

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) (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport. Vice-Chairperson: Mr Ömer Şenel (term expires in 2019)
 - 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)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Vice-President (term expires in 2018)
4. **Your 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 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 Ahmet Altay Cengizer, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 2 November 2016)

- Staff: Ms Emriye Bagdagül Ormanci, First Counsellor; Ms Elif Okutucu, Counsellor; Ms Alara İstemil Aydın, Counsellor
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Huseyin Avni Botsali (March 2014 – October 2016); 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: 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)
9. **Turkish personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
- Mr Kudsi Ergüner, UNESCO Artist for Peace (since 2016)
 - Mr Ömer Zülfü Livaneli, former UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 9 chairs and no UNITWIN Network
- 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 Aydın University
 - UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Sustainable Development (2016), Koç University
 - UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diplomacy, Governance and Education (2015), Istanbul Aydın 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:** 23 (6 primary schools, 15 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. **Global Geoparks Network:** 1
- Kula Volcanic UNESCO Global Geopark (2013)
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: 72 properties

- Archeological Site of Assos (2017)
- Ayvalık Industrial Landscape (2017)
- Ivriz 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)
- Haci Bayram Mosque and its Surrounding Area (the Haci 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 Kulliye (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)
- Ismail 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)
- Odunpazari Historical Urban Site (2012)
- Mamure Castle (2012)
- Haci Bektaş 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)
- 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 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: 14 elements on the Representative List

- 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)

19. Memory of the World Register: 5 inscriptions

- 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: 1 city

- Gaziantep, UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy (2015)

21. Legal instruments: 13 ratified and 27 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: non-ratified
- 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 in 2016-2017: 2

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

Anniversary proposals for 2018/2019 recommended by the 201st session of the Executive Board: 1

- 950th anniversary of the writing of Yusuf Khas 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 2016-2017: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2016-2017: 1.018 %
- Contributions assessed for 2016-2017: US\$ 6,647,540

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 (min. 4, max. 7)

- 3 professional staff at Headquarters in geographical posts: