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The Steering Committee of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey provides strategic guidance on the overall priorities, types of actions and instruments to be used. It also permanently monitors and assesses implementation of the EU-Turkey statement¹. It last met on 23 May 2025.

As noted in the report², Türkiye continues to make very significant efforts in hosting and addressing the needs of refugees and migrants and the EU-Turkey statement continued to deliver concrete results in 2024. As per financial rules, the Commission is obliged to disburse funding once it has been contracted, except in cases of fraud or other serious infractions against the principle of sound financial management enshrined in the applicable legislation.

According to the Statistical Office of the EU (Eurostat) data, from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2024, 31 525 Turkish nationals were returned from the EU to Türkiye following an order to leave³.

¹ EU-Turkey Statement, <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2016/03/18/eu-turkey-statement/>.

² Ninth Annual Report on the Facility for Refugees in Turkey, https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/ninth-annual-report-facility-refugees-turkey_en.

³ Eurostat, https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/migr_eirtn_custom_18334598/default/table. No data is available for the number of third country nationals returned to Türkiye in Eurostat or in the Irregular Migration Management Application, and only data concerning the return of Turkish nationals is available.