

# **Importance of Turkey for the EU's Energy Security**

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# Abstract

Following the cycles of the EU's energy crisis, the Union has topped the energy concerns in its daily agenda and started the works for the diversification of energy routes with the purpose of providing the energy stability and preventing the experience of the previous years. Accordingly, this thesis aims to describe the energy profile of the EU, to demonstrate its energy needs and outline the role of Turkey as an alternative energy transit hub for the Union. The paper explores all the possible energy routes crossing the territory of Turkey and connecting the energy-rich regions to the energy-hunger the EU member states. The paper reveals all short or long-term troubles which obstacle the energy flows toward the EU via Turkey.