

A NEW ERA OF GERMAN-TURKISH COOPERATION?

Countries neighboring Syria have shouldered the refugee burden since the Syrian conflict began in 2011. But as the European Union now struggles to cope with an influx of refugees, attention has turned to the pivotal gateway country: Turkey. In October, the EU pledged €3 billion in aid to Turkey and discussed a Draft Action Plan to stem the flow of refugees. Germany has emerged as the key broker between the EU and Turkey.

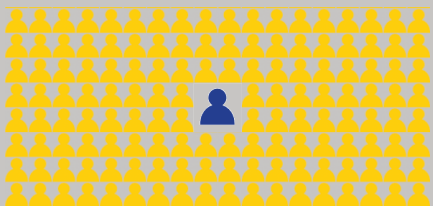
CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION:

GERMANY

Population: **82 million**

Spending on refugees: **€10 billion**

1 refugee for every **140** Germans citizens



- Speed up Turkey's EU membership bid
- Ease visa requirements for Turks
- Provide assistance to establish safe zones in northern Syria

TURKEY

Population: **77 million**

Spending on refugees: **€8 billion**

1 refugee for every **40** Turkish citizens



- Tighten border security
- Contain the influx of Syrians
- Improve refugee reception facilities

Total registered refugees:

577,307

Refugees expected by December 2015:
1 million +

Total registered refugees:

1,633,560

Refugees expected by December 2015:
2.5 million +

BertelsmannFoundation

European Commission, "Draft Action Plan," Press Release Database, October 6, 2015. Available at: http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-15-5777_en.htm#_ftnref1.

UNHCR, "2015 UNHCR country operations profile – Germany." Available at: <http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/page?page=49e48e5f6&submit=GO>.

UNHCR, "2015 UNHCR country operations profile – Turkey." Available at: <http://www.unhcr.org/pages/49e48e0fa7f.html>.

Der Spiegel Online, "Neue Prognose für Deutschland 2015 (New prognosis for Germany in 2015)," September 14, 2015. Available at: <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/sigmar-gabriel-geht-von-einer-million-fluechtlinge-2015-aus-a-1052809.html>.

Reuters, "Merkel's deputy expects Germany to get over a million refugees in 2015," October 11, 2015. Available at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/11/us-europe-migrants-germany-poll-idUSKCN0S50GA20151011>.