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## **COUNTRY NOTE OF TURKEY**

### **Report of the Expert Group on Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons Statistics**

In Turkey, two institutions are responsible for production of international migration statistics. Although the responsibilities of these two agencies are separated clearly, they perform strong cooperation on improvement of migration statistics. Directorate General for Migration Management is responsible from asylum and managed migration statistics covering residence permits, asylums, refugees, Syrians under temporary protection. Statistics related to legal stays, stock of population and migration flows are under the responsibility of the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat).

In 2017, TurkStat conducted extensive studies on migration flows. In these studies, inflow and outflow data were obtained by linking annual population registers. Using the residual method, annual flows were analyzed by using other administrative registers.

Turkey has always been willing to cooperate with other countries and international organizations especially on development of refugee and displaced population statistics. It was Turkey's pleasure to host the first refugee conference in Antalya, Turkey. TurkStat also conducted a methodological study to present in Antalya conference. In order to contribute forthcoming studies of the Expert Group on Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons Statistics (EGRIS), a short survey was sent to the participant countries about their current situation and experiences on forcibly displaced population statistics including definitions, concepts, data availability, data sources and responsible organizations and dissemination.

Turkey is also glad to take part in the preparatory studies of International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics. The document will be a useful and effective guideline for all countries.

Turkey is so eager to participate in the forthcoming works of EGRIS. The compiler's manual which will be used mainly by the authorities involved directly in statistics production processes, will be enriched by contribution of countries experiencing different situations. As the number of contributor countries increases, the content of the manual will be enriched.