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## Contextualizing Syrian Refugees in Turkey

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# Framework

- Can Turkey save liberal Europe?
  - Brexit; Merkel vs. Orban
    - It's all about who calls the shots in the old continent
- Can Turkey do it?
  - Growth slowdown, unemployment etc.
  - Social cohesion issues
- How can Syrians become a positive engagement tool between EU and Turkey?

# Who calls the shots?

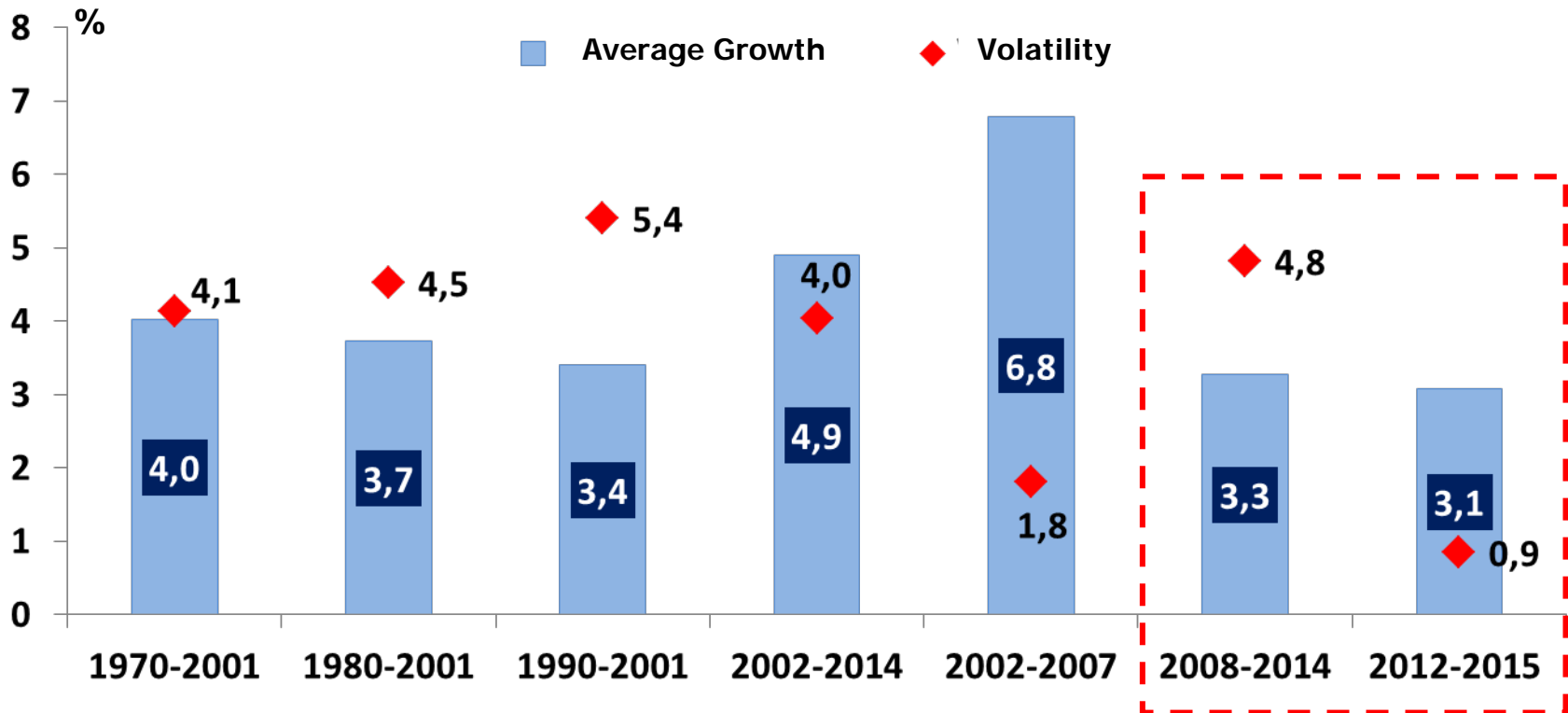
EU refugee relocation as of mid-Feb 2016, 4500 out of 160,000

	Places Made Available	Relocated from Italy	Relocated from Greece	Places pledged to be made further available
1. Bulgaria	1,302	0	2	1,300
2. France	1,100	41	94	19,622
3. Latvia	481	0	6	475
4. Romania	315	0	0	4,180
5. Sweden	300	39	0	3,727
6. Finland	220	96	44	1,958
7. Malta	131	0	0	131
8. Portugal	130	10	20	2,921
9. Netherlands	100	50	4B	5,849
10. Lithuania	100	0	4	667
11. Poland	100	0	0	6,182
12. Luxembourg	90	0	30	527
13. Spain	50	18	0	9,305
14. Germany	40	20	31	27,485
15. Belgium	30	14	0	3,798
16. Cyprus	30	0	6	314
17. Czech Rep.	30	0	0	2,691
18. Estonia	16	0	0	329
19. Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Slovakia,	0	0	0	5,684

# Can Turkey do it?

Settling into a new normal of consistently low growth?

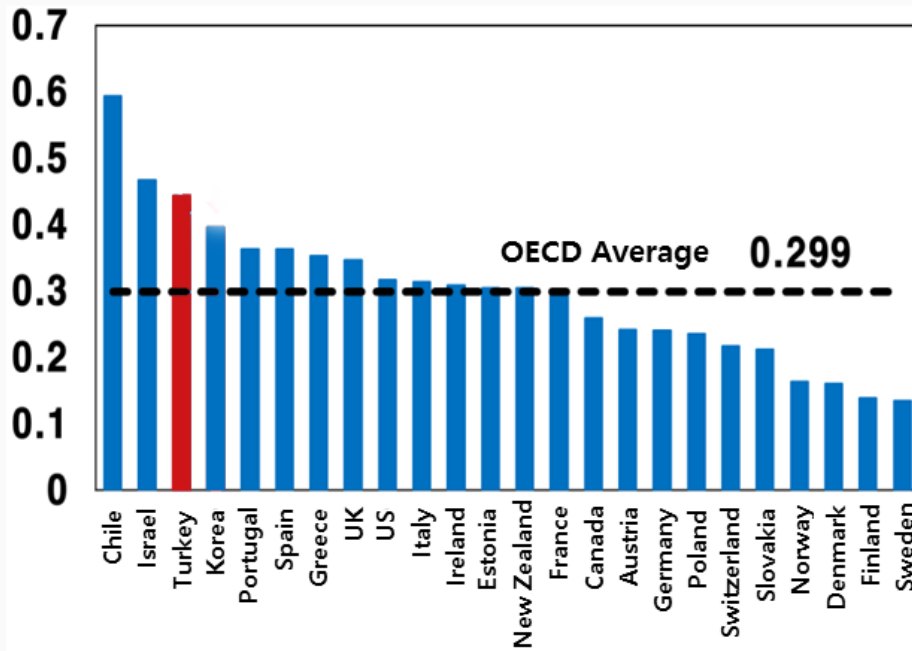
Average growth rate and volatility by eras(1970-2015)



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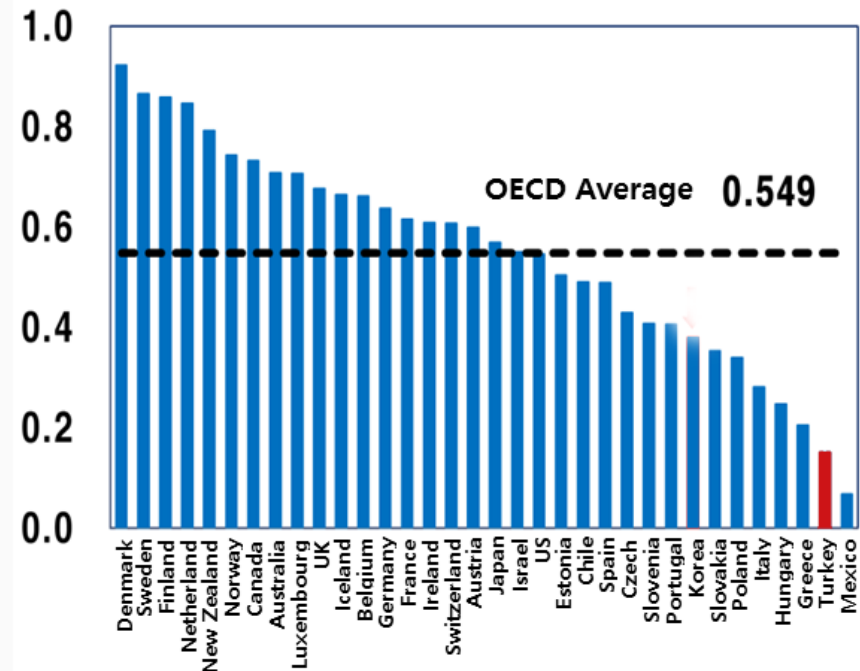
High social conflict, low conflict management capacity

OECD Social Conflict Factor Index (2011)



Source: Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs(2014.12)

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## How can Syrians become a positive engagement tool between EU and Turkey?

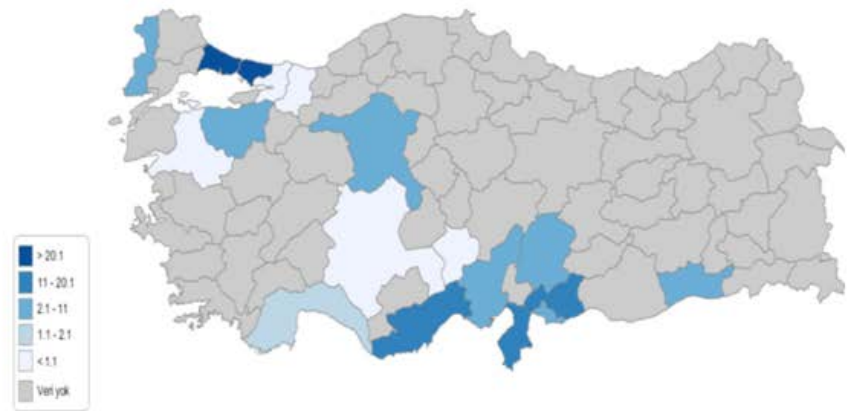
- Turkey has entered the age of globalization with the Syrian refugees
  - Until now globalization was only about sending goods to the world for us.
- Integrating Syrians could well be a positive step in Turkish transformation
  - Definition of the "other" is changing in Turkey
    - Kurds are not alone; Islamists already integrated by our great transformation machine: Ankara.
- Integrating Syrians needs new creative constructs
  - Integration through interaction:
    - See the new companies set up by Syrians
  - Integration by design:
    - 'Made in Turkey by Syrians' zones to be added to US/IL FTA?

# Number of companies established with Syrian partner(s)

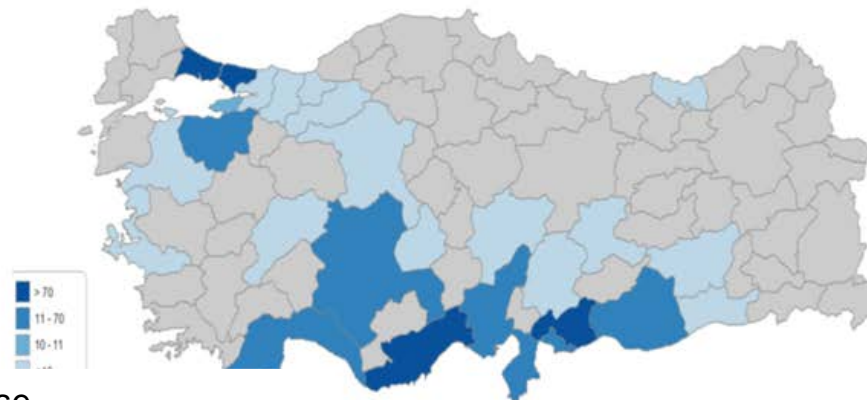
%3 of the population; %3 of new companies



2010; 30



2012; 166



2014; 1257  
2015; 1599

# How to integrate Syrians to the economy?

## Made in Turkey by Syrians Programme

- How to integrate the Syrians without displacing the Turkish labor force?
  - Need to create new opportunities, access new markets.
- Nearly 3 million Syrians by now
  - Less than 10.000 granted a work permit so far.
  - This will change with the new regulation.
- Made in Turkey by Syrians Programme
  - Create a unique certificate of origin; branding
  - Secure bulk orders from large retailers; IKEA? Walmart?
  - Access US market by tapping into the IL/US FTA