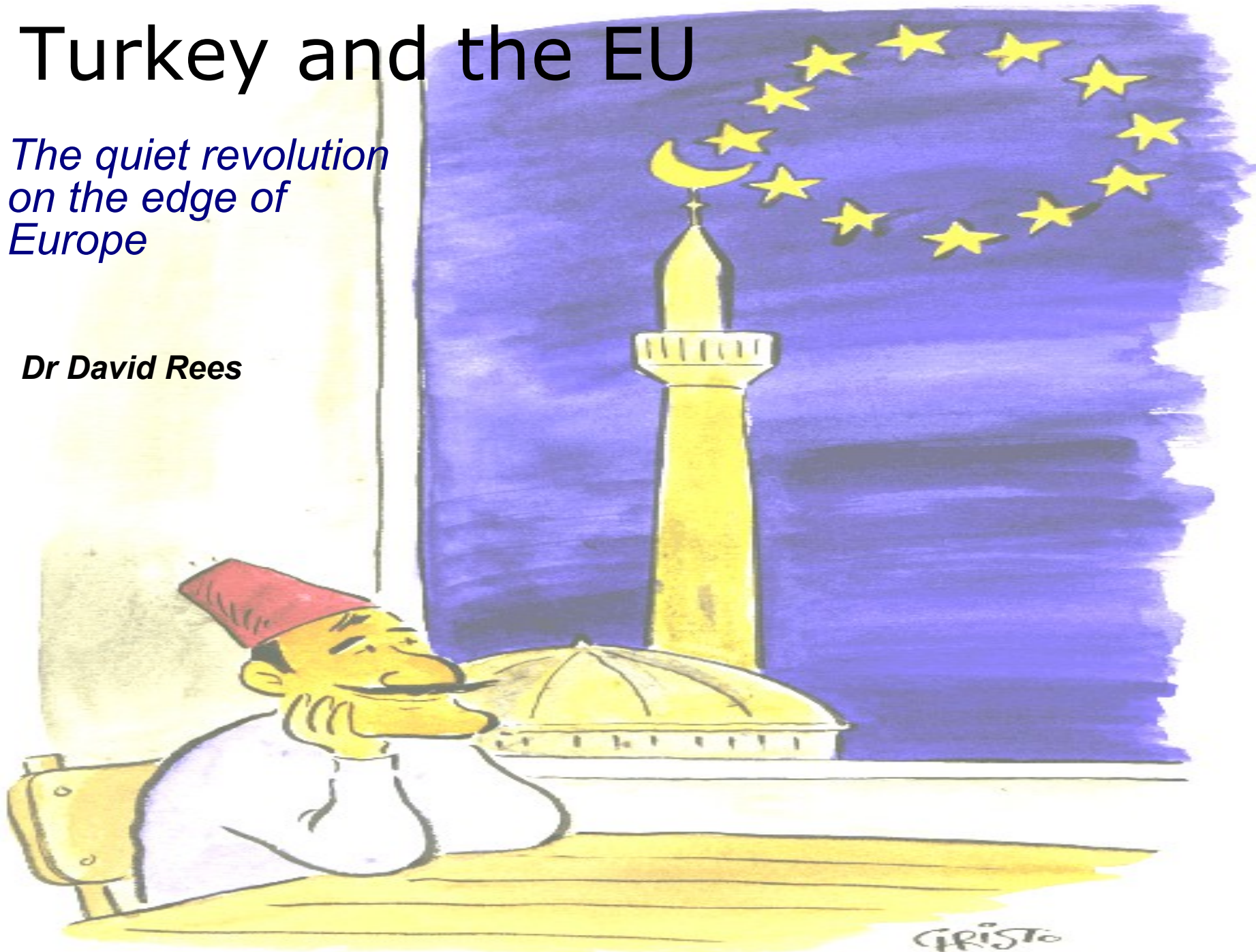


Turkey and the EU

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Geography of Turkey



Quick View

- Full Name:
Republic of Turkey
- Capital City: Ankara
- Area: 780,000km²
- Population: 68m
- Languages: Turkish (Official)
- Religion: Muslim
- Currency: New Turkish Lira



History of Turkey

**1,000 years ago: Europe – stagnation and decline
Islamic world – advanced civilisation**

Medicine

Mathematics

Astronomy

Arts

Hygiene

Agricultural technology

Crusades – the cross against the crescent

Objective – Jerusalem.

Result - failure

1453 The fall of Constantinople



The Ottoman Empire 1481-1683

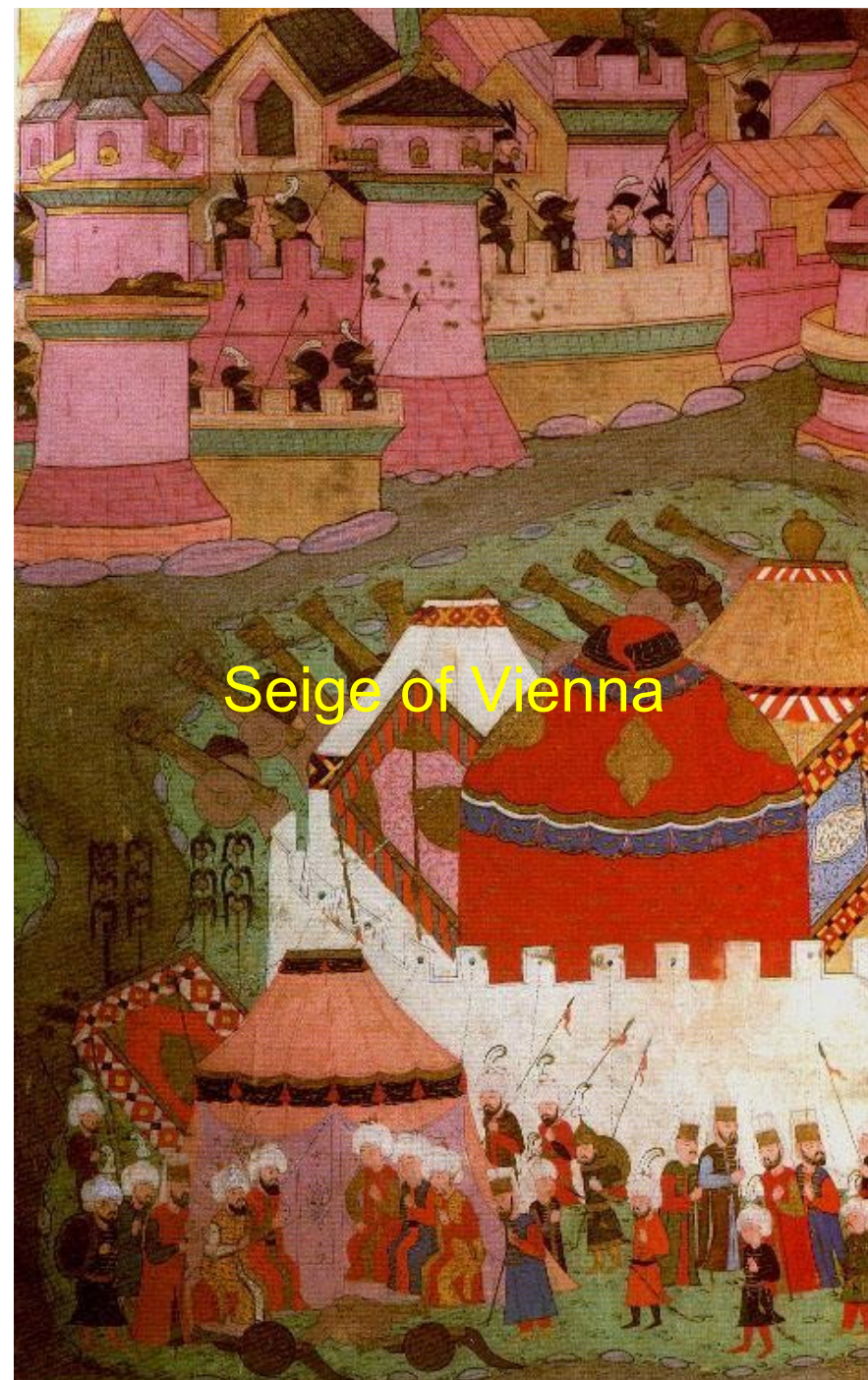
The Ottoman Empire, 1481—1683.



Catholics vs the Ottoman Empire

***Catholics vs Ottomans
Protestants vs catholics
Therefore: Protestants pro-
Ottoman***

***Nowadays: more favourable
treatment from Protestant
countries than Catholic? – but
is this true?***



Seige of Vienna



CRISTO

WELCOME
TURKEY



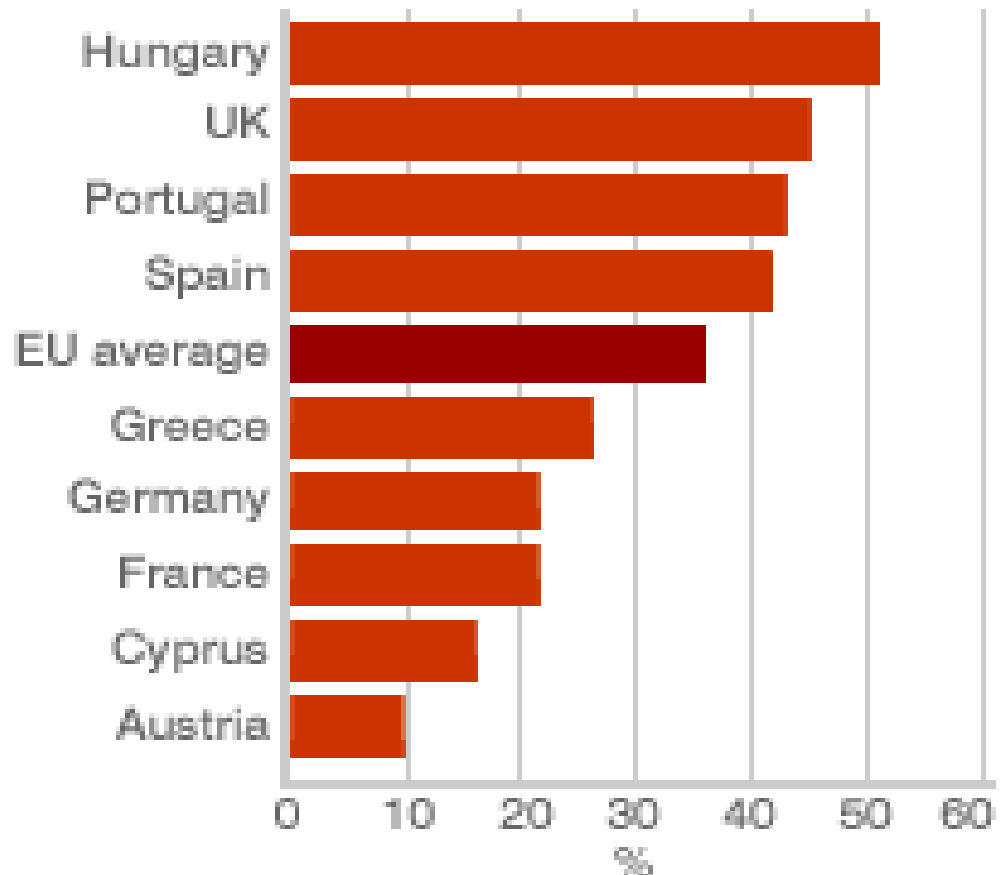
Public Opinion

Opposition reasons:

- Turkey's large population
- Relative poverty
- Cultural incompatibility with Europe

SUPPORT FOR TURKEY

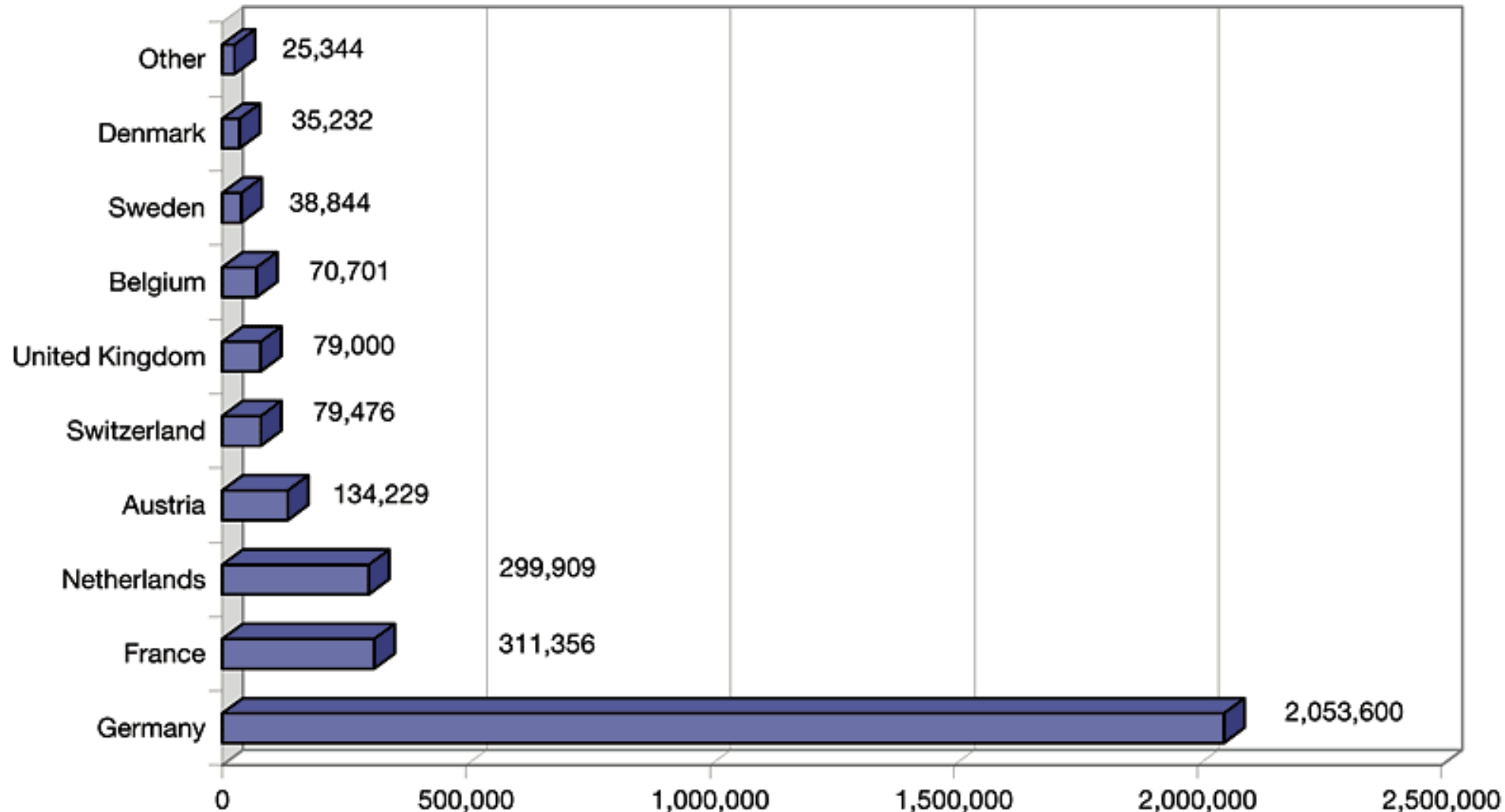
Percentage of population in favour of Turkish EU membership



SOURCE: Eurobarometer May/June 2005

Turkish Emigration

Turkish citizens residing in Western Europe in 2003



Source: Turkish Ministry of Labour and Social Security

The origins of Turkey - Ataturk



***Military genius (Mustafa Kemal)
Capital moves from Istanbul to Ankara
Ottoman monarchy abolished
Women allowed to vote
Latin alphabet
Turkey on course for the West!***

The Kurdish problem



1930s thousands of Kurds killed, deported and villages destroyed

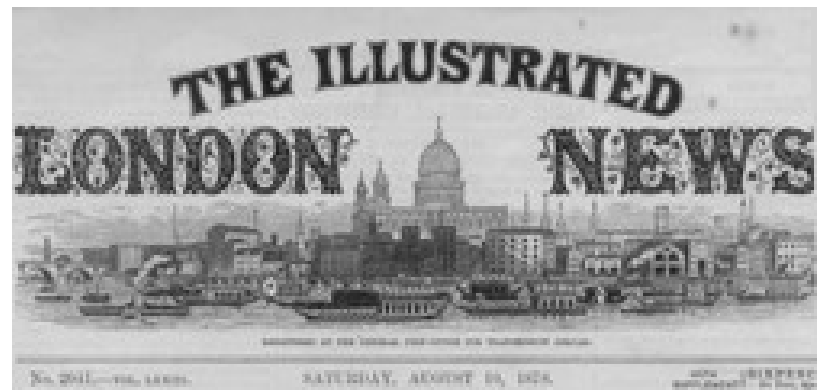
Kurdish insurrection 1980s and 1990s

Still a problem

Terrorists or 'Freedom fighters'?

Kurds see the EU as their chance for justice and rights

1878
Cyprus
wins
independence
(leased to
Britain)



SHOWING THE RAISING OF THE BRITISH FLAG IN CYPRUS

The Cyprus problem

Cyprus enters EU 2004

Independence from UK in 1960
(UK, Greece, Turkey had limited
rights to intervene in internal affairs)

Greek coup to unite Cyprus
with Greece in 1974

Turkish invasion 1974
to protect Turkish
citizens

UK sovereign military bases

2004 'peace' referendum accepted
by Turks (65%), refused by
Cypriots (75%)





EU doesn't consider N. Cyprus as EU for trade purposes
Turkey closes airports and ports to Southern Cyprus
EU imposes obligation to open ports by end 2005
Turkey says OK once N. Cyprus open to EU trade

JORDAN

Armenian problem starts



**1890s thousands of Armenians killed in Istanbul
– a portent of 1915?**



1915-1917 Forces evacuation and related deaths of over a million Armenians (numbers unclear)

EU – Genocide. Turkey - inter-ethnic strife, disease and famine during the turmoil of World War I.

21 countries have decreed it officially as genocide

2006. France makes it unlawful to negate Armenian genocide

Turkey reminds France of its atrocities in Algeria



THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE: 1915-1923



Massacre sites: The marker size represents the number of deaths.



Death March Routes: Turkish troops forced Armenians into the desert, without food or water, to die of starvation and heat exhaustion.



Concentration Camps



Deportation Checkpoints

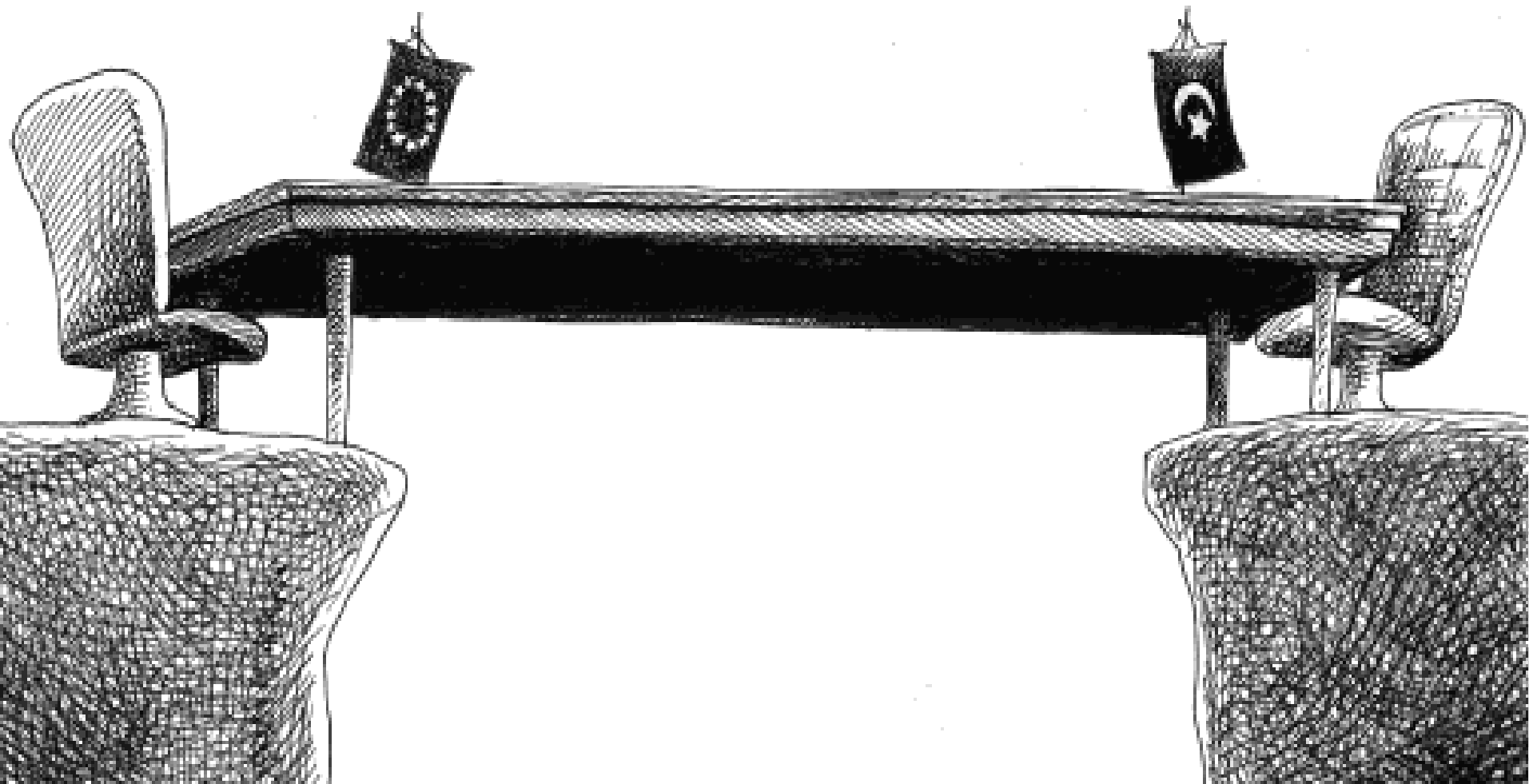
Present day regional country borders

Historic Armenia borders

Current Armenia borders

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Does Turkey Qualify for EU Membership?



The Criteria for EU Membership

□ Political Criteria

- Guaranteeing democracy
- The superiority of rule of law
- Respect for human rights
- Respect for and protection of minorities

□ Economic Criteria

- Existence of a functioning market economy
- The capacity to cope with competitive pressure and market forces within the Union

□ Institutional Criteria

- Ability to take on the obligation

Does Turkey Qualify for Membership?

□ Is Turkey European?

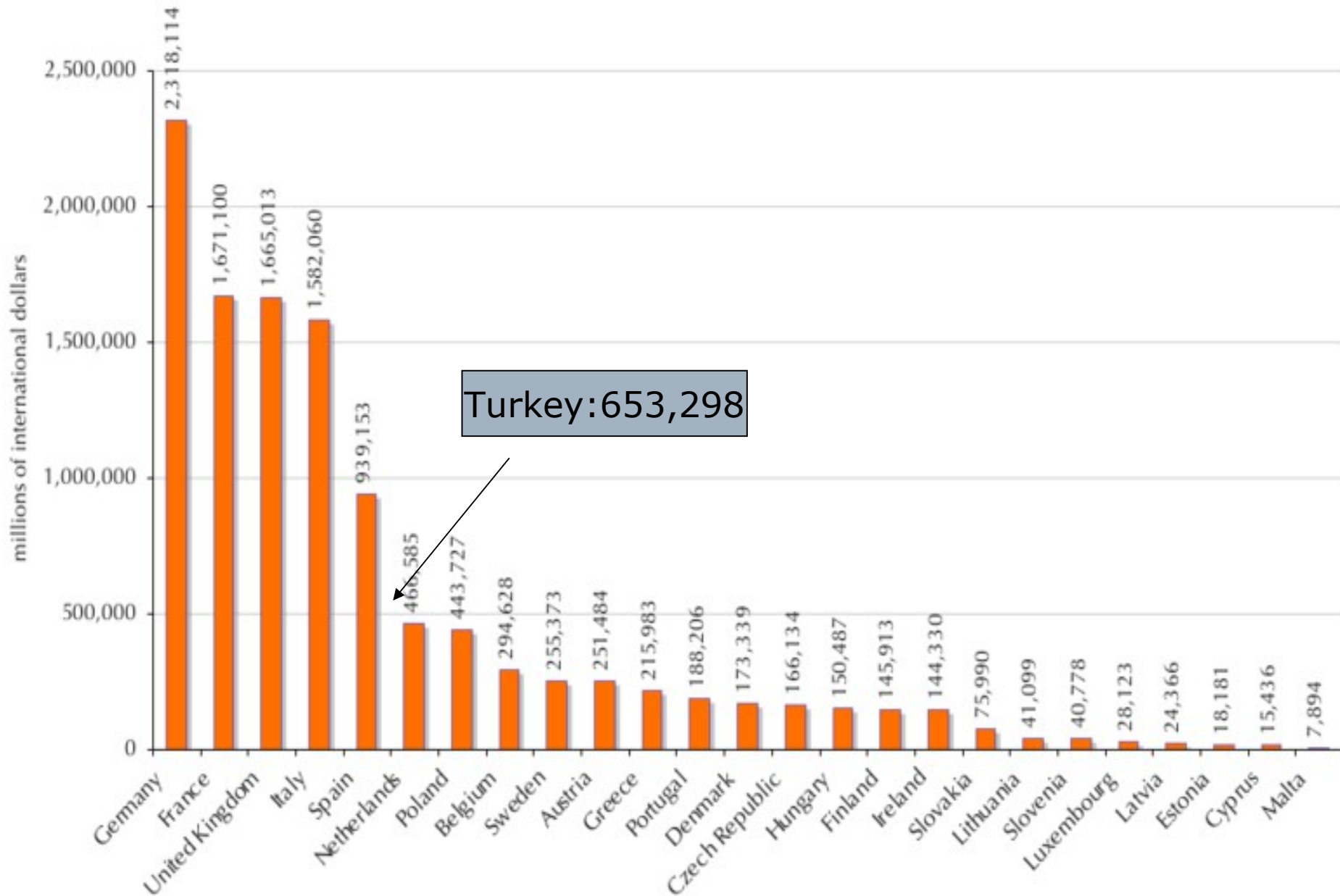
- Geographical location
- Cultural specificity

□ Is Turkey a democratic country?

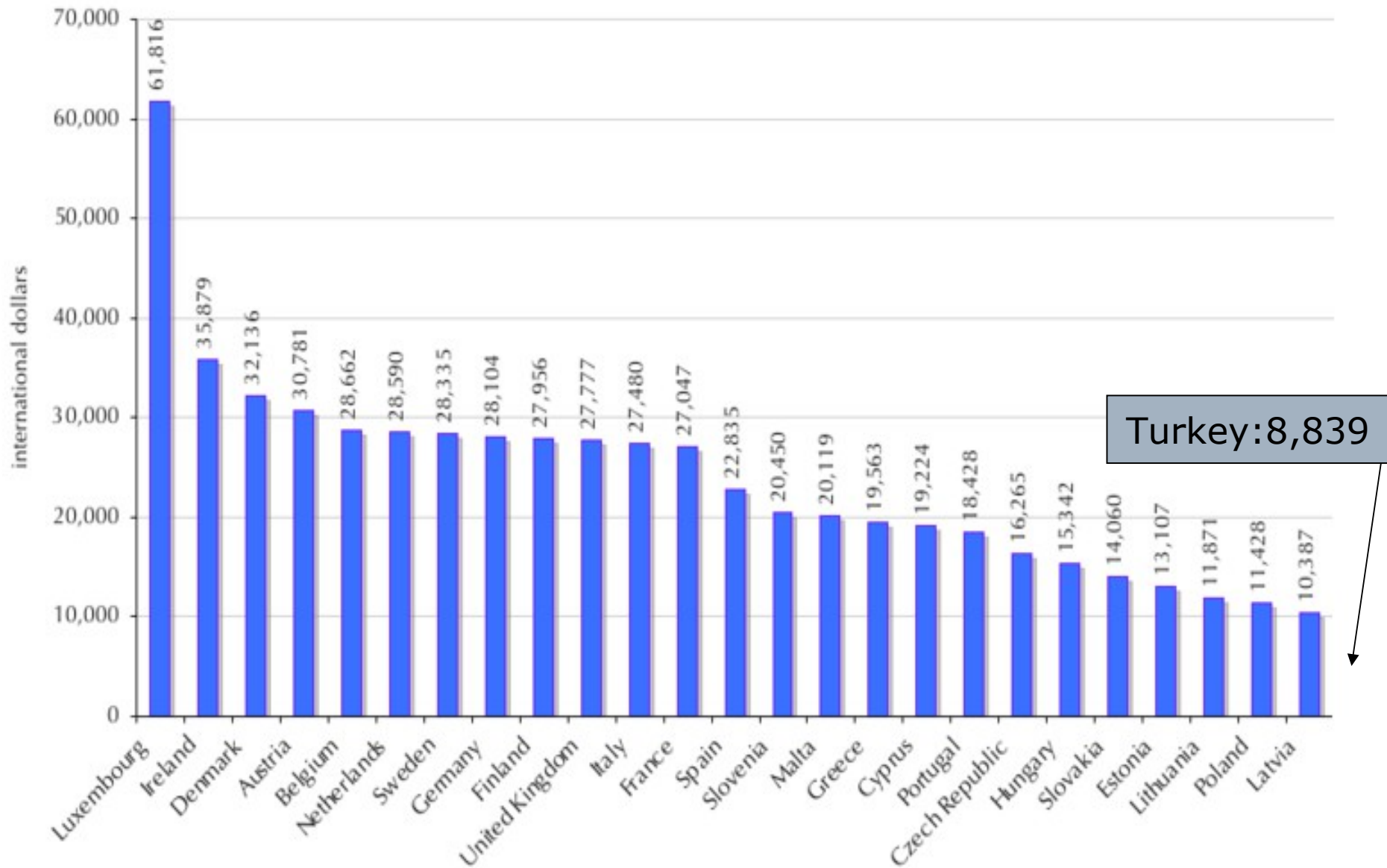
- Referendum
- Human rights
- The issue of Cyprus
- Kurdish minority
- Armenian problem



European Union: GDP (PPP) 2004



European Union: GDP (PPP) per capita 2004



Turkish Inward Foreign Direct Investment (2002-2008) (Million \$)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	January-April 2007	2008
Foreign Direct Investment Total (Net)	1,137	1,751	2,785	10,031	19,989	22,029	10,158	5,336
Foreign Direct Investment	1,137	753	1,442	8,190	17,067	19,077	9,063	4,420
Equity Investment (Net)	617	737	1,092	8,134	16,982	18,526	8,855	4,369
Inflows	622	745	1,190	8,535	17,639	19,269	8,857	4,377
Liquidation Outflows	-5	-8	-98	-401	-657	-743	-2	-8
Intra-Company Loans*	520	16	350	56	85	551	208	51
Real Estate (Net)	--	998	1,343	1,841	2,922	2,952	1,095	916

*Loans which companies with foreign capital receive from foreign partners

Source: <http://www.treasury.gov.tr>

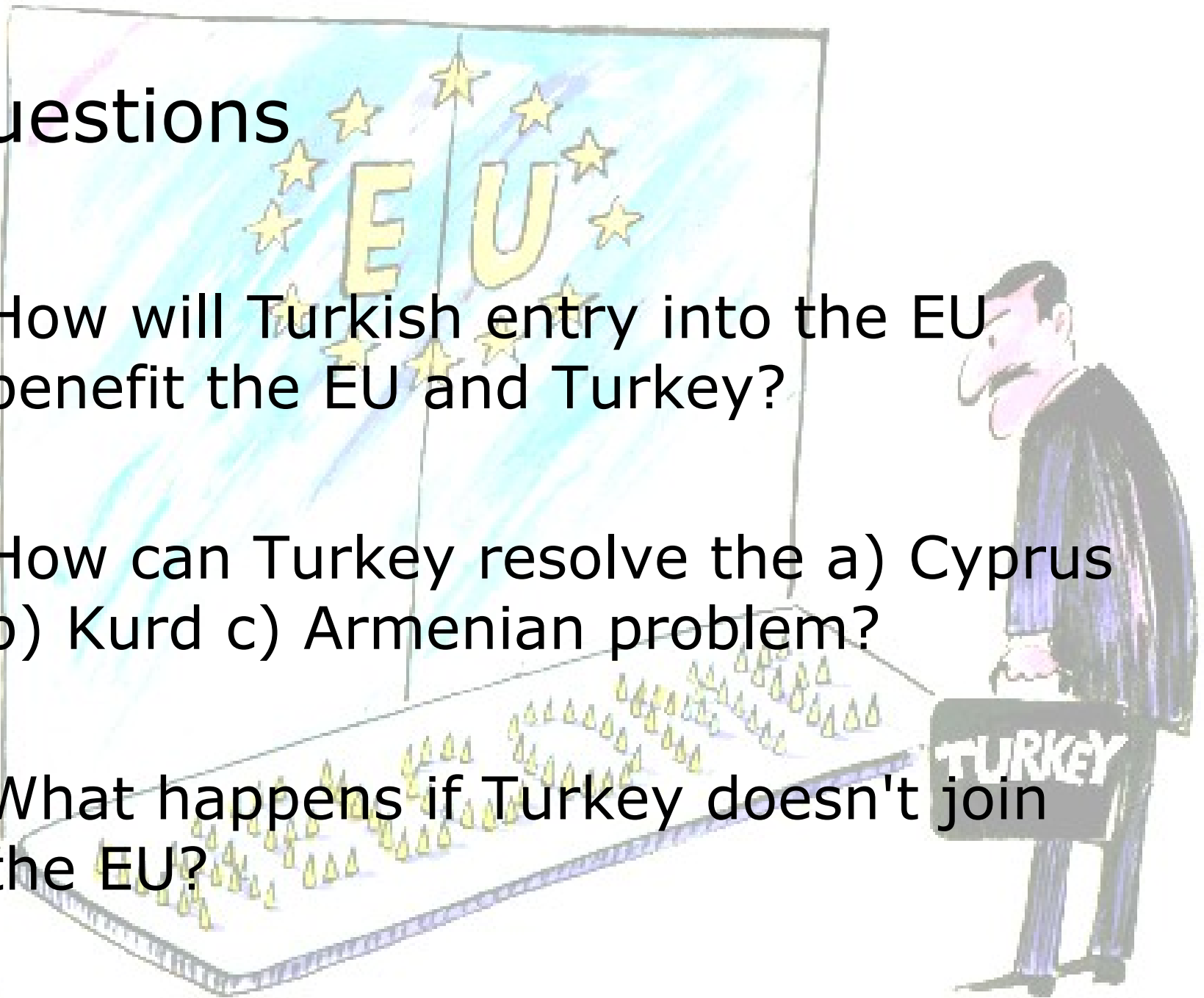
The agricultural sector (1/3 of total labour force and 12% of GDP)

A future agricultural producer for the EU?



Questions

- ◆ How will Turkish entry into the EU benefit the EU and Turkey?
- ◆ How can Turkey resolve the a) Cyprus b) Kurd c) Armenian problem?
- ◆ What happens if Turkey doesn't join the EU?



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