

## **WHY ARE THE EUROPEANS RELUCTANT FOR TURKEY'S ADMISSION TO EU?**

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### **Abstract**

Turkey has applied to join the EU since many years, but has not yet received a positive response. Over the decades EU has been expanded with many states, but has not yet given its approval for Turkey. The long time of the rejection from the EU has led political analysts to treat the case over as a phenomenon by turning this matter even into a debate. Turkey has become the focus of debates due its own specifications: religious, geographical, political, demographic etc. Turkey has been a member of the Council of Europe since its establishment in 1949. It was also one of the earliest members of OEEC (since 1961). In 1952, Turkey joined NATO, becoming a reliable ally of the West during the Cold War. Even though Turkey has tried to show its faith to allies, it's still not taking what it is asking for, the inclusion in the EU. The skeptical attitude of the EU towards Turkey, recently made Turkey itself not to have the enthusiasm it had in the begining of negotiations with the EU. Even polls show exactly that: the decrease of interest of the Turkish people regarding this topic. In this paper we are focussed precisely on this situation to clarify the factors that have led to this reality, by analyzing each of them in some viewpoints. We have made confrontations of various data to argue the situation and we extracted concrete conclusions.

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