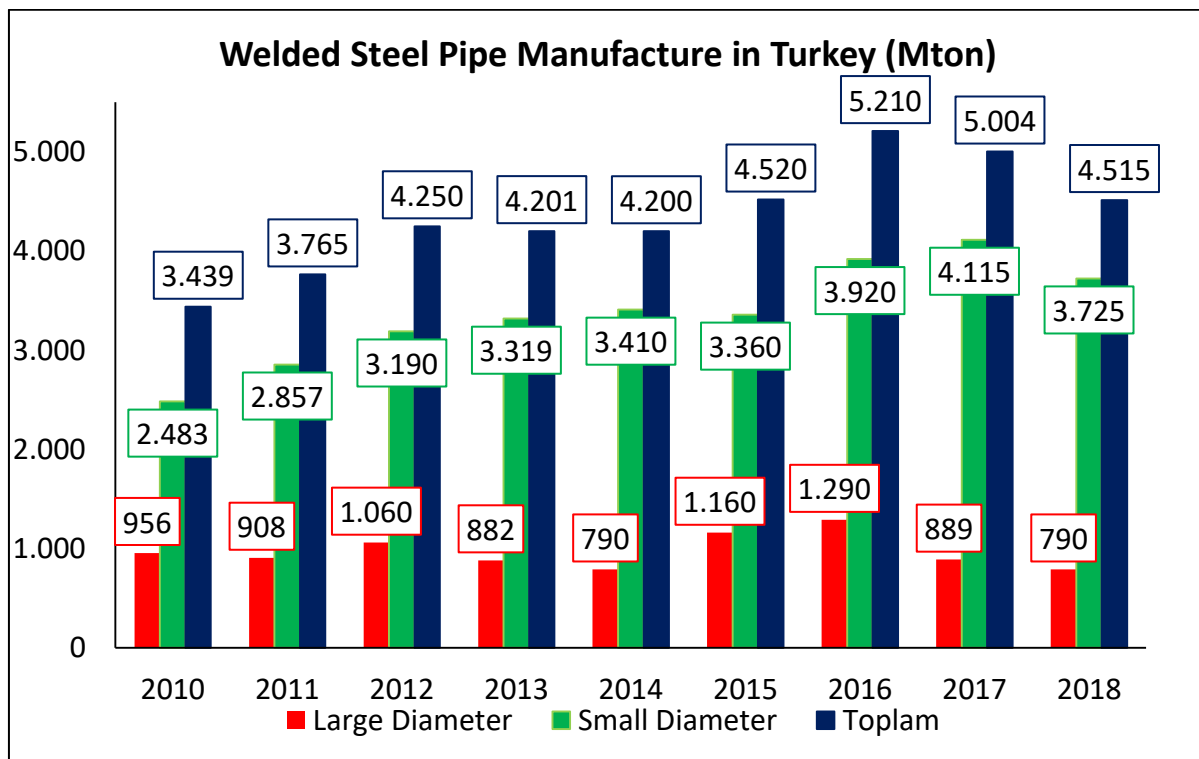


The Steel Pipe Industry of Turkey

Steel pipes are the most commonly preferred pipe types due to their resistance to high pressure and external impacts. Steel pipes are used for various purposes in divergent branch of industries. First of all, steel pipes are used for transmission of water, oil and gas. Oil and gas transmission can only be made through steel pipes. Steel pipelines are preferred for transmission since they can withstand harsh climatic conditions and high internal and external pressure. Moreover, steel pipes and tubes are frequently used in structures and automotive industry.

Steel pipe industry has officially started in 1957 in Izmit (on the Marmara Region of Turkey and the western of the country). The first major breakthrough of the sector occurred in the first half of the 1980s. The steel pipe industry has experienced an enormous growth during the years 2000s. Steel pipe production of Turkey has increased 125 % from 2000 to 2011. Turkey is the largest steel pipe manufacturer of Europe and fourth largest steel pipe manufacturer in the world (after China, Russia, and Republic of Korea) with its 4,45 million tons of annual production.



The steel pipe industry of Turkey is very dynamic and competitive. The annual production capacity is 7 million metric tons and it is capable of manufacturing any kind of pipes. The industry is net exporter and propellant power of Turkish economy. Steel pipe export of Turkey

grew 173 % between the years 2000 and 2011. Turkey has become the fourth largest steel pipe producer (after China, Republic of Korea and Italy) with its 1,94 million tons of export in 2018.

Turkey exports steel pipe all around the world. The major export destinations for steel pipes were Romania, USA, UK, Iraq and Germany in 2018.

The world's total production of welded tubes was 141 million tons in 2015 according to World Steel Association. Turkey's total steel pipe production was 4,5 million tons in same year. Therefore, Turkey's total production formed almost 3 % of world's total production.

All in all; in the medium term, Turkey aims at being one of the top three steel pipe manufacturer of the World. Besides, Turkey intends to inspire the World steel pipe industry through its experience and new ideas. Turkey will be initiator of technologic advancements and will take world steel pipe industry further.