1. **Membership in UNESCO**: Turkey is a founding member of the Organization (since 4 November 1946)

2. **Membership on the Executive Board**: yes, for the period 2017-2021

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.**:
   - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) (term expires in 2021)
   - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (term expires in 2021)
   - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (term expires in 2019)
   - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB) (term expires in 2019)
   - Intergovernmental Council for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Vice-President (term expires in 2018)
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)

4. **The Director-General’s visits to Turkey**: none

5. **The former Director-General’s visits to Turkey**: 8
   - 10-11 July 2016: on occasion of the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee (Istanbul)
   - 23-25 May 2016: on the occasion of the World Humanitarian Summit (Istanbul). You also visited the refugee camp in Gaziantep and had bilateral meetings with H.E. Mr Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Turkey; Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr Nabi Avci, Minister of National Education; Dr Fuat Oktay, President of the Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency and Ambassador Lale Ulker, Chair of the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee.
   - 4-8 January 2015: Official Visit
   - 29 April-1 May 2013: on the occasion of the 2nd International Jazz Day
   - 18-20 April 2012: Conference on “Jewish Refugees from Nazism and their Role in Modernization of Higher Education in Turkey (1933-1945)” (Istanbul)
   - 19-20 January 2011: launch of the 2011 series of the Alliance of Civilizations Istanbul Conferences

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**:
   - H.E. Mr Ahmet Altay Cengizer, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 2 November 2016)
   - Staff: Ms Emriye Bagdagül Ormanci, First Counsellor; Mrs Elif Okutucu, Counsellor; Ms Alara Istemil Aydil, Counsellor; Mrs Nursen Ozlu, First Secretary; Mr Halil Atik, Third Secretary; Mr Ozcan Onur, Attaché
   - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Huseyin Avni Botsali (March 2014 – October 2016)

7. **UNESCO Office**: none. Turkey is covered by the UNESCO Office in Venice – UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (BRESCE).
8. **Turkish National Commission for UNESCO:**
   - **Date of establishment:** 25 August 1949
   - **President:** Dr. Mehmet Öcal Oğuz (since September 2011)
   - **Vice-Presidents:** Ambassador Mr Hüsnü Gürcan Türkoğlu, Dr. Akif Kireççi (since May 2014)
   - **Secretary-General:** Ms Sema Dinçer (since January 2013)
   - **Assistant Secretary-General (responsible for international affairs):** Ms İrem Alpaslan
   - **Assistant Secretary-General (responsible for internal affairs):** Ms Şule Ürün

9. **Turkish personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
   - Mr Kudsi Ergüner, UNESCO Artist for Peace (since 2016)
   - Mr Akif Kireççi, Vice-President of the Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (term expires in 2019)
   - Mr Ömer Şenel, Vice-Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (term expires in 2019)

10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 10 chairs and no UNITWIN Network
    - UNESCO Chair on Intangible Cultural Heritage in Formal and Informal Education (2017), Ankara Gazi University
    - UNESCO Chair on International Migration (2016), Yaşar University
    - UNESCO Chair on Improvement in Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (2016), Giresun University
    - UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Peace (2016), Istanbul Aydin University
    - UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Sustainable Development (2016), Koç University
    - UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diplomacy, Governance and Education (2015), Istanbul Aydin University
    - UNESCO Chair on the Management and Promotion of World Heritage Sites: New Media and Community Involvement (2015), Kadir Has University
    - UNESCO Chair in Philosophy and Human Rights (2009), Maltepe University
    - UNESCO Chair in Computer-Integrated Manufacturing (1997), University of Galatasaray
    - UNESCO Chair on Mechatronics (1993), Bogaziçi University

11. **Associated Schools:** 32 (1 pre-primary school, 1 pre-primary to secondary school, 7 primary schools, 4 primary/secondary schools, 16 secondary schools and 2 vocational and technical institutions). Turkey joined the ASPnet in 1986.

12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none

13. **UNESCO Clubs:** none

14. **Biosphere Reserves:** 1
    - Camili Biosphere Reserve (2005)

15. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** 1

16. **World Heritage List:** 17 sites (15 cultural and 2 mixed)
    - **Cultural:**
      - Aphrodisias (2017)
      - Archaeological Site of Ani (2016)
      - Diyarbakır Fortress and Hevsel Gardens Cultural Landscape (2015)
      - Ephesus (2015)
      - Bursa and Cumalıkızık: the Birth of the Ottoman Empire (2014)
      - Pergamon and its Multi-Layered Cultural Landscape (2014)
      - Neolithic Site of Çatalhöyük (2012)
      - Selimiye Mosque and its Social Complex (2011)
      - Archaeological Site of Troy (1998)
      - City of Safranbolu (1994)
      - Xanthos-Letoon (1988)
- Nemrut Dag (1987)
- Historic Areas of Istanbul (1985)
- Great Mosque and Hospital of Divriği (1985)

**Mixed:**
- Hierapolis-Pamukkale (1988)
- Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia (1985)

17. **Tentative List:** 71 properties

- Archeological Site of Assos (2017)
- Ayvalık Industrial Landscape (2017)
- Ivriz Cultural Landscape (2017)
- The Malabadi Bridge (2016)
- Tushpa/Van Fortress, the Mound and the Old City of Van (2016)
- Sultan Bayezid II Complex: A Center of Medical Treatment (2016)
- Yıvli Minaret Mosque (2016)
- Sivrihisar Great Mosque (2016)
- The Bodrum Castle (2016)
- Nuruosmaniye Complex (2016)
- Ancient city of Kibyra (2016)
- Haci Bayram Mosque and its Surrounding Area (the Haci Bayram District) (2016)
- Kizilirmak Delta Wetland and Bird Sanctuary (2016)
- Akdamar Church (2015)
- The Theatre and Aqueducts of the Ancient City of Aspendos (2015)
- Historic Guild Town of Mudurnu (2015)
- Mountainous Phrygia (2015)
- Ancient City of Stratonikeia (2015)
- The Bridge of Uzunköprü (2015)
- Ismail Fakirullah Tomb and its Light Refraction Mechanism (2015)
- Yıldız Palace Complex (2015)
- İzink (2014)
- Zeynel Abidin Mosque Complex and Mor Yakup (Saint Jacob) Church (2014)
- Tomb of Ahi Evran (2014)
- Vespasianus Titus Tunnel (2014)
- Mahmut Bey Mosque (2014)
- Archaeological Site of Kültêpe-Kanesh (2014)
- Ancient City of Kaunos (2014)
- Anatolian Seljuks Madrasahs (2014)
- Archaeological Site of Arslantepe (2014)
- Ancient City of Korykos (2014)
- Ancient City of Anazarbos (2014)
- Çanakkale (Dardanelles) and Gelibolu (Gallipoli) Battles Zones in the First World War (2014)
- Eflatun Pınar: The Hittite Spring Sanctuary (2014)
- Archaeological site of Laodikeia (2013)
- Lake Tuz Special Environmental Protection Area (SEPA) (2013)
- Trading Posts and Fortifications on Genoese Trade Routes from the Mediterranean to the Black Sea (2013)
- The Ancient City of Sardis and the Lydian Tumuli of Bin Tepe (2013)
- Odunpazarı Historical Urban Site (2012)
- Mamure Castle (2012)
- Hacı Bektaş Veli Complex (2012)
- Aızanoi Antique City (2012)
- Archeological Site of Zeugma (2012)
- Gordian (2012)
- Historic Town of Birgi (2012)
- Mausoleum and Sacred area of Hecatomnus (2012)
- Medieval City of Beçin (2012)
- Historical Monuments of Niğde (2012)
- Yesemek Quarry and Sculpture Workshop (2012)
- Esrefoğlu Mosque (2011)
- The Archaeological Site of Göbeklitepe (2011)
- Hatay, St. Pierre Church (2011)
- Ancient Cities of Lycian Civilization (2009)
- Archaeological Site of Sagalassos (2009)
- Archaeological Site of Perge (2009)
- Sümela Monastery (The Monastery of Virgin Mary) (2000)
- Ala Han Monastery (2000)
- St. Nicholas Church (2000)
- Harran and Sanlıurfa (2000)
- The Tombstones of Ahlat the Urartian and Ottoman citadel (2000)
- Seljuk Caravanserais on the route from Denizli to Dogubeyazıt (2000)
- Alanya (2000)
- Mardin Cultural Landscape (2000)
- St.Paul Church, St.Paul's Well and surrounding historic quarters (2000)
- Ishak Pasha Palace (2000)
- Kekova (2000)
- Güllük Dagi-Termessos National Park (2000)
- Karain Cave (1994)

18. **Intangible Heritage Lists:** 16 elements

*15 elements on the Representative List:*
- Spring celebration, Hıdırellez (2017), jointly with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Traditional craftsmanship of Çini making (2016)
• Nawrouz, Novruz, Nowrouz, Nawrouz, Navruz, Nauryz, Nooruz, Nowruz, Navruz, Nevruz, Nowruz, Navruz (2016), jointly with Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
• Flatbread making and sharing culture: Lavash, Katryma, Jupka, Yufka (2016), jointly with Azerbaijan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan
• Ebru, Turkish art of marbling (2014)
• Turkish coffee culture and tradition (2013)
• Mesir Macunu festival (2012)
• Ceremonial Keşkek tradition (2011)
• Kırkpınar oil wrestling festival (2010)
• Semah, Alevi-Bektaşi ritual (2010)
• Traditional Sohbet meetings (2010)
• Karagöz (2009)
• Aşlık (minstrelsy) tradition (2009)
• The Arts of the Meddah, Public Storytellers (2008)
• The Mevlevi Sema Ceremony (2008)
• Whistled language (2017)

19. Memory of the World Register: 6 inscriptions
• Compendium of the Turkic Dialects (2017)
• The Old Assyrian Merchant Archives of Kültepe (2015)
• Evliya Çelebi’s "Book of Travels" in the Topkapı Palace Museum Library and the Süleymaniye Manuscript Library (2013)
• The works of Ibn Sina in the Süleymaniye Manuscript Library (2003)
• The Hittite cuneiform tablets from Bogazköy (2001)
• Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute Manuscripts (2001)

20. Creative Cities Network: 4 cities
• Hatay Metropolitan Municipality, UNESCO City of Gastronomy (2017)
• Istanbul, UNESCO City of Design (2017)
• Kütahya, UNESCO City of Crafts and Folk Art (2017)
• Gaziantep, UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy (2015)

21. Legal instruments: 14 ratified and 26 non-ratified
• Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
• International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (9 June 2009)
• Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (27 March 2006)

22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated:
2016-2017:
• 50th anniversary of the death of Mehmed Fuad Köprülü, scholar (1890-1966), with the support of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan (2016)
• 850th anniversary of the death of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi, poet and Sufi (1093 or 1103-1166) (with the support of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan) (2016)
2018-2019:
• 100th anniversary of the first publication of Atebetül-Hakayık (1918) (with the support of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan)
• 950th anniversary of the writing of Yusuf Khass Hajib’s Kutadgu Bilig (Wisdom of Royal Glory 1069), with the support of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan (2019)

23. Participation Programme:
• No requests presented since 2010
• 2008-2009: 1 request presented and approved for a total amount of US$ 26,000 (of which US$ 9,817 has not been spent and returned to UNESCO).
24. **Fellowships:** 6 fellowships awarded since 2005, for a total amount of US$ 77,500

25. **NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:** 1  
   *NGOs with Consultative status*  
   - Mother Child Education Foundation, ACEV (2010)

26. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2018:** fully paid  
   - Assessment rate for 2018 1.018 %  
   - Contributions assessed for 2018: US$ 3,323,770

27. **Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US$):

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28. **Representation within the Secretariat:** under-represented, with 3 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 4, max. 7)