

# EU ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS & ENERGY CHAPTER

- **Negotiation Chapters**

1. Free Movement of Goods
2. Freedom of movement for workers
3. Right of Establishment and Freedom to Provide Services
4. Free Movement of Capital
5. Public Procurement
6. Company Law
7. Intellectual Property Law
8. Competition Policy
9. Financial Services
10. Information Society and Media
11. Agriculture and Rural Development
12. Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy
13. Fisheries
14. Transport Policy
15. Energy
16. Taxation
17. Economic and Monetary Policy
18. Statistics
19. Social Policy and Employment
20. Enterprise and Industrial Policy
21. Trans-European Networks
22. Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments
23. Judiciary and Fundamental Rights
24. Justice, Freedom and Security
25. Science and Research
26. Education and Culture
27. Environment
28. Consumer and Health Protection
29. Customs Union
30. External Relations
31. Foreign, Security and Defence Policy
32. Financial Control
33. Financial and Budgetary Provisions
34. Institutions
35. Other Issues

## • Accession Negotiations – Current Situation

Opened Chapters that are Temporarily Closed	Chapters for which we were Invited to Present and that we Presented our Negotiation Position	Chapters that were Approved by the Council and for which the Opening Criteria has been Established	Chapters for which the Council and the Commission Agreed on Sending the Screening Report	
			Chapters that are Still Being Discussed in the Council	Chapters that are Still Being Discussed in the Commission
25. Science and Research	17. Economic and Monetary Policy	1. Free Movement of Goods (*)	2. Freedom of Movement of Workers	31. Foreign, Security and Defence Policy
Opened Chapters	26. Education and Culture	3. Right of Establishment and Freedom to Provide Services (*)	13. Fisheries (*)	
4. Free Movement of Capital		5. Public Procurement	14. Transport Policy (*)	
6. Company Law		8. Competition Policy	15. Energy	
7. Intellectual Property Law		9. Financial Services (*)	22. Regional Policy and the Coordination of Structural Instruments	
10. Information Society and Media		11. Agriculture and Rural Development (*)	23. Judiciary and Fundamental Rights	
12. Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy		19. Social Policy and Employment	24. Justice, Freedom and Security	
16. Taxation		29. Customs Union (*)	30. External Relations (*)	
18. Statistics			33. Financial and Budgetary Provisions	
20. Enterprise and Industrial Policy				
21. Trans-European Networks				
27. Environment				
28. Consumer and Health Protection				
32. Financial Control				

**Note – I:** In accordance with the decision taken by the EU General Affairs and External Relations Council on November, 11 2006, Cyprus (Additional Protocol) issue is an ‘Opening Criterion’ for 8 sessions marked as (\*) and a ‘Closing Criterion’ for all the rest above-mentioned chapters.

**Note – II:** Chapters No.11, 17, 22, 33 and 35 are intervened by France on account of the fact that they are ‘directly relevant to the membership’.

The accession negotiations are detailed investigation process in which how and within frame of which schedule the candidate countries will accept European Union acquis and how they will build the administrative structure that is required for the implementation are determined. The information regarding following were given in the comprehensive screening:

- Is the candidate country able to accept the acquis in the relevant session?
- Are the laws appropriate to the acquis in the relevant session accepted? If they are not, which schedule is anticipated?
- Are the administrative structures which are required to apply the acquis in the relevant session? If they are not, when will they be established?
- Is transition measure being required in the relevant session anticipated? (The preliminary information which is given regarding transition arrangements in the screening process are not to be binding. These requests will be substantially included in the position document.)

## • Energy Chapter

The representatives of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Public Works and Settlement, the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Undersecretariat of Treasury, the Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, the Privatization Administration, the Energy Market Regulatory Authority, the Turkish Statistical Institute and the Competition Authority as well as 5 members of the Monitoring and Directing Committee (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Secretariat General for EU Affairs, the State Planning Organization, the Prime Ministry and EU's Permanent Representative) have attended to the screening meetings.

Energy chapter was addressed within the scope of 'Transportation, Environment, Energy and Trans-European Networks Subcommittee' which was established in the 39th meeting of Turkey-Europe Communities Council of Association on April 11th, 2000, with the purpose of compatibility to the legislation. Meetings of 5 rounds were arranged since 2000. In addition, the Energy Safety Working Group was also assembled on May 14th, 2004.

Discussions regarding opening of the energy chapter have continued from 'Comprehensive Screening' period which was performed in 2006.

- **Explanatory Screening (May 15 – 17, 2006):** In the meeting, the regulations in the fields of the government supports to electric, gas, hydrocarbons, coal and coal industry by EU authorities, smart energy, renewable energy resources, international agreements, management of the demand (energy service directives, energy performance of buildings...) and nuclear energy were reported. For detailed information, please see [http://www.abgs.gov.tr/tarama/tarama\\_files/15/15TT\\_Annotated.htm](http://www.abgs.gov.tr/tarama/tarama_files/15/15TT_Annotated.htm).
- **Detailed Screening (June 14th – 16th 2006):** In the meeting, the detailed information regarding the regulations and implementations in our country was given by Turkish delegation. The questions of the Commission authorities regarding petroleum stock, manufacturer licenses, supply prices of crude petroleum and consumer prices of petroleum products, the organization and task distribution of the institutions operating in this field. For detailed information, please see [http://www.abgs.gov.tr/tarama/tarama\\_files/15/sorular%20ve%20cevaplar.htm](http://www.abgs.gov.tr/tarama/tarama_files/15/sorular%20ve%20cevaplar.htm).

- **Progress Reports:** The European Commission prepares a report which evaluates the progress of the candidate countries in the preparation process for the membership every year in the admission to EU process. The first Progress Report regarding Turkey was issued in 1998. For the Progress Report of 2010, please see [http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/press\\_corner/key-documents/reports\\_nov\\_2010\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/press_corner/key-documents/reports_nov_2010_en.htm).