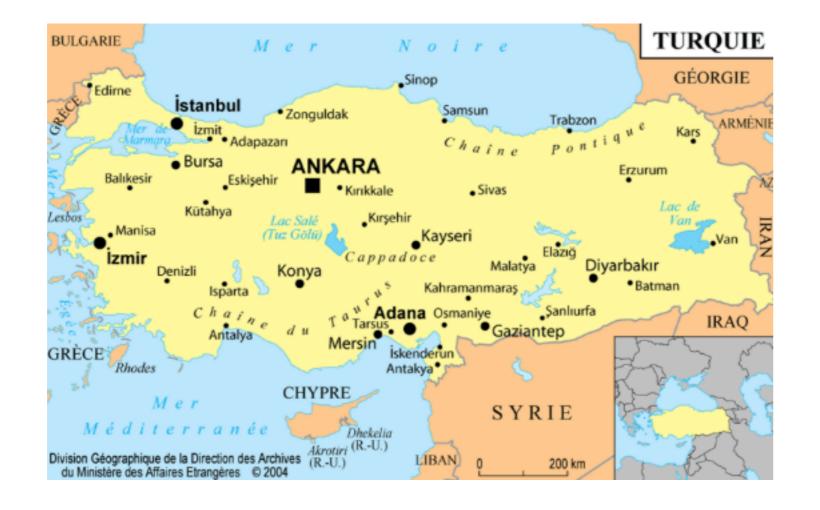
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The right to housing has been enshrined in the Turkish Constitution since 1982 (art. 57)

In the context of planning that takes into account the particularities of cities and environmental conditions, the State shall take appropriate measures to meet housing needs and shall also support collective housing initiatives. CETIM (COHRE publication). The recent constitutional amendments (2017) do not seem to have affected this article.

Urban gentrification in Istanbul

"The Turkish Government is implementing urban transformation through sudden top-down decisions that do not take sufficient account of environmental protection or consultations with citizens. In the process, population trends are largely ignored, making it impossible to build a civic consensus on the pace and nature of economic development. (...) Beyond the Taksim (Istanbul) renovation project, what is now being criticized is the lack of democratic management of decisions on new public infrastructure and urban transformation. The Turkish government is called upon to report on the environmental and socio-economic impacts of its actions and to give people a greater voice at the local level in the decisionmaking process." (Mark Perini) – article from Carnergie Europe.

A very didactic film explains the concept of **Ekumenopo**lis which is currently being developed in Istanbul. It is about showing a city that is growing very quickly and without limits.







FAITS & CHIFFRES

Plus de 4 millions de réfugiés en Turquie (République de Turquie, Ministère de l'Intérieur) Aide humanitaire de l'UE dans les cadre de la Facilité de l'UE en faveur des réfugiés en Turquie € 2,09 milliard en 2016-2019 Montant total de l'aide accordée dans le cadre de la Facilité de l'UE en faveur des réfugiés en Turquie : € 3 milliards en 2016-2017 € 3 milliards en 2018- 2019

Thus, urban development has been carried out in a rapid and uncontrolled manner, particularly in formerly uninhabited neighbourhoods. The Turks speak of "gecekondu", which literally means "**built in one night**", but whose quality is close to that of slums. The construction of the two bridges over the Bosporus (1973 and 1988) further accelerated the movement. It is an urban growth that feeds on itself: in order to relieve the city's congestion, new centres and roads are built, but they then lead to the development of new

Film shown at the Urban Social Forum in Naples in 2012

constructions.



Demonstrations and police violence in Istanbul

Turkey has welcomed more than 4 million refugees, 95% of whom are Syrians!

Turkey continues to host one of the largest refugee populations in the world, with more than 3 million registered Syrian refugees, but the risks of forced return persist. No solution has been found for the situation of internally displaced persons in the south-east of the country. (Amnesty Interna-



tional Report 2017-2018)

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