



## TURKEY TEAM PROFILE - Women's



After the Turkish Volleyball Federation was founded in 1958, the first national league and the first women's national team was formed, competing in many international tournaments and regional championships - including the Balkan Volleyball Championships and the Mediterranean Games - for 45 years.

In 1963 the Turkish women's team competed in the European Volleyball Championship for the first time finishing 10th before recording two 12th-place finishes and two 11th-place finishes in 1967, 1981, 1989 and 1995 respectively.

In 2003, however, the form book was thrown out the window as Turkey finished runners up to Poland to record a sensational result on their home turf to book their first ever trip to the Women's World Cup.

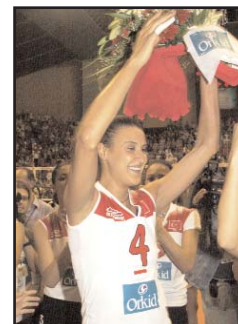
Coach Resat Yaziciogullari called the team's success a turning point for Turkish Volleyball.

Ranked 44th before their incredible European Championship performance, Turkey now head to Japan 15th in the world and on track to cause any number of upsets.

### Recent Results:

#### European Continental Championship in Turkey (September)

Final: Turkey lost to Poland 3-0 (25-17, 25-14, 25-17)  
 Semifinal: Turkey beat the Netherlands 3-0 (25-17, 25-22, 25-22)  
 Turkey lost to Germany 2-3 (16-25, 16-25, 25-22, 25-12, 10-15)  
 Turkey beat Slovakia 3-0 (25-20, 25-20, 25-14)  
 Turkey beat Russia 3-0 (25-21, 25-22, 26-24)  
 Turkey beat Serbia and Montenegro 3-0 (25-23, 25-20, 25-20)  
 Turkey beat Romania 3-0 (25-22, 25-20, 25-17)



### Team Roster

1 Urcu Bahar , 2 Gumus Esra, 3 Akap Sinem, 4 Ozcelik Ozlem, 5 Ozbek Aysun, 6 Denkel Ayse,  
 7 Hanikoglu Natalia, 10 Kirdar Gozne, 11 Celik Pelin, 13 Kayalar Gulden, 16 Tokatlioglu Seda, 17 Demir Neslihan.