



TÜRKİYE

**CANDIDATE FOR THE ITU COUNCIL
REGION B-WESTERN EUROPE**

DISCOVER THE POTENTIAL

With its 84+ million population, 42% of which consists of children and youth, the Republic of Türkiye is the most populous and young country in Europe and a leading partner in its region. Türkiye has a strong economy and a member of various organizations including OECD, WTO, Council of Europe, OSCE, BSEC and G20.

The young and energetic population of Türkiye creates a dynamic ICT sector. The ICT market of Türkiye is growing steadily every year. As of end of 2021, there are 12,3 million fixed subscribers and 86,3 million mobile subscribers. The total number of broadband internet subscribers reached 88,2 million by the end of 2021.

Türkiye's strong economy, young and qualified population, and dynamic and agile ICT sector creates the huge potential for bright and innovative solutions for emerging challenges.



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mobile
subscribers**



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Türkiye is candidate for the ITU Council to put its potential for the use of ITU's benefit.

Göbeklitepe,
ŞANLIURFA



*Double Bridge,
ARTVİN*



CONNECTING CONTINENTS, CIVILIZATIONS AND ECONOMIES

Türkiye, located at the crossroads of the Balkans, Caucasus, Middle East, and Eastern Mediterranean, connects north, south, east and west. Due to its unique location, Türkiye has always been the center of great trade, silk and spice routes.

Not only connects the cultures, Türkiye also houses diverse cultures, beliefs and history. Acting as a bridge between Europe, Africa and Asia, Türkiye combines the characteristics of three continents. With this responsibility of connecting the developing and developed world to each other, Türkiye will continue to support ITU's role of connecting the unconnected.

**Türkiye is candidate for the ITU Council
for a better-connected world.**

MIND THE GAP, EMBRACE THE KNOWLEDGE

The era we live in witnesses dazzling technological evolvment and equally fast disparity between the regions as well as among the different layers of the society. The rapidly digitalizing world inevitably forces countries to keep up, to be better equipped and more inclusive.

2023 Strategic Vision of Türkiye recognizes ICT sector as an accelerator for sustainable development and sets the relevant goals such as transformation to knowledge-based society, providing an ICT- based economic growth, and enhancing high speed broadband access for all.

Türkiye's National Broadband Strategy and Action Plan targets "broadband for everyone everywhere!", as well as improved broadband infrastructure, enhanced fiber access, and increased connection capacity and speed. Within this context, Türkiye attaches priority to the activities targeting capacity building and skills improvement for inclusive access and takes strong steps towards digital society.

Türkiye has always been ready to share its long years of experience and knowledge in the field of ICTs with all countries that need capacity building, especially its neighbours and countries in its region. Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA-BTK) of Türkiye have continued over the years to cooperate actively with its counterparts with the training facilities it provided in various regulatory areas.

BTK Academy, the training centre of the ICTA-BTK of Türkiye, provides free-of-charge online trainings, workshops, hackathons, conferences and seminars for advancing digital skills, and conscientious and effective use of ICTs for youth, children and vulnerable groups of the society. Additionally, National CERT of Türkiye (TR-CERT), which operates within ICTA-BTK, organizes and supports training courses, summer camps, and competitions for awareness raising about cyber security, and trust and confidence in the use of ICTs.



*The Gypsy Girl,
GAZIANTEP*



Türkiye is candidate for the ITU Council for sharing its knowledge and broad experience to bridge the digital divide for an inclusive access for all.

STRONGER TOGETHER

The coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has highlighted the vital importance of the resilient, reliable and sustainable ICT networks and services. Increased remote working, online education and e-commerce demand tested countries in terms of capacity and reliability of their networks and services. Türkiye was among the countries who responded the pandemic fast, timely and adequately. All necessary measures for business continuity and for maintaining the quality and security of the ICT services were taken rapidly.

Türkiye attaches great importance to developing up to date methods of combating cybercrime and to carry out preventive, deterrent and effective studies. As a result of the continuous efforts in this field, Türkiye was ranked 6th in Europe and 11th in the world at 2020 Global Cybersecurity Index-GCI. As part of Türkiye's long-standing efforts for building confidence and trust in the use of ICTs, Child Online Protection-COP Guidelines of the ITU were translated into Turkish and made available for all stakeholders in 2021.

Cyber threats and harmful online content are joint concerns of all countries. Türkiye believes that international cooperation and information sharing is essential in the fight against cybercrime and for protection of the children at online environment. We are stronger together!

Türkiye is candidate for the ITU Council to build stronger, resilient, reliable and sustainable ICT networks and services.



TÜRKİYE'S PROUD HISTORY IN THE ITU

Türkiye is a founder member of the ITU and Council member representing Region B- Western Europe for five consecutive terms since 2002. As an active member of the ITU since 1865, Türkiye has actively participated in and contributed to the work of the Union. Türkiye is not only an active member state of the ITU Council, which it chaired in 2012, also very active in all sectors of the ITU.

Representatives of Türkiye have several managerial and rapporteur level responsibilities at ITU study groups of all sectors. Türkiye also actively contributes to the regional preparations for major ITU events within CEPT, the regional telecommunications organisation of European region.

As a reflection of its commitment to the ITU, Türkiye had the honour of hosting three major ITU Conferences: WRC-2000 in İstanbul (the first-ever WRC held in a venue other than Geneva), WTDC-02 in İstanbul and PP-06 in Antalya, as well as several other ITU meetings.

Türkiye is candidate for the ITU Council to continue contributing ITU's studies as an experienced member of the team.



TÜRKİYE IS CANDIDATE FOR THE ITU COUNCIL TO:

- Put its huge potential and experience for the use of ITU's benefit,
- Promote a more inclusive digital society where everyone is connected everywhere,
- Support the ITU at its role as the facilitator for achievement of the sustainable development goals with ICTs,
- Foster international cooperation for bridging the digital divide,
- Collaborate with the ITU and its members to build stronger, resilient, reliable and sustainable ICT networks and services.
- Share information and experience for skills development and capacity building in the Member States,
- Strengthen the ITU as a leading future-proof UN agency.



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