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TEPAV|EPRI

- **Turkish Economic Research Foundation (TEPAV)** became operational in December 2004
- **Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI)** is the first research institute established within TEPAV
 - independent
 - non-governmental
 - non-partisan think-tank
- The **GOAL** of TEPAV|EPRI research is to remove the gap between academic research and policy implementation
- TEPAV|EPRI intends to provide alternatives to policy discussions in Turkey (policy-oriented research).

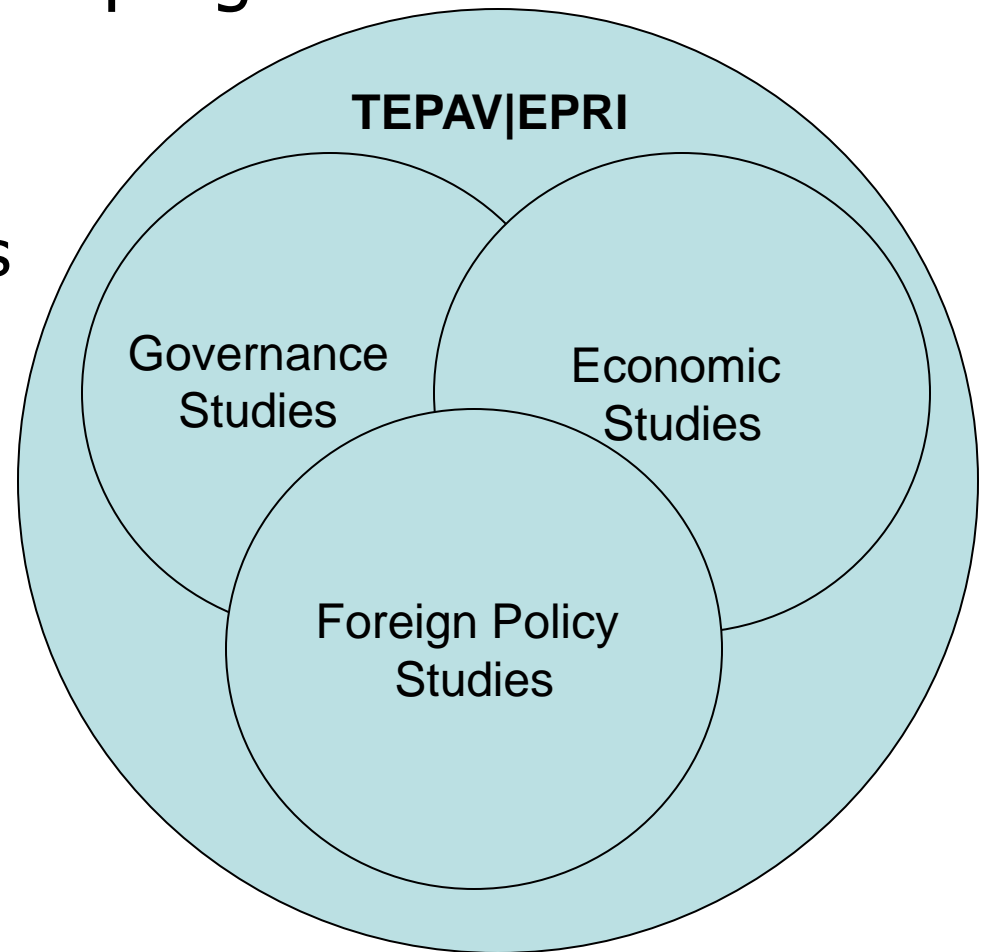
EPRI research

- A major priority of EPRI research is to design mechanisms to support **institutionalization of Turkish corporate sector**.
- Such mechanisms will pave the way for a better economic climate such that Turkey's integration into the global economy can be completed at minimum cost.

TEPAV|EPRI

■ organized around three programs:

- Economic Studies
- Governance Studies
- Foreign Policy Studies



TEPAV | EPRI programs represent the **inter-disciplinary** nature of research

	I. Economic Studies	II. Governance Studies	III. Foreign Policy Studies
Restructuring of the business sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Impact Analysis of EU Accession on Turkish Economy + Liberalization of Energy and Telecom Sectors + SME Access to Finance + Investment Climate Assessment + Industry Policy Report of Turkey 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Communicating with Europe (training program for Turkish national Media correspondents) + The Role of Private Sector in EU Negotiations
Restructuring of the public sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Tax Reform Analysis + Social Security Reform Analysis + Higher Education Project (with the World Bank) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Anti-Corruption Project + Monitoring Decentralization + Local Government Capacity Building + Fiscal Monitoring and Fiscal Transparency Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Designing European Union Negotiation Strategy Project + Networking Academics + Training Turkish local media on EU Social Dialogue Awareness
Regional Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Sectoral and Regional Competitiveness Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Regional Development Agency Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Study Group on Turkey in U.S. Congress (USAFMC) + Ankara Forum (Palestine_Israel_Turkey Economic Cooperation) + Cyprus Project + OECD-MENA Chamber Development Project + Cooperation w/ Brookings & CSIS

Scope of Tepav|Epri Activities

Organizing ACADEMIC EVENTS

Round-table
meetings, workshops,
panels, seminars,
working dinners

Regarding the issues
on Turkey's political
and economic agenda
Thematic conferences

NETWORKING Activities

With scholars, businessmen,
policy-makers, think-tanks,
stake-holders

United States

USAFMC, Brookings, CSIS

Middle East

OECD-MENA, Israeli
Manufacturers Asc., Fed.
Palestinian Chambers

Europe

Ecomod, Friends of Europe,
CEPS

Caucasus

Strategic Research Centre in
Georgia

International

World Bank Institute

Conducting Academic RESEARCH

Conducting and
publishing researches,
analysis, articles,
working papers, policy
notes and fiscal
monitoring reports by

TEPAV|EPRI resident
experts, non-resident
scholars and research
fellows from influential
think-tanks in coordination
with TEPAV

TEPAR|EPRI TEAM



TEPAV|EPRI studies lead to:

- Developing policy tools for dialogues with the government
 - Industrial Policy Document (*with State Planning Organization*)
 - Investment Climate Assessment (*with the World Bank and Treasury*)
 - Competition Environment Assessment (*with FIAS and Competition Authority*)
 - Higher Education Sector Project (*with the World Bank*)

- Governance of economic development
 - Decentralization studies, regional development framework (*with The Ministry of Internal Affairs and local authorities*)
 - Fiscal monitoring and transparency

- Regional Integration
 - Industry for Peace Initiative (*with TOBB*)
 - Black Sea and Central Asia Project (*with TOBB*)
 - Revitalization of Ancient Silk Road (*with TOBB & IRU*)

Communication Strategy on EU process

- Creating awareness on the EU process
 - Networking
 - Capacity building
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- Media holds a key role (*Communicating w/ Europe*)
 - to shape the public opinion
 - to have a continuous and well-qualified information flow system between Turkey and Europe during negotiation process

 - Local academics are players (*Academics Networking Platform*)
 - to convey the local capacity with local authorities, businesses and the universities
 - to stimulate EU process

Governance and EU Process

- Indirect impact of EU process in favor of **Decentralization and Good Governance**
 - Increasing involvement of local administrations in EU process
 - Empowering civil society
 - Encouraging change in public administration

- Decentralization and Good Governance
 - trends accelerates EU process:
 - ✓ Positive climate for adopting aquis
 - ✓ Fostering transparency in public administration
 - ✓ Ownership building for the EU process by encouraging active participation of stakeholders

Fostering Transparency

- Recently established “**Economic Stability Institute**” within TEPAV
 - Former Governor of the Central Bank of the Turkish Republic, Süreyya Serdengeçti is the Director of ESI.

- The scope of its research:
 - price stability, financial stability, stability on public finances, social stability...etc

- ESI will be performing activities to foster transparency
 - Civil Monitoring of Government Budget

 - Providing references for policy implementation
 - Fiscal Monitoring Reports
 - Fiscal Transparency Reports

Economic Impact of the EU

- TEPAV | EPRI and the Global Economic Modelling Network
 - major study on the potential and probable impacts of EU membership on Turkey's economy
 - building a platform of several different economic models
 - compiling the most comprehensive database of the Turkish economy
 - will assist the decision makers (both public and private)

TEPAV|EPRI: Providing Policy Alternatives in the EU Axis

- After the Council Decision on 3rd of October, Turkey's economic and social transformation has been developing mostly in the axis of the EU.
- EU integration will mostly be an economic integration process. TEPAV|EPRI, as a prominent foundation of economic policy formulation, has been a significant intermediary actor during the negotiation process with its technical assistance.
- TEPAV|EPRI will provide impact analysis for related negotiation chapters.
- TEPAV | EPRI and TOBB (Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey) developed a strategic partnership.

TEPAV|EPRI's View on Managing Change

- How can reforms be politically viable?
 - Identifying the potential losers in advance
 - Defining a compensation mechanism
 - Encouraging innovative solutions (e.g. organic agriculture for small farms)
 - Social Safety Nets: implementation of social assistance programs – poverty alleviation
 - Education and Health Reform
 - Active labor market policies
 - Finding ways to “convert” the skills of the labor force for emerging and competitive sectors
 - **Fast and effective**
 - Designing programs for hundreds of thousands (possibly millions)
 - Good governance and decentralization
 - Efficient Communication Strategy



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