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When Austria first joined in 1995, Turkey still trying to start deeper negotiations with the Union. We as Austria, always had our interest in Turkey's accession with interest since we did not want it to end positively. Since the day the Ankara Agreement got signed, Turkey was always a "train wreck" in Austria's estimations due to Turkey's very low potential contributions to The Union itself along with the lack of justice, freedom and other essential rights externally since the day the requested communications.

Today, We still see Turkey the same because nothing has changed after the countless efforts of communication and negotiations. Their lack of willingness to accession can be seen by their attitude towards Cyprus and the Armenian Genocide. Furthermore, their economy and external politics got worse since our communications started to stall in the 2010s. They are still going down in the economy and external politics because of crucial crises that happened or currently happening. They claimed that they could be eligible to be part of us by 2013 which The Union itself, couldn't accept but gave a timeframe till 2021. Even though the timeframe is passed 1 year ago, they still are not eligible enough to become part of us and help The Union be greater in any way possible. In our estimations with the current progress being made by Turkey towards the Union, it will take at least 12 years before we can discuss starting Turkey's accession talks, then if both parties arrive at an agreement settling their accession as accepted by the year 2036. But still, even though they become eligible to join us Austria does not want them representing the Union as a member but as a beneficial ally in Asia and East Europe.

Our conclusion with Turkey's accession is negative even though all requirements are fulfilled in order. We would like to discuss their presence as an ally rather than a full member of the Union rather than a full membership. And for now, we would like to continue the halting we have been doing for the past several years, till they start showing progress like they used to back in the 20th century.