

Marie Skłodowska Curie Action – Postdoctoral Fellowship 2023
Expression of interest – Hosting offer
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Laboratory /Department /Institute /Centre / <i>(data of the centre/department where the fellow would be located)</i>	Name	İstanbul Technical University, Maritime Faculty, Maritime Policies-Law and Maritime Economics-Management Research Group (Maritime Studies Post-Graduate Program)
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Research Area <i>(Please select the research area: corresponding to the eight MSCA evaluation panels. You can select between one and up to three scientific areas per EO)</i>		Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC) Economic Sciences (ECO)
Brief description of the Centre/Research Group <i>(max. 1,600 characters including spaces: information about the research centre or research group, scientific staff. Please include URL if possible)</i>		Istanbul Technical University Maritime Faculty is the most important institution in the maritime field in Turkey. Maritime Policies and Law are studied in detail at the faculty and in our center. Additionally, maritime economics and management issues are examined in detail. Our faculty has Master's and Doctorate programs in the field of Maritime Studies. Our faculty also has many connections with shipping companies and institutions in Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean. In addition to all these, there are dozens of academics from various marine-related disciplines within our Faculty.
Project description <i>(max. 1,800 characters including spaces: short description of the research project / research line where the fellow would be hosted and develop his /her project)</i>		This research project will focus on the maritime disputes in the European Union's Southeastern Borders and will try to offer probable solutions. The integration of Turkey, Greece and all of Cyprus has a great potential to make the Southeastern borders of the European Union a safe and secure area. Within this scope, the European Union should focus on the Aegean, Eastern Mediterranean, Cyprus, Turkish Straits and the Black Sea with a view to solve particularly the maritime disputes. In all these areas, cooperation with Turkey is crucial as a stable and democratic Turkey that cooperates and collaborates with the European Union is the key for the solution of all the problems in this region. Furthermore, the security in these regions is also crucial for NATO as this military alliance is negatively influenced by all of these conflicts in these regions.

	<p>The seas have been the unchanging issue of Turkish foreign policy during the last 100 years of the Republic of Turkey and furthermore these regions are extremely important for the European Union and NATO. The Aegean Sea, the Eastern Mediterranean and the Cyprus disputes, the Black Sea and the Turkish Straits related foreign policy issues have been constantly on the agenda of the Turkish foreign policy makers during the last century. As a continuous subject, maritime issues have dominated Turkish foreign policy.</p> <p>The surrounding seas of Turkey is still unsettled and several wars and disputes are ongoing today. In this context, integration of Turkey to the European Union has a potential to solve all of these conflicts in Turkey's surrounding regions.</p> <p>Within this scope, this research project will focus on the steps that can be taken by the European Union and NATO with regards to the solution of all of these conflicts. The solution of the maritime related disputes surrounding Turkey has a potential to transform the Southeastern borders of the European Union and NATO to a safe and secure region. In this context, this research project will analyse the maritime disputes in the Southeastern Europe and by talking with the parties it will try to offer several solution alternatives.</p>
<p>Applications: documents to be submitted and deadlines <i>(Please indicate the documents that the candidate fellow should submit to establish contact: CV, letter of motivation, letter of references, etc., please indicate deadline.)</i></p>	<p>CV, Letter of Motivation, 3 Letters of References (Deadline: 30 August 2024)</p>