---------|-------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Total | 755,000 | 5,014 | 47,835 | 140,130 | 5,020,145 | 40,290 | 40,290 |

28. **Representation within the Secretariat:** under-represented, with 3 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 4, max. 7)