

Press release

Significant Growth in Turkish Automotive Sector: Germany Confirmed as Key Player

- *As one of the world's top automotive producers and exporters, Turkey is forecasted to reach \$28 billion in exports in 2017, according to data from Turkish Exporters Assembly*
- *Germany largest single export market for Turkey, with automotive exports to Germany increasing by 20% in 2016, totaling \$3.9 billion*

BERLIN, November 21, 2017— Data from the **Turkish Exporters Assembly (TIM)** indicate significant growth in the Turkish automotive sector in recent years, confirming Germany as a key export market.

Turkey is listed as the world's **14th top global automotive producer**, producing 1,485,927 units in 2016 and moving up three spots from its 2014 ranking at No. 17. In 2017, the total production capacity for motor vehicle manufacturers in Turkey is 1.9 million units.

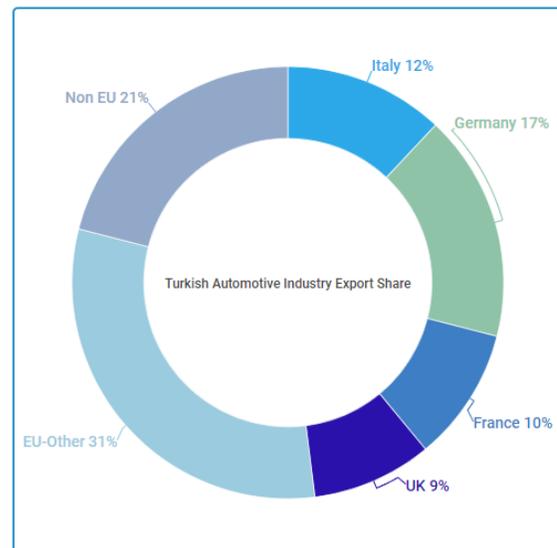
In Europe's 28 member countries, Turkey is the **5th top automotive producer and leading producer of commercial vehicles**, producing 6.8% of all vehicles manufactured in the region. The country is also the 7th top producer of passenger cars in Europe.

Turkey's leadership in the industry is also apparent by its performance in exports, which make up 77% of its total automotive production. Turkey's advanced supplier network is made up of 4,000 exporter SME's, 200,000 employees and 200 foreign investors, which contributed to \$9 billion in exports in 2016. In the same year, the **total value of automotive exports in Turkey**, from both Turkish OEMs and suppliers, reached **\$23.9 billion** (1.486.000 production units; 1.141.000 export units). In 2017, Turkish export growth in the industry is forecasted to reach \$28 billion (1.650.000 production units; 1.350.000 export units).

Turkish Automotive Exports to Germany and Europe

Turkey exports to 190 countries, with 79% of its total automotive exports destined to EU-28 countries. **Germany is Turkey's largest single export market**, with a **17% share of Turkey's total exports** worldwide. Other top export markets include Italy (12% share); France (10%); UK (9%); Spain, Belgium, Slovenia, the Netherlands and Poland (31%); and non-EU countries, such as the United States, which make up the remaining 21% of Turkey's total export share.

"In recent years, Turkey has substantially increased its foothold in the global automotive sector, both in terms of production and exports," said **Orhan Sabuncu**, Chairman of Uludağ Automotive Industry Exporters' Union (OIB). *"Germany has historically been one of our key partners in the industry, and continues to be an important export market for Turkey. Moving forward in*



2017 and beyond, we intend to increase this exceptional growth and continue facilitating market access to German and European companies.”

Turkish Automotive Exports to Germany (Million USD)

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*
2.921	3.051	3.671	3.295	3.957	3.237

Source: Turkish Exporters Assembly

*January- September

Turkish Automotive Imports from Germany (Million USD)

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*
4.917	5.527	5.223	5.706	5.210	2.783

Source: Turkish Statistical Institute – HS Code 87

*January-August

Turkish Automotive Exports to Germany by Product Group (Million USD)

	2015	2016	16/15 Chg. %
Automotive Supplier Industry	2.095.329.610	2.244.026.553	7
Passenger Cars	627.469.166	962.956.700	53
Vehicles for Transport of Goods	278.033.031	352.573.034	27
Bus-Midibus-Minibus	269.834.472	306.850.927	14
Road Tractors for semi-trailers	22.678.607	85.998.190	279
TOTAL	3.295.559.017	3.956.985.083	20

Source: Turkish Exporters Assembly (TİM)

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About Turkish Exporters Assembly

Established in 1993 and headquartered in Istanbul, the Turkish Exporters Assembly (TIM) leads Turkey’s group of 67,000 thousand exporter associations and firms, present in 26 different sectors in which export records are maintained. The Turkish Exporters Assembly conducts foreign trade transactions and is the umbrella organization of 60 exporter associations throughout the region and sector-wide, divided into 13 different sub-groups.

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