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As the year 2016 draws to a close, we would like to update you on the latest activities of the Horizon 2020 project "FEUTURE".

2016 was definitely a challenging year in EU-Turkey relations. Turkey has been deeply shaken by the failed coup attempt in July 2016 and in its aftermath, while the EU has struggled with a protracted existential crisis, punctuated by the UK referendum to exit the EU, an ongoing rise of populist Eurosceptic forces, and a gruesome series of terrorist attacks in different EU cities. Likewise, Turkey has experienced an atrocious series of terrorist attacks which shows no sign of abating. Precisely in such times, the value of a close consortium of Turkish, EU, Middle Eastern and Eastern European partners is greater than ever.

In terms of research collaboration, we were delighted to launch successfully this research and innovation action on the future of EU-Turkey relations within a consortium of 15 institutional partners. Through our research, framing future scenarios for EU-Turkey relations, we aim to foster a dialogue between all parties, which is more important than ever.

We wish all of you festive holidays and a happy new year and look forward to continue our collaboration in 2017.

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### **Horizon 2020 Meeting in Brussels**

On 5-6 December 2016, FEUTURE's Project Director Funda Tekin & Project Manager Hanna Lisa Hauge represented FEUTURE at a conference of the Research Executive Agency/European Commission in Brussels. All H2020 projects funded under the call "Europe as a Global Actor" participated in this conference, including our FEUTURE colleague Eduard Soler from CIDOB who presented the MENARA Project as well as IAI's researchers who coordinate the MedReset project. More information can be found [here](#).

## FEUTURE Online Paper Series

We started our FEUTURE Online Paper Series with a first contribution by IAI visiting researcher Bilge Yabancı. In her paper with the title *The future of EU-Turkey relations: between mutual distrust and interdependency* she discusses current political and social developments in Turkey and takes stock of the recent EU-level and regional developments under positive, negative and unfolding trends. The paper can be downloaded [here](#).

## Joint Workshop of FEUTURE Work Packages 2-4 “Power: Political and security drivers”

On 3-4 November 2016 the FEUTURE Work Packages “Political Drivers” and “Security Drivers” concluded the first round of joint workshops of work package-tandems. Upon the invitation of EDAM (leader of Work Package 4) about 20 researchers convened at Sabanci University to discuss and frame their research in light of the cross-cutting issue “power”. More information can be found [here](#).

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## Publications of our FEUTURE members (please ctrl+click on the title to open the publication)

- Mohammed Alsaftawi (2016), [Who Needs Whom? Turkey and Israel Agree on Normalization Deal](#), Istituto Affari Internazionali
- Cecilie Felicia Stokholm Banke (2016), ‘[Danish-Turkish Relations During the AKP Government: From Value Clash to Pragmatism](#)’, in *Danish Foreign Policy Yearbook 2016*, Copenhagen: Danish Institute for International Studies
- Cecilie Felicia Stokholm Banke (2016), ‘[Tyrkiet Bør Holdes Tæt Til Europa](#)’, in *Jyllands-Posten*, 29 september 2016
- Bianca Benvenuti (2016), [The EU-Turkey Deal and Its Implications for the Asylum Capacities of EU Border Countries](#), Istituto Affari Internazionali
- Angeliki Dimitriadi (2016), [The Impact of the EU-Turkey Statement on Protection and Reception: The Case of Greece](#), Istituto Affari Internazionali
- Ayhan Kaya (2016), ‘[Europeanization of Civil Society in Turkey: Legacy of the #Occupygezi Movement](#)’, in *Turkish Studies*, Special Issue on Gezi and Aftermath
- Ayhan Kaya (2016), ‘[Syrian Refugees in Istanbul: I feel safe here!](#)’, EUI RSCAS Working Paper Series, 2016/59, EUI, Florence
- Ayhan Kaya and Aysu Kiraç (2016), [Vulnerability Assessment of Syrians in Istanbul](#), Support to Life Association, Istanbul
- Ayhan Kaya and Cristiano Bee (2016), ‘[Youth and Active Citizenship in Turkey: Engagement, Participation and Emancipation](#)’, in *Southeast Europe and Black Sea Studies*, N. 4, September 2016, Special Issue on Unconventional Form of Political Participation in Turkey, pp. 1-15
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- Jakob Lindgaard & Cecilie Felicia Stokholm Banke (2016), [Konflikten Mellem Tyrkiet Og Kurderne Spidser Til](#), DIIS Policy Brief
- Jakob Lindgaard & Cecilie Felicia Stokholm Banke (2016), [Omvæltninger i Tyrkiet komplicerer flygtningeaftale](#), DIIS Policy Brief
- Athanasios Manis, [A Transitioning Turkey: Out with the Old, in with the New?](#), MERI Policy Brief
- Eduard Soler i Lecha (2016), [Business as Usual is no Longer an Option with Turkey](#), CIDOB
- Sinan Ülgen (2016), ‘[Turkey needs a soft Brexit from the EU](#)’, Opinion, *Politico*, 22 November 2016

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## The FEUTURE Consortium welcomes two new partners

The FEUTURE Consortium would like to warmly welcome The American University in Cairo and Sabanci University as new partners in the FEUTURE project!

The [American University in Cairo \(AUC\)](#) is an independent and private institution, fully accredited in Egypt and the United States. From AUC, we welcome Dr Marco Pinfari, Justine Louis and Dr Shaimaa Magued in the FEUTURE team. They will contribute mainly to WP2 "Political Drivers", WP3 "Economic Drivers", WP7 "Identity and Culture Drivers" and WP8 "Synthesis of Research Findings and Policy Recommendations", bringing in a neighbourhood perspective on EU-Turkey relations. Read more [here](#).

Established in 1996, [Sabancı University \(SU\)](#) is internationally recognized as one of the most innovative and research-oriented universities in Turkey. Our colleagues from Sabancı University, Assoc. Prof Dr Senem Aydin-Düzgüt and Johanna Chovanec, will mainly contribute to WP 7 "Identity and Culture Drivers" and WP 9 "Dissemination and Outreach". Read more [here](#).

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The next issue of the FEUTURE Newsletter will be published in January 2017 (for registration please visit [www.feuture.eu](http://www.feuture.eu)).

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