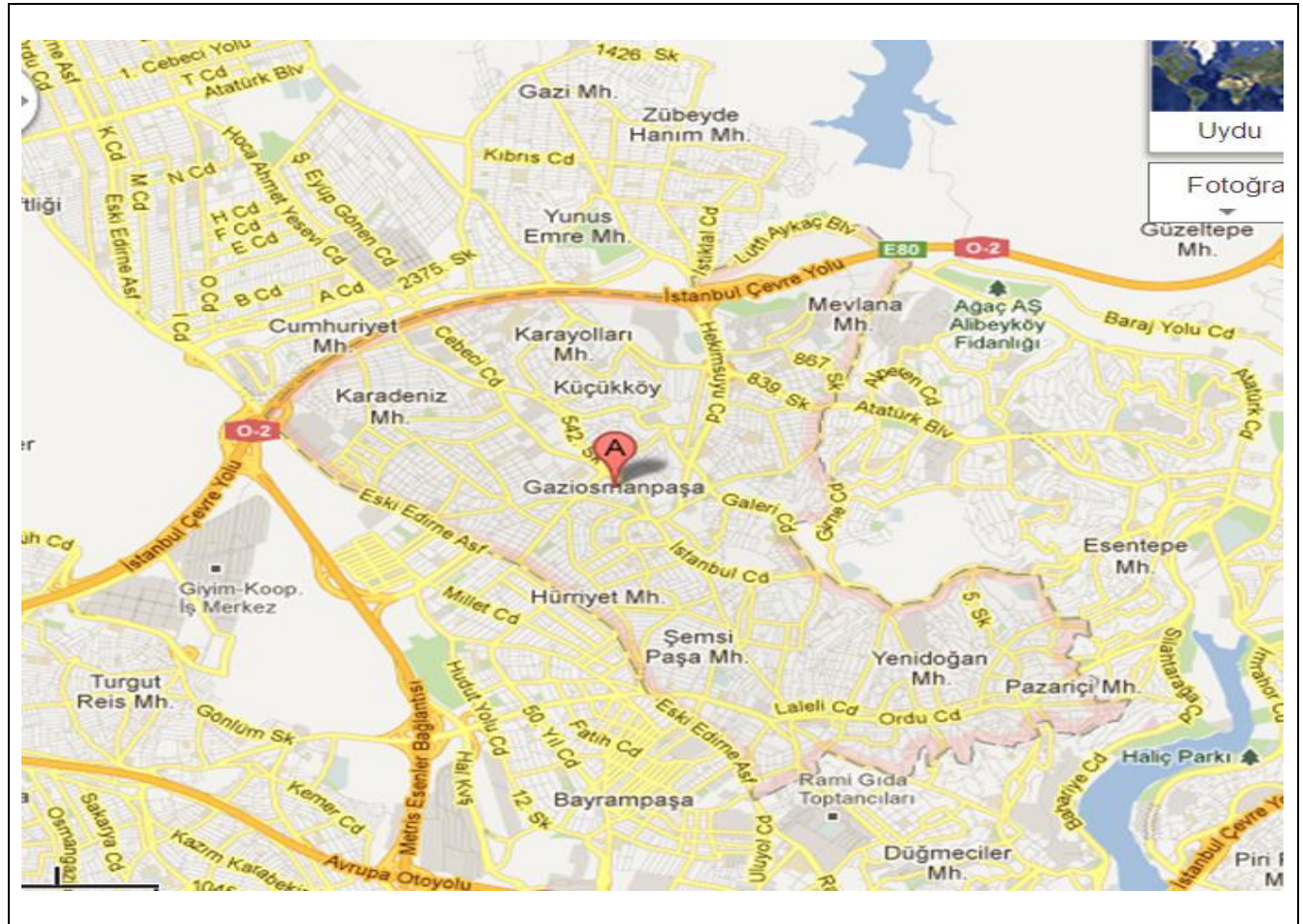


## ISTANBUL ON THE PATH TO EU TOWN TWINNING FORM

**Important Note: This form is jointly prepared by district governorate and municipality.**

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## MAIN CHARACTERISTICS (GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, HISTORY....)

Gaziosmanpaşa is a district located on the North of İstanbul. Having 1168 hectare of an area, Gaziosmanpaşa is surrounded by Eyüp from east and south, by Bayrampaşa and Esenler from west and north and by Sultangazi from North. Its climate shows general features of the climate of the İstanbul City.

The region where the Gaziosmanpaşa district is located now, was called as Göktepe until 1958. It was one of the neighbourhoods of Eyüp district. Due to the inflow of Turkish originated immigrants from Balkan countries, the population of the region was highly increased and Gaziosmanpaşa became a district of İstanbul on 27th August 1963 by the Law no:308.

There are 16 neighbourhood in the district. Taşlıtarla is the center of the district and Küçükköy is the oldest neighbourhood of the district which was founded as a village nearly 200 years ago.

## ECONOMIC SITUATION

Settlement started in 1950s with single flored houses in order to settle the immigrant citizens. In the following years due to the domestic migration shanty houses were built. After the implementation of construction plan, construction has been developed in the district. The district almost appeared as a big city by means of newly built court house city hall, parks and squares, planned constructions offices, business centres and economic life become more lively. The social life in our district is not very good because it represents the social life of workers and middle income families. Business and working life is very busy in our town. Especially Küçükköy and its surrounding is industrial area. In addition to big industrial corporations, there are small businesses and workshops giving service subsidiary industry. In our town there are businesses and workshops manufacturing furniture, slipper chandelier and garment. Making chandelier turned into a profession. Most of the people settled in the district are workers who work for small tradesman. Our town is in the middle point of İstanbul and big environment of our settlers work in companies outside the town.

## PROVIDED SERVICES

**District Governorate:** District Governor coordinates and inspects all institutions in Gaziosmanpaşa, provides applications of rules in the district, receives the complaints of the people, learns their needs and takes necessary measures to supply their needs.

**Municipality:** City infrastructure, urban services, urban development, economy, education, social, skilled work, transportation, sports and cultural activities, agricultural and veterinary services, serving the financial and legal fields.

**Services in Cooperation:** To make roads and squares, parks, making picking up trash, clean roads, police duties, to ensure cleanliness of the streets and take measures to safeguard public health, development plans, prepare to give planning permission, construction to control, to establish market places, to establish industrial zone bazaar, tourist operate, vocational training courses, health services, religious missions, marriage procedures, to help families in need, to make cheap housing, human and animal health, preventive services, green areas, edit, local taxes (income tax, Rusu, fees, etc.), with the municipality to collect fines, expropriation.

## ONGOING PROJECTS

### Gaziosmanpaşa District Governorate:

1. **Project Name:** Social Protection and Support Program for Children and Young People (ÇOGEP Project) / Common / Ministry of Development / 2011-2012

The aim of the Project is to contribute social development of children and youngsters and to provide social protection for them. It is also aimed to provide social and educational support to children and youngsters in order to be an health adult both mentally and physically.

Number of participants: 7265

Target Group: Children aged 12-16 years, Youngsters aged between 17-25 years, their families and

Project Budget: 1.000.000 TL.)

### Gaziosmanpaşa Municipality:

1. **Project Name:** Reproductive Health Project in the elderly and in men

Municipality Status: The project partner

Financing Institution: European Commission, Foundation for Humanity Service

2. **Project name:** Gaziosmanpaşa Town Reproductive Health Project

Municipality Status: Project Partner

Financing Institution: European Commission, the International Blue Crescent Humanitarian Relief and Development Foundation

3. **Project Name:** Happy and Joint

Municipality Status: Project Partner

Financing Institution: The European Commission, the Marmara Foundation for Medical Education and Research

## TOWN TWINNING EXPERIENCES

City of Changwon, South Korea

Municipality of Kardzhali, Bulgaria

Bulgaria Pleven Municipality

Municipality of Ohrid, Macedonia

Ukraine Crimea Feodosia municipality: Tour between cities were aimed at increasing the mutual relationship, share in cultural events.

## SITUATION ANALYSIS

### PROBLEM AREAS

1-Problems about urban transformation

2- Limited access to social services for disabled, the elderly, young people and women

3- Due to differences in the level of education offered to the people of the district, and the necessity of the nature of the investments made less inadequate detection point

3- Low income status of the citizens in general, accordingly discrepancy of social assistance and support requests.

5- Less development of the service sector.

6- Social integration problems of the citizens who migrated from different parts of Turkey.

## AREAS OF STRENGTH

1. Good relations with central agencies and other public institutions.
2. Projects that have been developed to respond to needs and problems of district.
3. Important steps have been taken towards institutionalization.
4. Giving importance to the team, management team and staff to support the work of solidarity is strong.
5. Technology and information systems and their applications have been used effectively.
6. Existence of business and residential areas.
7. Simple and low-altitude areas of the housing stock because of its urban regeneration and renewal have.
8. Young population (45% of the population of the district according to the records section of TSI to be under 24 years of age).
9. Cultural activities organized for children and teenagers between the ages of 7-18.

## POTENTIAL AREAS OF COOPERATION

Gaziosmanpaşa District of governorate and local municipality seeks for potential partners in the following areas to work on joint projects to exchange technical expertise and knowledge.

Areas of Cooperation		Areas of Cooperation	
Environment-Environment Protection	✓	Tourism	
Urban Transportation		Citizen Participation	
Social Services	✓	Local Social and Economic Development	
City Branding		Urban Planning	
Energy Efficiency		Implementation of EU Projects	
Culture		Other	

### Remarks (Information on Areas of Cooperation)

Twinning program will be helpful to local ruling units, which are the main actors of continuous development, to find common solutions to common problems. We aim to increase the quality of municipal services and economic, social and cultural standards of the district. We also aim to improve the protection of environment. Structural solutions which will lead to create common activity areas have to be presented. Twinning programs will help existing financial and administrative structure to enrich, be more active, and will enable to share information and experiences.

Infrastructure facilities have to be developed to increase municipal life quality. Basic humanistic needs such as planning, transportation, sheltering, arranging, social areas have to be answered. So we want to take part in common works in the field of environment and social services.



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