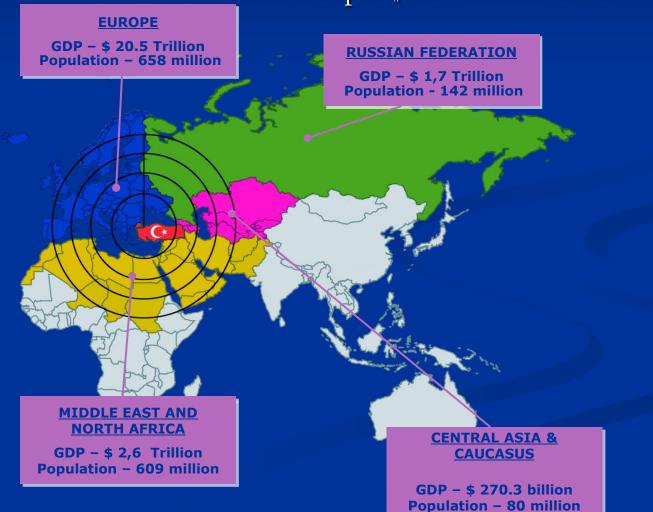
TURKEY, THE WTO, INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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MAIN TOPICS

- Turkish Economy and Trade
- Turkish Trade Policy Framework
- The Customs Union
- Turkey and the Doha Round
- Global Trade and the Doha Round

International Hub-Access to Multiple Markets Total 1.5 Billion People \$ 25 Trillion GDP



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- Geographical Area
- Population
- GDP
- GDP per capita
- Trade Volume
- FDI Inflows
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13th country in global imports 22th country in global exports : 780,576 km²

: 72 million

: 741,8 billion \$

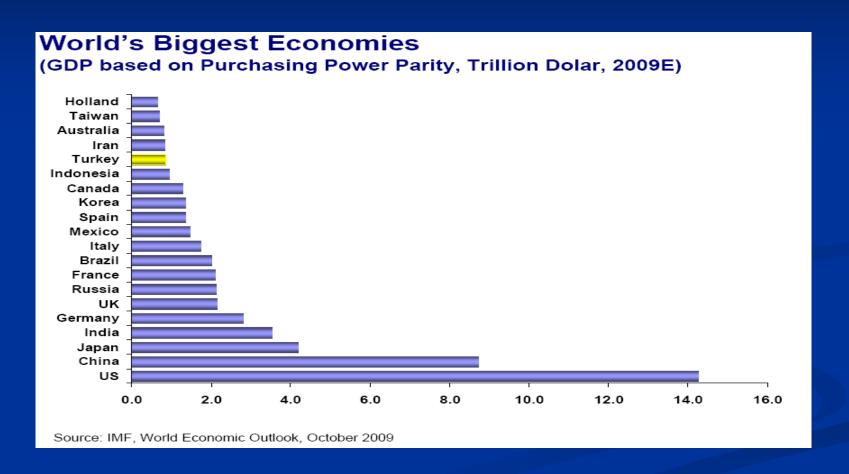
: 10,436 \$

: 334 billion \$

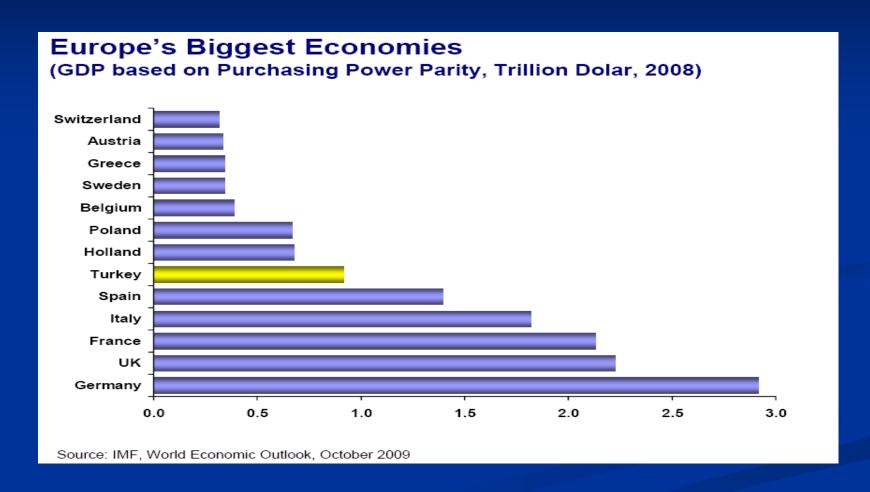
: 17,7 billion \$

: 69,9 billion \$

16th Biggest Economy of the World (IMF)



6th Biggest Economy of Europe



TURKISH INDUSTRY

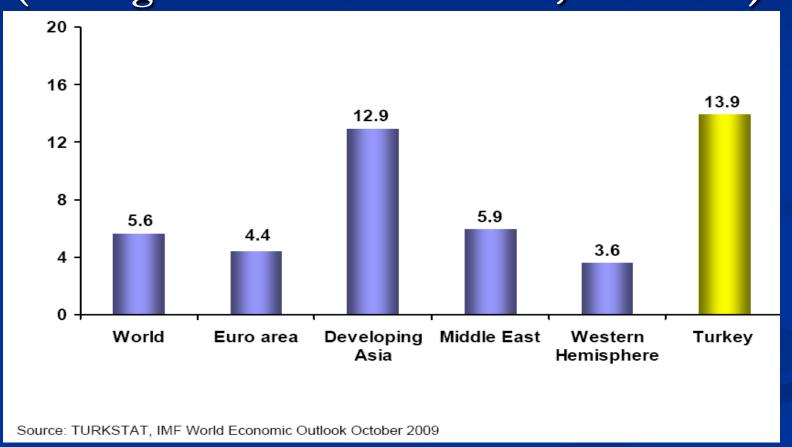
In the World

- 2nd biggest manufacturer of <u>flat glass</u>
- 3rd biggest exporter and producer of <u>home textiles</u>
- 3rd biggest exporter of the <u>cleaning products</u>
- 3rd biggest mega yacht builder
- 4th biggest manufacturer of <u>ceramic tiles</u>
- 4th biggest manufacturer of <u>clothing</u>
- 5th biggest manufacturer of jewelry
- 5th biggest <u>fresh fruits</u> producer
- 6th biggest producer of <u>cement</u>
- 7th biggest producer of cotton

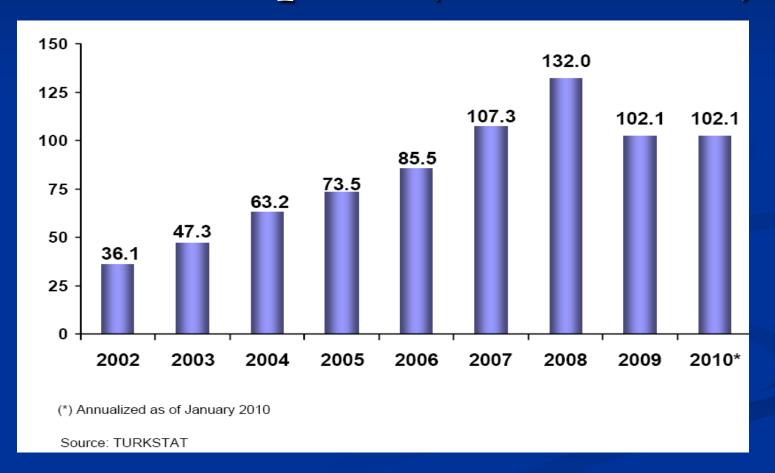
In Europe

- 1st TV sets and fertilizer manufacturer
- 2nd biggest manufacturer of <u>clothing</u>
- 7th biggest manufacturer of <u>iron and steel</u> products

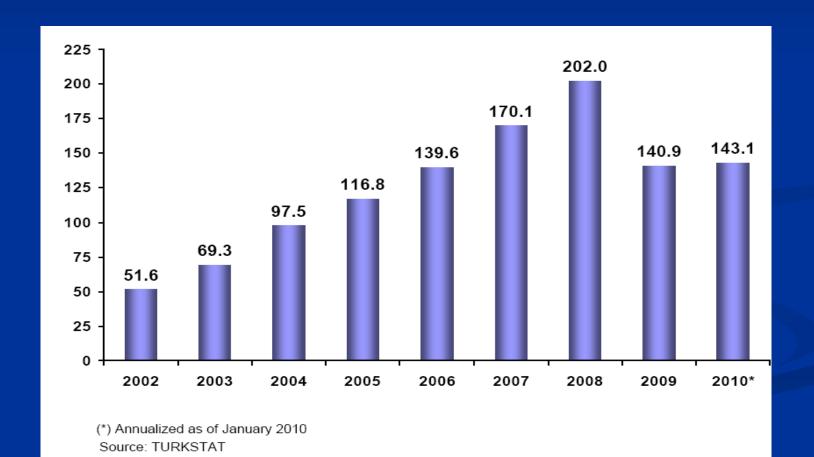
Export Performance (Average Annual Growth Rate, 2001-2008)



Annual Exports (Billion USD)



Annual Imports (Billion USD)





MAJOR ECONOMIC INVOLVEMENTS: WTO & EU

- Turkey:
 - -party to the GATT,
 - -one of the 123 original members of the WTO
- Turkey:
 - established CU with the EU in 1996
 adoption of the Common Customs Tariffs
 harmonisation of commercial policy
 progressive alignment with autonomous regimes and
 preferential agreements
 - started accession negotiations in 2005

GROUPINGS AT THE WTO

- Basic grouping at the WTO (Developed, Developing, the Least Developed)
- The UN list is recognized for LDCs
- No WTO definitions of "developed" or "developing" countries. (Self-designation)
- Turkey has 'Developing Country' status

BUT!..

TURKEY – Sui Generis

Turkey, as a developing country, will undertake developed country commitments due to the Customs Union in industrial goods

Basic Structure of Comittments

- Developed Members
 - Deeper cuts in tariffs
 - Shorter implementation period

- Developing Members: Changing Dynamics
 - S&D Treatment Flexibilities

BASIC STRATEGIES OF TURKEY IN THE DOHA

- Minimizing preference erosion in the EU market for industrial goods
- Attaining real new market access opportunities especially in the 'advanced' developing countries
- A gradual liberalization in agriculture as it has a socioeconomic dimension
- Elimination of all trade distorting domestic supports and export subsidies

GLOBAL ECONOMIC AGENDA

- Is Global Crisis over?
- Risk of Protectionism?
- Where the DOHA is Heading?
- Where International Trade is Heading?

Is Global Crisis over?

- Despite some residuals the crisis is over
- Leading economies signal growth
- World trade is set to rebound 9,5% in 2010
- Emerging economies increase their share

Risk of Protectionism?

- WTO Rules and disciplines
- Stimulus packages
- Exit Strategies

Where the DOHA is Heading?

- 8 years of negotiations
- 80% of the work is done
- Political commitment

Where the International Trade is Heading?

- Impact of the Emerging Markets
- Trends in NTBs
- Technical Regulations
- Doubling U.S. exports in the next five years

THANK YOU!