Turkey aims to participate in international cooperations and contribute to the establishment of universal educational norms and applications as well as policies by promoting internalization and mobility in cooperation with states and international bodies and institutions.

The activities of such international organizations as United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Council of Europe (CE), Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the educational activities of the countries including EU countries are closely followed and an active participation is provided to their educational activities. Besides, the innovations experienced in Turkish education system are promoted in the presence of international institutions and international community is informed. Similarly, international institutions are informed about the studies carried out by the Ministry of National Education.

Turkey shares the objectives and priorities of EU policies in the fields of education and culture. The objectives determined with “Education and Training 2020” put forward the goals within the framework of EU accession for Turkey. Our country moves forward decisively in line with carrying on the efforts of efficiency and development in the implementation of the Education and Training 2010 Working Programme and strategic framework “Education and Training 2020”, Bologna process and Unity programmes. On the other hand, Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) and Youth in Action carried out within the scope of European Union Training comprising the years 2007 -2013 and Youth Programmes were performed with the participation of EU member countries, EFTA countries (Norway, Island and Lichtenstein) and Turkey as a candidate country. As for 2014 – 2020 period, Erasmus + programme was put into effect instead of Lifelong Learning and Youth programmes, which were implemented in the years 2007 - 2013 by European Union in the fields of training and youth for 2014 – 2020 period. Together with Erasmus +, (National Agency (Ulusal Ajans) Data, Turkey) general and vocational training as well as all sub programmes and activities with regard to education were collected in a programme with a holistic approach. The grants in Erasmus + Program are given to the projects focusing on individuals and institutions (National Agency). Erasmus+ program promotes mobility not only across the EU countries but also in a wider geography called partner countries, such as Western Balkans, East Partnership Countries, Southern Mediterranean Countries, Russian Federation, Asian Region, Middle Asian Region, Latin America, South Africa, ACP Region, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Macao, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, United States of America.

Based on the Law 1416, the Ministry of National Education runs a program by which graduate students are appointed to international graduate programs abroad Germany, United Kingdom, France, USA, Japan, South Korea to provide universities and state institutions with qualified human resources, based on a compulsory service system.

A modification on Mevlana Exchange Program [1] was published on 23 August 2011 issue of the official newspaper and Council of Higher Education carries out certain provisions for this program. The objective of the regulation concerned is to frame and run the rules and principles of student and
academic staff exchange among higher education institutions in both homeland and abroad.

One of the main purposes of the TQF is to ensure that qualifications awarded in Turkey are understandable and are reliable at the European level. For this purpose the Turkish Qualification Framework has been referenced to the European Qualifications Framework on 29 March 2017 upon the decision of the EQF Advisory Group, the competent expert group of the European Commission.

The referencing of the TQF to the EQF proves that the education and qualifications system in Turkey is compatible with the principles and standards at European Level. Therefore, a major step has been taken towards enabling the diplomas, certificates and vocational qualifications certificates awarded in Turkish education and training system more understandable, reliable and valid in European countries.

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