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1994 Regulation on the Procedures and Principles Related to Possible Population Movements and Aliens Arriving in Turkey Either to Seek Asylum from a Third Country or as Mass Influx Seeking Asylum entered into force.

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2002

2002 The National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis was adopted, committing to EU standards, including migration management and establishing a comprehensive asylum and migration system.

2009

2009 Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) of IOM Türkiye started, which is integral to ensuring a comprehensive approach to migration management.

2011

2011 Start of the mass migration from Syria to Turkey. The onset of the Syrian Civil War leads to a significant influx of refugees into Turkey, prompting a shift in migration management and humanitarian response.

2012

2012 Turkey adopts the Law on Foreigners and International Protection (LFIP), which came into effect in April 2014.

2013

2013 Enactment of the Law on Foreigners and International Protection (LFIP)  
Establishment of Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM)

2014

2014 Introduction of Temporary protection status for Syrians  
EU-Turkey readmission agreement  
Provision of LFIP  
Temporary Protection Regulation

2015

2015 Completion of delegation of authority from Police to DGMM  
EU-Turkey negotiation in managing migration flow leading to Joint Action Plan due to 'European Migration Crisis'

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