

INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENTS OF TÜRKİYE

Human Rights, Rule of Law and Democratic Governance

Comparative evidence from intergovernmental mechanisms and independent global indices.

Independent civil-society briefing prepared for the 2026 Warsaw Human Dimension Conference to support evidence-based review of Türkiye's implementation of relevant OSCE human dimension commitments.

This briefing consolidates current international assessments relevant to Türkiye as an OSCE participating State. The indicators are methodologically distinct and are not combined into a single score; their value lies in the convergence of findings across independent monitoring systems.

Political Rights & Civil Liberties Freedom in the World 2026

32/100

Status: Not Free

2025 score: 33 [28]

FREEDOM HOUSE

Press Freedom

World Press Freedom Index 2026

163/180

Score 27.94 [29]

2025 rank: 159/180 [29]

REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS (RSF)

Rule of Law Rule of Law Index 2025

118/143

Regional rank (EECA): 14/15 [30]

WORD JUSTICE PROJECT

Public Sector Corruption

Corruption Perceptions Index 2025

124/182

Score: 31/100 [27]

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

Rule of Law: Where the Pressure Is Concentrated ^[30]

Türkiye - WJP 2025 global factor rankings (1 = best)



CONVERGING INTERNATIONAL FINDINGS

OSCE, United Nations and Council of Europe monitoring

OSCE / ODIHR - 2023 ELECTION OBSERVATION

ODIHR found genuine political alternatives and high participation, while noting an unjustified advantage for the incumbent and his alliance, biased media coverage, and restrictions on assembly, association and expression. [26]

UNITED NATIONS - HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE 2024

The Committee raised concerns over separation of powers, judicial independence, fair-trial guarantees, misuse of counter-terrorism provisions, civic space, freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and effective remedies. [7]

COUNCIL OF EUROPE - COMMISSIONER 2026

Following a December 2025 country visit, the Commissioner called for reforms to protect freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association, judicial independence and safeguards within the justice system. [31]

The International Monitoring Sequence

Recent assessments relevant to the Human Dimension review cycle



Human Dimension Follow-Up

Evidence-based priorities for participating States and OSCE institutions

1. Judicial Independence

Track concrete safeguards for judicial appointments, tenure, disciplinary procedures and effective review, consistent with international standards.

2. Fundamental Freedoms

Monitor freedom of expression, independent media, peaceful assembly and association, including restrictions justified under counter-terrorism or public-order laws.

3. Electoral Environment

Follow up ODIHR recommendations on media pluralism, campaign equality, effective remedies and institutional confidence ahead of future elections.

4. Measurable Progress

Use repeatable indicators and treaty-body recommendations to assess year-on-year change while respecting the distinct methodologies of each monitoring mechanism.

References



See the accompanying reference list.
Ref. Nos. [1]–[32]

Conclusion and Recommendations

Sustained derogations and emergency measures have produced systemic rights violations with cross-border repercussions. OSCE participating States are urged to press for durable remedies in line with international law standards.