

TÜRKİYE

Candidate for the ITU Council 2027-2030

Region B (Western Europe)



TÜRKİYE: A FOUNDING PILLAR OF THE ITU

Türkiye is one of the twenty founding members of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and has been serving as a member of the ITU Council, representing the Western Europe-B Region, for six consecutive terms since 2002. Türkiye also had the honor of chairing the ITU Council in 2012.



Beyond its role as a Council Member, Türkiye remains highly engaged across all three sectors of the ITU. Turkish representatives hold key managerial and rapporteur-level positions in various ITU study groups, contributing actively to the Union's work.

As a reflection of its long-standing cooperation and strong partnership with the ITU, Türkiye has proudly hosted three major ITU conferences – WRC-2000 in İstanbul, the first-ever World Radiocommunication Conference held outside Geneva; WTDC-2002 in İstanbul; and PP-06 in Antalya – along with several other ITU meetings over the years.



INNOVATING TODAY, CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY GENERATIONS

Türkiye, with the youngest population in Europe, stands as a strong partner of the ITU, driven by its dynamic economy and significant investments in information and communication technologies.



85.5
million
population



99.1
million mobile
subscribers



98.2
million broadband
internet subscribers



416
operators in the electronic
communications sector

Every step Türkiye takes in line with its national strategies brings the country closer to becoming a regional leader and a global player in the digital and technology sectors. Within the visions outlined by initiatives such as **"Digital Türkiye"**, **"Türkiye Century,"** and **"National Technology Initiative,"** the production, development, and deployment of cutting-edge technologies, as well as the protection of citizens' rights, remain among Türkiye's highest priorities.

In line with our shared goals with ITU; Türkiye is steadfastly continuing our efforts to ensure that all our citizens can benefit from the opportunities offered by digital technologies in the most effective and inclusive manner. We continue to promote innovation, increase digital inclusion, and strengthen our digital infrastructure to support sustainable development and the progress of our country. We promote innovation, expand digital inclusion, and strengthen our digital infrastructure to support sustainable development and national progress. Türkiye drives breakthrough innovation in emerging technologies, while fueling startups and R&D initiatives that expand the nation's technological leadership.



Launched in 2008 as part of
"Digital Türkiye" vision,
Türkiye's e-Governmental
portal, turkiye.gov.tr, has
achieved remarkable success
by the end of 2025.



68.193.133

number of "turkiye.gov.tr" users

9.170

number of "turkiye.gov.tr" services

PIONEERING SAFETY, TRUST, AND DIGITAL RESILIENCE

- ◆ Recognizing the strategic importance of cybersecurity, Türkiye places the highest priority on building a safe and resilient digital ecosystem. According to the ITU Cybersecurity Index 2024, Türkiye received full points and was evaluated in the **“Tier 1: Role-Modeling Country (95–100 Points)”** category.



- ◆ Türkiye is committed to advancing modern and effective methods to build trust and confidence in the use of digital technologies. We actively leverage ITU’s pioneering initiatives in this field and are proud to be recognized as a **“good practice” country for child online protection**.



- ◆ We prioritize the creation of a **safe and secure digital environment**, implementing age-appropriate policies, public awareness campaigns, and educational programs to ensure a responsible, resilient, and child-friendly online ecosystem.



- ◆ Established in 2017 under the BTK, the Safer Internet Center conducts activities to raise public awareness on the conscious and safer use of the internet. To date, it has reached over 250,000 individuals through more than 1,500 trainings and seminars. In addition, the Internet Hotline operating within the Center has been an active member of INHOPE since 2011.





EMPOWERING PEOPLE, EXPANDING DIGITAL HORIZONS

As part of its commitment to an inclusive digital future, Türkiye places great importance on digital inclusion and the development of ICT skills. Since its establishment in 2017, **BTK Academy** has been a cornerstone of these efforts, providing free, accessible, and high-quality online training open to all. Today, the Academy has reached approximately **3 million registered users** and offers comprehensive courses across **12 thematic categories**, strengthening Türkiye's human capital in the digital field.



3
million
users



192,000 +
minutes of
course content



381
topics in
12
different
categories



Türkiye has always been ready to share its long years of experience and knowledge in the field of ICTs with all countries in need of capacity building, particularly its neighbours and regional partners. Over the years, Türkiye has actively cooperated with its counterparts by providing training and expertise across various regulatory areas, contributing to the development of ICT human capital globally. As an active contributor to the ITU P2C Coalition, Türkiye continues to support and strengthen international efforts to enhance ICT capacity worldwide.

TURNING VISION INTO TECHNOLOGY AND PROGRESS

In today's era of digital transformation, technology has become a cornerstone not only of development but also of national sovereignty. Guided by this vision, Türkiye is advancing with the goal of becoming a nation that designs, develops, and exports technology, rather than merely consuming it.

A major milestone in this journey was achieved in 2025, with the commissioning of TÜRKSAT 6A, Türkiye's first domestically designed and produced communication satellite, built with over 80 percent nationally manufactured components. With this achievement, Türkiye joined the select group of only 11 countries worldwide capable of producing their own communication satellites.

Another big step was taken with the National Spectrum Monitoring System, a state-of-the-art spectrum monitoring and control infrastructure designed and implemented with domestic and national resources, to ensure the secure, efficient, and orderly operation of the electronic communication ecosystem across the country.

Green Map, a high-resolution electromagnetic field (EMF) supervision system continuously monitors electromagnetic emission levels originating from mobile base stations, radio transmitters, and television broadcast facilities across the entire country for strengthening Türkiye's digital ecosystem.

Türkiye aims to be a technology hub in 5G and beyond network by supporting national vendors and encouraging operators.





TÜRKİYE FOR THE ITU COUNCIL: DRIVING A CONNECTED AND INCLUSIVE DIGITAL FUTURE



REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

Bridging continents and regions, Türkiye fosters cooperation, dialogue, and coordinated digital development globally.



CAPACITY BUILDING

Leveraging decades of experience, Türkiye provides best efforts to strengthen ITU and its member states.



DIGITAL INCLUSION

Sharing best practices, Türkiye ensures equal support and guidance, enabling everyone to benefit from the digital transformation.



GLOBAL STANDARDS & INNOVATION

Türkiye contributes decisively to ITU, supporting its work as a cornerstone UN agency for global connectivity and digital development.



SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Working hand in hand with ITU, Türkiye champions inclusive digital transformation to strengthen the economy, education, and resilient digital infrastructure.



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