



## Call for Papers – Turkey

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### General information

Sine Qua Non is a think tank advocating for a coherent European foreign policy in the MENA region. Founded in Paris in 2018 by researchers and young professionals, it draws from backgrounds and experiences from all over the European continent, the MENA region and beyond.

Sine Qua Non's main publications are policy briefs, analysis reports and case study publications. Its first case study deals with rethinking European foreign policy in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Currently, the research unit dedicated to the first case study counts on more than 17 researchers from different academic background.

Additionally, Sine Qua Non is expanding its publications outside of its case study. To that end, Sine Qua Non accepts research projects concerning other parts of the MENA region. This call is for researchers seeking to work on the Turkish-European relationship.

### Content of the publications

Turkey has been in the accession process to the European Union since 2005 but recently, the talks have been moving more and more into a dead-end. In 2016, the European Parliament voted to suspend accession negotiations citing concerns over human rights and the rule of law in Turkey. Since then, neither party made significant moves to alleviate the stand-still, and as we enter a new decade, Turkey and the EU are drifting further apart than ever.

This situation opens up many potential research topics around Turkey's EU accession. Sine Qua Non identified some of the main areas of concern for the EU with regards to Turkey's integration, and is actively looking for papers and projects on the following topics:



- EU accession process (conditions of accession, problems in approximation of legislation, pertinence of the process itself)
- Customs Union Agreement between Turkey and the EU (update and modernization proposals)
- European response to concerns in Turkey regarding transparency, human rights and the treatment of media personnel (what has been done by the EU so far, what else can be done?)
- Turkey's maritime border disputes with EU member states (Greece & Cyprus)
- Turkey's bilateral relations with Member States

Additionally, if a researcher is motivated to work on a subject that is not present on the list, they may propose it as long as the subject is in line with Sine Qua Non's work.

## **Prerequisites**

### **Academic and professional background:**

- At least a Master's Degree in Economics, Law, Political Science, Urban/Territorial Studies or related domains
- Proven experience in policy evaluation and/or academic research

### **Prior knowledge and skills:**

- Fluency in English, both written and orally
- Proven experience or sustained interest in Political Economy and Policy Analysis field
- Proven interest and good background in Middle Eastern politics and current affairs
- Proven interest and good background in the history of Turkey-EU relations
- Advanced use of GIS and/or R is a plus
- Turkish is a plus

### **Profile:**

SQN is not only looking for a researcher, but a future member of its network. While scientific rigor and professionalism are a must, effective communication skills and ability to cooperate with other researchers are an asset.



## **Contributions from SINE QUA NON**

The members of the Board of SQN will provide the researcher with:

- Full access to SQN's database
- Full access to SQN's public sources
- Constant support to find the necessary sources, including the management of official requests of documents or data addressing States and international organizations
- Support in terms of data analysis and econometric analysis if necessary
- Support in terms of legal analysis if necessary
- Constant support regarding the conception and the realization of the paper
- Precise guidelines for the research proposal and the paper structure
- A wide and ever-growing network of partners such as researchers, journalists, politicians, diplomats, intellectuals, academic centers, universities, NGOs and so on
- The possibility to work with SQN's partners in the future

## **Practical details and logistics**

Sine Qua Non will accept papers year-round, with no specific deadline. Once their proposal is accepted, a suitable deadline will be discussed with the researcher. No specific localization is required. However, in order to keep reporting their progress, the researcher must be overall reachable via internet.

For further information on SQN: [www.sinequanon-eu.com](http://www.sinequanon-eu.com)

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