



SCREENING CHAPTER 19 SOCIAL POLICY AND EMPLOYMENT

AGENDA ITEM: SOCIAL DIALOGUE

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TURKISH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ESC)

- ESC is one of the main multi-party social dialogue mechanisms between various social groups and government in Turkey.
- It was set up by the Law on Economic and Social Council on 11 April 2001.
- However previously, irregular meetings had been held since 1995, by decrees issued by the various governments to satisfy the broad-base social dialogue needs.



COMPOSITION OF ESC

- **The chairman** of the Turkish ESC is the Prime Minister.
- The Council consists of 39 members, 15 of which are Government representatives. Apart from the members from the Government, the Council has three groups of members i.e. representatives of employers, of employees and of tradesmen and craftsmen and farmers.
- **Secretarial services** of the ESC are carried out by State Planning Organization. Its undersecretary is also member of the Council.



MEMBERS OF THE ESC

GROUP (1) Government (15 Members)

Apart from Prime Minister, government is represented in the ESC with various ministers who are in charge of economic and social issues and some bureaucrats.

GROUP (2) Employers (6 Members)

- The Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Maritime Trade and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)
- Turkish Confederation of Employer Associations (TISK)

GROUP (3) Employees (12 Members)

- The Confederation of Turkish Trade Unions (TURK-IS)
- The Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Turkey (DISK)
- HAK-IS Trade Union Confederation (HAK-IS)
- The Confederation of Public Employees Trade Unions (KAMU-SEN)

GROUP (4) Others (6 Members)

- Union of Turkish Chambers of Agriculture (TZOB)
- Confederation of Tradesmen and Artisans of Turkey (TESK)



MAIN DUTIES OF ESC

- To ensure the participation of the various social partners in the governmental economic and social policies. To promote consensus and cooperation both between the government and these groups and among these groups themselves.
- To submit opinions, views and reports to the Government, the Parliament, the President and the public, on its own referral.
- To present, on Government's referral, opinions on the law proposals on various economic and social matters that are related to the economic and social life, and Development Plans and Annual Programmes.



JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (JCC)

- JCC provides the linkage between Turkish ESC and EESC.
- JCC was set up in 1996 according to Article 27 of the EEC/Turkey Association Agreement.
- It consists of thirty-six members, with each side appointing eighteen members.
- Full members are replaced by alternates.



MAIN DUTIES OF JCC

- The Committee facilitates the involvement of the economic and social partners in the process of consolidating relations between the EU and Turkey.
- The Committee, acting on a referral from the Association Council or on its own initiative, may express its views on matters falling within its terms of reference in the form of reports or resolutions.



MEMBERS OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

GROUP (1) Employers (6 Members)

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- Turkish Confederation of Employer Associations (TISK)

GROUP (2) Employees (6 Members)

- The Confederation of Turkish Trade Unions (TURK-IS)
- The Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Turkey (DISK)
- HAK-IS Trade Union Confederation (HAK-IS)
- The Confederation of Public Employees (KAMU-SEN)

GROUP (3) Others (6 Members)

- Union of Turkish Chambers of Agriculture (TZOB)
- Confederation of Tradesmen and Artisans of Turkey (TESK)
- Union of Chambers of Engineers and Architects of Turkey (TMMOB), Alternately
- The Association for the Protection of Consumers (TUKODER), Alternately
- Turkish of Association Industrial Relations (TEID), Alternately



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