

228.000.000 €

The total budget of the project (Euro)

1.222

Number of workers working at the line.



**IPA I
IKZ**

56

31 stations
25 stops



- The platforms were renovated to allow access for the disabled, the elderly and the sick.
- A Traffic Command Center equipped with the latest technology in its field was constructed and furnished.
- The renovated stations are also furnished with electronic information panels and comfortable waiting lounges.

415

Length of railway line (km)



Project Name Rehabilitation and Signalization of Irmak-Karabük-Zonguldak Railway Line

End Recipient TCDD

Works Contract

Contractor Company Yapı Merkezi İnşaat Sanayi A.Ş., MÖN İnşaat ve Ticaret Ltd. Şti. Joint Venture

Date of the Contract 14.12.2011

Supervision Contract

Consultant Company Tecnica y Proyectos, S.A. (TYPSA), Safage Consortium

Date of the Contract 04.01.2012



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**REHABILITATION AND SIGNALIZATION OF
IRMAK-KARABÜK-ZONGULDAK RAILWAY LINE PROJECT**

“Priority is the railway”
we are carrying Turkey...



ONE HAND SPAN MORE RAILWAY



This slogan summed up the transport policy of the Young Turkish Republic shortly after its foundation. The Irmak Karabük Zonguldak Rail Line, which was initiated in those years and which contributed immensely to the Turkish economy, was restored in 2016 by the European Union and the Republic of Turkey.

Year 1925... The calendar page shows 13th of December. The Republic of Turkey, while trying to overcome the destructive effects of the war, takes an important step on that day towards strengthening its economic independence and transport the natural resources to the different regions of the country. The Law on the Ankara-Ereğli Railway Line was approved by the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, under the name "The Railway Leading to Coal".

This important railway line, that the Young Republic of Turkey wished to establish for standing up and making a move forward, was going to lie between the coal city Zonguldak and the Irmak station near the capital Ankara. The railway construction started on the 7th of February, 1927 and the railway of 102 kilometers between Irmak and Çankırı has been put into operation on the 23rd of April, 1931. The railway between Irmak-Filyos, which had a total length of 391 kilometers, had been put into operation on the 14th of November, 1935 with a ceremony held in Filyos. It comprised 27 stations, 1368 culverts and bridges and 37 tunnels having a total length of 8.800 meters.

"One hand span more railway!" This was the motto of the Republic between the years 1923 and 1938. However, after this date, the interest in constructing new railway lines and renewing them decreased over the years. About 70 years have passed since then. An important step has been taken in 2011 toward renewing this line which had become tired and worn out. The line started to get renewed by the Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications, thanks to the financial assistance provided by the European Union under the Transport Operational Program and it has been restored in 2016.

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