

# 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.

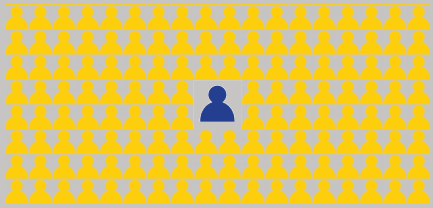
## CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION:

### GERMANY

Population: **82 million**

Spending on refugees: **€10 billion**

**1** refugee for every **140** Germans citizens



### TURKEY


Population: **77 million**

Spending on refugees: **€8 billion**

**1** refugee for every **40** Turkish citizens



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

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- 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 +**

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