

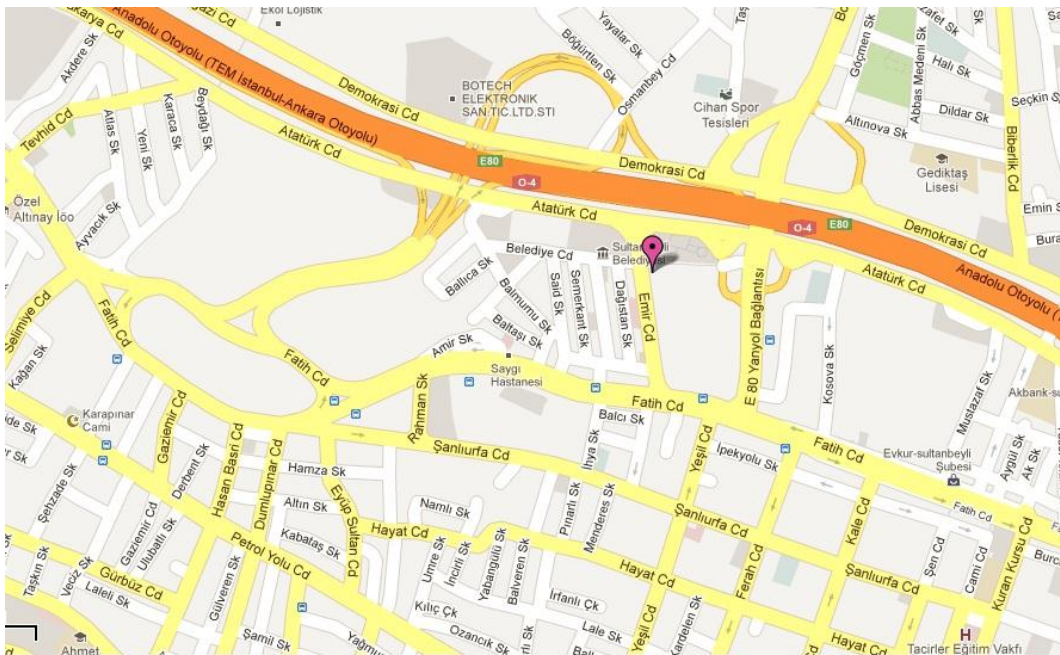
ISTANBUL ON THE PATH TO EU

TOWN TWINNING FORM

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

THE TOWN OF SULTANBEYLİ	
Number of Inhabitants: 302.388 (Data, 2012, Turkish Statistical Institute – TUIK)	
Name of Representative (District Governor and/or mayor): Mehmet CEYLAN - District Governor of Sultanbeyli Hüseyin KESKİN - Mayor of Sultanbeyli	
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Please insert a map of your town



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

In this part please provide brief information on characteristics of your town. (max. 200 words.)

Sultanbeyli was established as a village in 1957 at that time population of Sultanbeyli was 3600. After that, in 1989 Sultanbeyli became a town then in 1992 Sultanbeyli had municipality title with law no 3806. According to the last census, population of the Sultanbeyli district was 302,388 in 2012 and population of Sultanbeyli consistently increases. The surface of it is 35 km². The district is located in the Anatolia side of Istanbul between Teferrüc Mountain and Aydos Mountain that is the highest mountain of Istanbul. Also, the highway passes through the middle of Sultanbeyli. Besides, It is the district surrounds by Kartal district in the North, in the West by Sancaktepe district and in the East by Pendik district. Sultanbeyli has an altitude of 135 metres.

Sultanbeyli has an old history. In Roman and Byzantine Empire period it became the local authority center of the province from Üsküdar to Gebze. The geographical area that includes the current Sultanbeyli town, historical Aetos city and castle and Sultanbeyliği plain was a crucial way station on the path of tribes during and after archaic age. It preserved the speciality of being a center for a long time during and after the middle ages because of its strategic position. As the main road between Asia-Anatolia and Istanbul-Europe passed through this province, it was highly important in terms of military and civilian transportation.

ECONOMIC SITUATION

In this part please provide brief information about economic activities in your town. (Which sectors are prior? Which sectors are needed to be improved?) (max. 200 words.)

People of Sultanbeyli generally make their living in construction sector. Some of the people work in nearby towns as the industry is not developed enough. But the town is improving economically day by day. Especially the manufacturing sector is prospering gradually. There are 225 companies majored in textile and furniture, besides 146 textile mills and 142 furniture and ready – made shops. Another driving force of economy can be seen as retail industry. There are more than 3000 retail stores. Recently, two retail shopping centers opened in Sultanbeyli.

Headquarters of some logistic firms are located in Sultanbeyli due to its strategic location between Anatolia and Istanbul in case of transportation.

As mentioned above ancient Aetos Castle is located in Sultanbeyli, restoration of the castle will be completed at the end of 2013 and will be served for external and internal tourists. In parallel to this development, tourism based trade activities such as accommodation sector, souvenir sector, food services and related sectors must be improved. Also new socio-economic model should be developed for the town.

PROVIDED SERVICES

In this part please explain which services are provided by your institution. (max.150 words)

Governor of the district is the head regulator, administrator and representative of the government through the district he is employed to. Governor's major responsibilities are declaration, distribution and presentation of the laws and regulatory instructions. Therefore he is charged with using his authority to accomplish these tasks. Governor of the district is assigned to carry out the orders and instructions of the governor of the province.

Respect to the established constitutional laws, he maintains an organization of necessity through the district. This organization formed through the district which consists of all the government establishments (except military and legal enforcements) are directly under governors jurisdiction. Governor also has the authority of inspecting all the local institutions and private workplaces.

Sultanbeyli Municipality operates its duties under the law of 5393, titled as "Municipality Law".

Municipal organs are the main driving forces of the implementation of local services in Turkey. At that point, Sultanbeyli Municipality has legal responsibility to provide services such as infrastructure, water, transportation, culture, art, education, sports and social services.

ONGOING PROJECTS

In this part please mention about your EU funded projects and/or projects funded under other programmes. (200 words.)

Project Name: Training of Teachers for Sustainable Development

Finance: Comenius

Date: September 2010 – June 2012

Project Name: Dream Room

Finance: Comenius

Date: September 2008 – June 2010

Project Name: We Are The Shine

Finance: Domestic

Date: December 2010 – December 2014

Project Name: Education Starts at Home,

Finance: EU - IPA

Date: October 2010 – October 2011

Project Name: Sultanbeyli Women's Shelter

Finance: Istanbul Development Agency

Date: July 2011 - August 2012

Project Name: Istanbulensis Youth Center

Finance: Istanbul Development Agency

Date: December 2012 - November 2013

TOWN TWINNING EXPERIENCES

In this part please mention about your town twinning experiences. (max. 150 words.)

Sister City 1

Name: Town of Vimercate

Country: Italy

Activity: Mutual Folk Dance Festivals have done in Sultanbeyli and Vimercate.

Sister City 2

Name: Town of Jajce

Country: Bosnia-Herzegovina

Activity: Technical visit has completed. Sultanbeyli Municipality is planning to establish pre-school education class in Jajce.

SITUATION ANALYSIS

PROBLEM AREAS

In this part please explain which areas are needed to be improved in your town and what are the main problems in those areas. This part should be in compatible with application form that you fulfilled before application to the programme. (max 150 words.)

Quality of the social services and new model of socio-economic development policy are the key priorities that have to be improved in Sultanbeyli.

Sultanbeyli receives vast number of immigrants, has a large rate of population growth rate, and is inhabited mostly by families with low income and low level of education. According to migration data, Sultanbeyli is one of the cosmopolite centers of Istanbul due to internal migration flow from core Anatolia to Istanbul. In this structure, Sultanbeyli has many social problems such as social integration, sustainability and poverty.

AREAS OF STRENGTH

In this part please explain in which areas your town is powerful and can assist to EU counterparts. (max. 150 words.)

We are experienced about social cooperation and solidarity as a district. When it is investigated people's applications about variety of needs, it is possible to help all of the people via the flexible program. The data base which was created in the district has reached to the standart in service. Moreover, since the cooperation of the institutions has reached the top level, it has become easy to solve problems.

As a result of the cooperation of public institutions in our district, Woman's Shelter and İstanbulensis Young Centre that presented to İstanbul Development Agency serve the people in Sultanbeyli. Thanks to that, it is reached to the quality standart about women, children, and youngs. Furthermore, 'We are the shine' is a project which is carried out with our self sources, it is an original one to increase youth employment.

To sum, the cooperation of institutions in our district, social care programmes dedicated to women and children, and the database about social solidarity are our most powerful hand that we can assist with our European counterparts.

POTENTIAL AREAS OF COOPERATION

Sultanbeyli 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. (Also specify other areas of specific interest.)

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

Remarks (Information on Areas of Cooperation)

In this part please explain the reasons for why you would like to establish cooperation in these areas. (max. 250 words.)

Sultanbeyli Governorate together with municipality is working on new **social assistance system** and **new model of socio-economic system** to adopt and bring better services to its residents. On the basis of this target, Sultanbeyli Governorate and Sultanbeyli Municipality would like to cooperate with European cities to transfer the best experiences

Main aim of the project is to observe the best practices of social assistance systems, local social-economic development policies in centers and practices for **children, youth, women, disabled people, poor and elderly people, development agencies, regional authorities** in countries that have the best practices in the European Union and also to integrate them into Sultanbeyli Town.

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