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## COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF POLICIES

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### **3. CULTURE**

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## The Cultural Policy of the Republic of Turkey

- ✓ In line with EU cultural policy
- ✓ Cooperation with other countries including EU member states
- ✓ Cooperation with International Organizations (UNESCO, Council of Europe)



**The Cultural Policy of Turkey is constructed on principles of tolerance and cultural diversity,**

**The Constitution (Articles 24,25,26,27) provides the base for culture policy**

**✓ Everyone has the right to freedom of conscience, religious belief and conviction.**

**✓ Everyone has the right to freedom of thought and opinion.**

**✓ Everyone has the right to express and disseminate his thoughts and opinion by speech, in writing or in pictures or through other media, individually or collectively.**

**✓ Everyone has the right to study and teach freely, explain, and disseminate science and arts and to carry out research in these fields.**



## The aims of Cultural Policy

- ✓ Protection and development of national culture
- ✓ Strengthening and enhancement of the cultural structure
- ✓ Dissemination of cultural activities



## Organizational Structure

- ✓ Parliament plays an important role in the fields of culture, art and cultural heritage.
- ✓ The Ministry of Culture and Tourism is the main government body
- ✓ Although the main responsibility for formation and implementation of the policies for culture lies with the Ministry, the Ministry also acts constantly in cooperation with other bodies to achieve these ends.
- ✓ The role of local administrations is being strengthened.



## Cultural Policy Objectives

- ✓ Turkey, as stated in its cultural policy aims, intends to increase access to culture for all parts of the community. Therefore,
- ✓ One of the first priorities of Turkey is to initiate and support the development of a database of cultural statistics, compatible with EU practice.
- ✓ MoNE and universities have also policies and institutions aiming at improving culture and arts.





## Cooperation with International Organizations

### UNESCO Convention on cultural diversity

- ✓ Turkey has effectively contributed to the negotiations on the Convention and has been very much involved in its preparation.
- ✓ Turkey is in favour of the Convention and believes that the Convention should be supported in terms of its content.
- ✓ The necessary evaluations are being made by the relevant Turkish authorities with regard to the Convention.



**Turkey is signatory and/or party to the following conventions:**

- ✓ UNESCO, Convention on Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage  
(2003)**
- ✓ Council of Europe, Convention on European Culture  
(1954)**
- ✓ Council of Europe, Conventions on European Archaeological Heritage  
(1969, 1985, and 1992)**
- ✓ Council of Europe, Convention on European Architectural Heritage  
(1985)**



## Bilateral Relations

✓ Turkey also has bilateral cultural cooperation agreements with around 88 countries.

✓ Among them, 15 are EU Member States.

(The list of bilateral cultural cooperation agreements will be distributed.)