



Overview of Turkish Competition Authority's 2024 Activity Report

KEY INSIGHTS

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The Turkish Competition Authority (“**TCA**”) published its annual activity report for 2024 on 28 May 2025. The annual report shows that, as in previous years, the TCA remained active in 2024 in its efforts to ensure a healthy competitive environment, more choices for consumers, more affordable prices, and higher quality services. In this article, we have compiled an overview of the TCA’s activities in 2024 for your reference.

BELOW ARE THE KEY HIGHLIGHTS 

The TCA concluded a total of **487** cases in 2024, representing a **32%** increase compared to the previous year. Of the 487 final decisions, **311** related to **merger and acquisition cases**, while **166** related to **competition infringement cases**. Approximately **64%** of the cases concluded were related to **merger control**, while **34%** were related to **competition violation cases**.

The number of cases decided, broken down by year and case type, is presented in the table below:

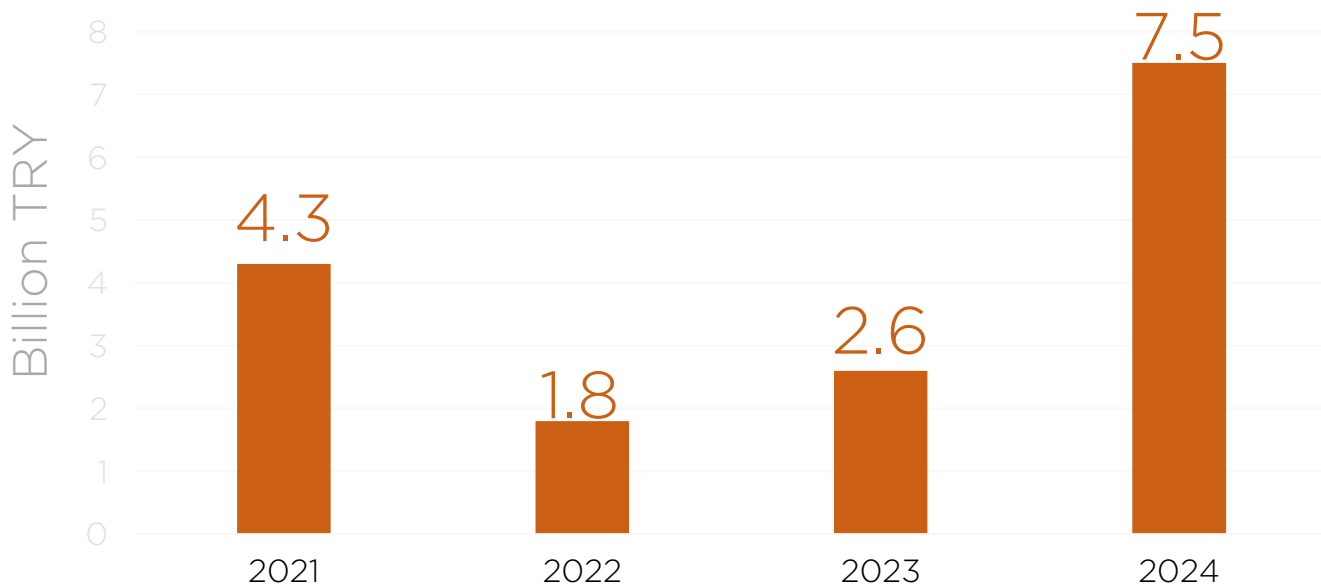
Year	Competition Violation	Exemption/ Negative Clearance	Merger Control	Total
2020	65	34	220	319
2021	74	22	309	405
2022	78	19	245	342
2023	145	8	217	370
2024	166	10	311	487

TCA's Enforcement Activities

In 2024, the TCA conducted investigations in a wide range of sectors, including education, healthcare, food, construction, digital platforms and the labour market, and imposed administrative fines totalling approx. TRY 7.5 billion (approx. EUR 168.3 million)¹ for violations of Law No. 4054 on the Protection of Competition (“**Law No. 4054**”). The total amount of administrative fines imposed in 2024 increased by approximately three times compared to the previous year. The three sectors that accounted for 85% of the total administrative fines imposed and received the highest fines were, in order, (i) information technology and platform services, (ii) food industry, and (iii) construction sector.

1. The exchange rate used for currency conversion is 1 EUR = 44.57 TRY.

Administrative Fines

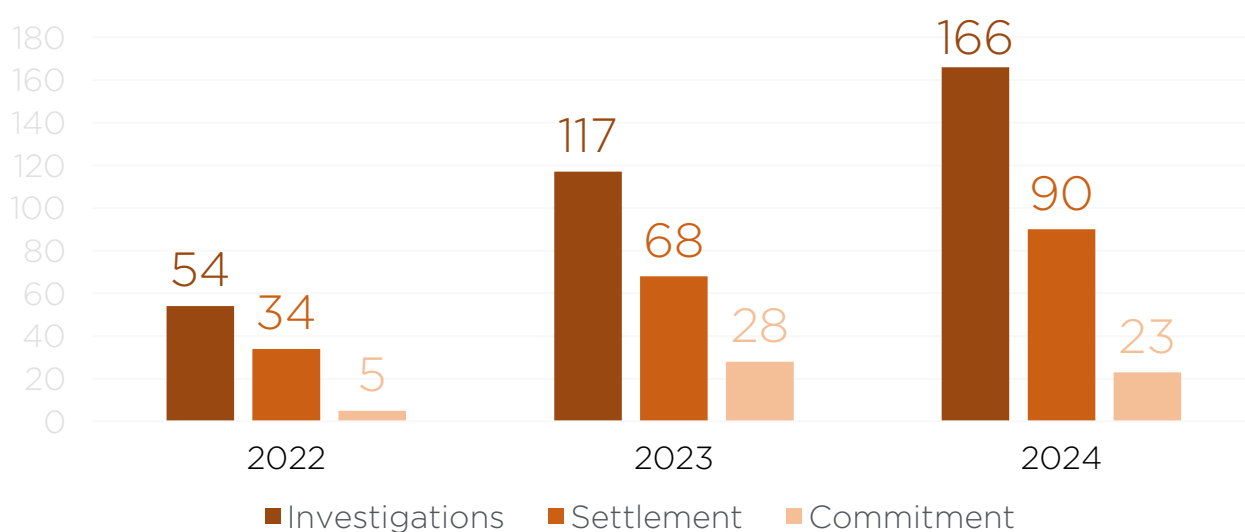


Among the administrative fines imposed, the highest amount was imposed on information technology and platform services. The TCA stated that it closely monitors digital markets and digital platforms, which have become an integral part of our lives since the pandemic, and that as a result of the investigations conducted, this sector received the highest administrative fines, amounting to approx. TRY 4 billion (approx. EUR 89.7 million).

The TCA's activities aimed at protecting competition in the labour market continued actively in 2024, and as a result of investigations conducted within this scope, a total of approx. TRY 580 million (approx. EUR 13 million) in administrative fines were imposed on the grounds of restricting competition in the labour market.

In 2024, the TCA issued a total of 487 decisions. Of these decisions, 166 were related to suspected violations of Law No. 4054. Of such decisions, 139 were made as a result of the investigation process, while 27 files were concluded at the preliminary investigation level. Out of the 139 investigation files relating to competition violation allegations, administrative fines were imposed on 20 undertakings as a result of the regular investigation process, while 90 decisions were concluded through settlement and 23 decisions were concluded through commitments.

In six decisions, the investigations were concluded with no finding of a violation at the end of the full investigation process. In this context, the ratio of cases concluded through settlement to the total number of investigation decisions was approximately 58% in 2023, while this ratio increased to approximately 65% in 2024. This indicates that settlement and commitment mechanisms were effectively applied in 2024. The table below shows the increase in the application of settlement and commitment mechanisms by year:



When looking at the number of concluded investigations, preliminary investigations, and onsite inspection assignments, it appears that although there has been an increasing trend in the number of completed investigations with onsite inspection assignments over the years, there was a decrease in 2024 compared to previous years. The number of completed investigations, preliminary investigations, and onsite inspection assignments by year are shown in the table below:

Year	Concluded Investigations	Preliminary Investigations	Onsite Inspection Assignments
2021	44	29	653
2022	54	24	831
2023	61	28	1642
2024	49	27	1039

In 2024, the decisions taken by the TCA regarding whether Law No. 4054 had been violated, similar to previous years, mainly concerned violations of Article 4. The distribution of decisions taken regarding competition violations between anti-competitive agreements (Article 4) and abuse of dominant position (Article 6) is shown in the table below:

Year	Article 4	Article 6	Hybrid (4 and 6)	Total
2020	36	22	7	65
2021	40	23	11	74
2022	58	14	6	78
2023	121	18	6	145
2024	148	13	5	166



TCA's Merger Control Reviews

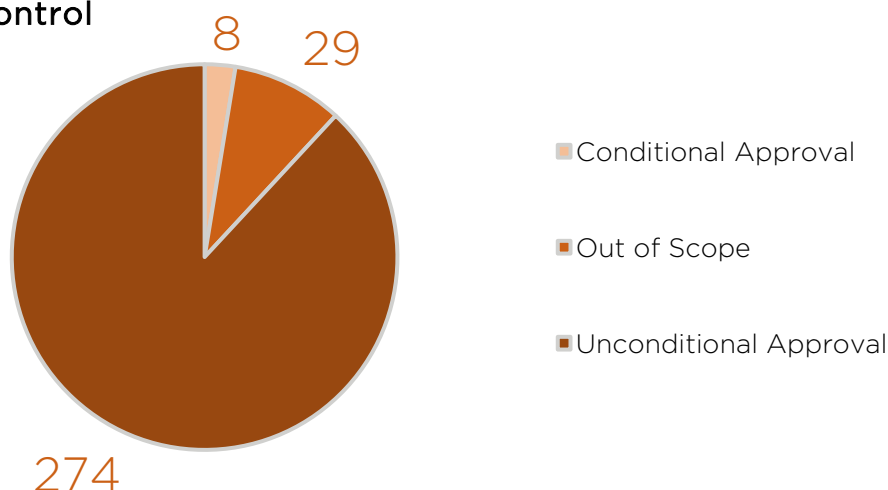
The TCA decided on 212 merger and acquisition cases in 2023, while this number increased by 43% to 311 in 2024. You can read our summary of the TCA's merger and acquisition activities in 2024 [here](#).

The table below provides figures on merger and acquisition decisions by year:

Year	Merger	Acquisition	Joint Venture	Privatisation	Total
2020	8	150	62	0	220
2021	5	214	83	7	309
2022	2	160	76	7	245
2023	2	139	73	3	217
2024	2	198	105	6	311

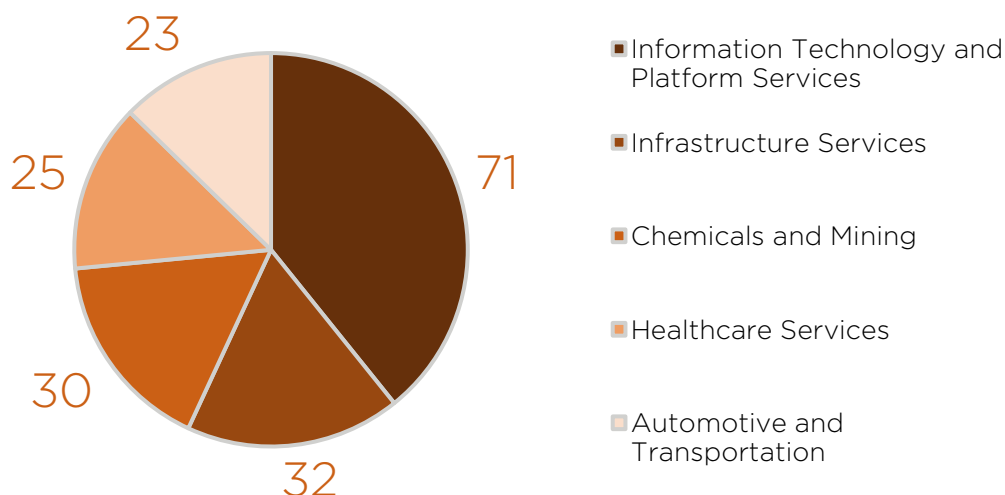
In 2024, the TCA granted unconditional approval for 274 of the 311 transactions reported, granted conditional approval for eight transactions, and determined that 29 transactions were out of scope. Overall, approximately 99% of the transactions subject to the TCA's approval in the last five years were granted unconditional approval.

Merger Control



When looking at the sectoral distribution of reported merger control cases, the information technology and platform services sector ranks first with 71 files. In second place is the infrastructure services sector with 32 cases. Following these two sectors are the chemicals and mining sector with 30 cases, the healthcare services sector with 25 cases, and the automotive and transportation sector with 23 cases. The sectoral distribution of merger and acquisition transactions is presented in the following graph:

Merger Control





Conclusion

The TCA continued to increase its activities in 2024:

487 decisions were issued in total.

Administrative fines amounting to TRY 7.5 billion (approx. EUR 168.3 million) were imposed, approximately three times the amount imposed in 2023.

A total of 311 merger and acquisition cases were decided, reaching the highest number in the last five years.

The information technology and platform services sector was the largest focus for all decision types.

The TCA continued to effectively implement the settlement and commitment mechanisms.



Should you wish to discuss in more detail the key insights, our team of professionals at KST Law – combining in-depth legal expertise and a strong commercial focus – are standing by!

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