

Timeline of the Return Policy in Turkey

1994 - 2023

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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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