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Turkey' s R&D System

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- Is the secretariat of the Supreme Council for Science and Technology (SCST)
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Turkish Research Area

- In 2004, SCST developed a National Science and Technology Strategy spanning the timeframe between 2005-2010.
- As the main modality for this strategy Turkish Research Area was defined.
- Two significant targets:
 - a. To raise GERD up to 2% in 2013.
Turkey doubles her R&D investment.
 - b. To raise FTE R&D personnel up to 150,000 in 2013.
Turkey nearly tripled the stock of FTE researchers in quantitative terms.

Turkish Research Area

- Policy instruments:
 - Developing legal frameworks
 - Promoting R&D networks
 - Promoting entrepreneurship
 - Enhancing demand for R&D
 - Promoting curiosity-driven academic research
 - Establishing infrastructure
 - Fostering STI culture in the society
 - Enhancing internationalisation of R&D activities

Internationalisation of R&D

- Globalisation > emergence of global value chains > integration of developing countries
- Opportunity for moving up > a continuous process of change
- Qualitative change is essentially driven by innovation.
- Innovation is the result of firm's interaction with its environment.
- Today, this interaction requires global perspective.
- Our responsibility is "to provide institutional infrastructure for internalisation of R&D activities"
- EUREKA network is one of a kind.

EUREKA and Turkey

- EUREKA is a European network that supports businesses performing close-to-market R&D.
- EUREKA is a long-established European network, present in 39 countries and having also the European Union as one of its members.
- Turkey has been the member of the network since the beginning (1985)
- A rising star in the network
 - Ranked 28th among all in 2008
 - Ranked 12th in 2009
- Will take the Chairmanship in 2012-2013 term

Support System

- Grants Program no:1509 for International R&D Cooperation
 - SMEs: 75% of eligible costs
 - Large companies: 60% of eligible costs
- Significant Tax incentives



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Thank you...
Cooperation is the key!

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