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Introduction of the Programme in Turkey

- ✓ Two meetings were organised.
- ✓ First meeting was held on 7th of November 2005 in Ankara, with the involvement of nearly 20 participants.
- ✓ An information day was organised with Community officials on 15th of March 2006.
- ✓ Nearly 80 participants involved from public institutions, universities, businesses and NGO's.



Participation in the Programme

- ✓ State Planning Organisation held a meeting in December 2003 to evaluate the participation with the relevant ministries and public institutions.
- ✓ Turkey participated to the programme in 2006 through case by case basis.
- ✓ A National Contact Point has been assigned.
- ✓ SPO frankly stated its will as to providing financial support through budget for the projects of public institutions to be accepted by the Commission.
- ✓ By the same token, it has been declared that the projects of NGOs and businesses would be supported from different resources.



Expectations of Turkey from the Programme

- ✓ Enrich Turkey's endeavors to become an inclusive information society with a global perspective, in particular parallel with that of EU.
- ✓ Provide an opportunity to ease harmonization of regulations and implementations to the EU Acquis and accession negotiations.



Considerations for Future Participation

As the Programme will be included in the new Competitiveness and Innovation Programme;

- ✓ It is important that the framework of new programme be established and participation criteria for candidate countries be decided.
- ✓ On Turkey's side, as information society activities has flourished especially in recent years, it is expected that project capacity of public institutions and business sector would be increased, validating participation in the Programme.



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