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REPORT TITLED 'REFLECTIONS ON THE CENTENARY OF TÜRKİYE-HUNGARY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS' PUBLISHED

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AVİM has published a report containing articles by Turkish authors analyzing the implications of the centenary (2024) of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Türkiye and Hungary.

The content of this report was originally part of a collaborative book project by AVİM, the Eurasia Center (EC) of John von Neumann University in Kecskemét, and the Magyar Külügyi Intézet (Hungarian Institute of International Affairs - HIIA) in Budapest. Initiated in the 2024, the project was meant to provide space for academic reflections on the 100th anniversary of the Friendship Treaty signed between Türkiye and Hungary. The book to be produced as a result of this project would have 2 editors (one Turkish, one Hungarian), 2 forewords (one written by a Turkish author, the other by a Hungarian author) and 5 sections composed of 2 chapters per section (five Turkish and five Hungarian authors). As such, the book would have evenly reflected the perspectives of the Turkish and Hungarian sides.

Unfortunately, the book project was met with several setbacks that included the departure of the original Turkish editor from the project, administrative challenges and budgetary constraints in the Hungarian side, and the withdrawal of one of the Turkish authors due to personal reasons. So as to respect the efforts of the remaining Turkish authors who submitted their articles and to share their contributions with the think tank and academic communities and the wider public, AVİM consulted with its Hungarian counterparts to have the Turkish authors articles published as a standalone AVİM Report. Despite the notable absences from the initial book project, we believe that the articles contained in this report contain valuable assessments and information regarding political history and foreign policy matters pertaining to Türkiye, Hungary, and the Eurasian geography in general.

In line with this, the most important topics that this report delves into and asks questions about can be summarized as follows:

- Turkish-Hungarian relations throughout history: What were the converging and diverging interests of the two sides in the historical process?
- A vision for Ankara-Budapest strategic partnership in the new Cold War era (an issue that was in the publics agenda in 2024): What is the current state of Turkish-Hungarian relations? What are Türkiyes and Hungarys security, geopolitical, and geoeconomic priorities today? What are the reasons for potential conflict and what are the common grounds of cooperation between the two sides in a time of rapid global changes? In mid- and long-term perspective, what policy recommendations can be made for Ankara and Budapest?

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