

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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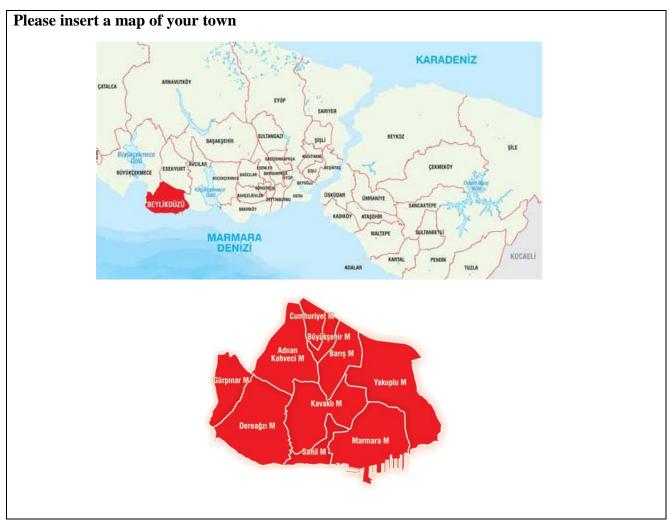












MAIN CHARACTERISTICS (GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, HISTORY....)

Beylikdüzü is a district of Istanbul that is located in the Northeast of Turkey, in the Marmara region. Beylikdüzü borders the Marmara Sea to its South with a shoreline that extends 12.4 kilometers. On the east side there is Avcılar district, while Esenyurt and Büyükçekmece districts are located to the north and west respectively.

The district has a surface area of approximately 37.38 km2. Beylikdüzü District, in terms of its geographic location, is positioned on E-5 highway that connects Europe to Asia and as such it has strategic importance. Beylikdüzü is a pretty district which is recently created from the union of three towns. The oldest settlement site discovered regarding the history of istanbul is the Yarımburgaz Caves, approximately 10 km to the North East of Beylikdüzü district. Artifacts discovered in these caves show that there was life in the Sub-Paleolithic Age approximately 800,000 years ago.

It can be deduced from the ruins of boathouse remains at the Sahil (Coast) Neighborhood of our district that Beylikdüzü was populated by fishermen during Roman times. Beylikdüzü was also used as a gaming and summer resort by Byzantines.

Historical Places at Beylikdüzü: Kapıağası (Haramidere) Bridge, Roman Boathouse, Malik Ağa Fountain "Aşıklar Çeşmesi (LoversFountain), Değirmenburnu Beacon, Greek Houses, Haramidere Hunting Lodge.











ECONOMIC SITUATION

The fact that the district has shores bordering the Marmara Sea on the south, and has Ambarli Trading Port within its borders adds to its strategic significance.

The brand value of Beylikdüzü district, housing Ambarli Port, one of the most important anchor points of our country in international maritime transportation as well as the 700-yacht capacity marina, industrial zones, thermal power stations, and fuel oil filling facilities increases on a daily basis.

Fuel Filling and Distribution Facilities besides their economic value are also strategically important as they contain LPG and fuel oil stock namely "National Stock" that is intended to be used in case of a war or under similar conditions. In the very near future the Fish Market will also be moved to the area (See Fishing). Additionally, the yacht marina (See Shoreline Structures) that was established recently to the west of Ambarli Port will make great contributions to the district economy in terms of tourism. In addition to the factors stated above, the district accommodates 4324 companies/enterprises.

Yacht tourism, congress tourism, health tourism and fair tourism have been developing recently in the district.

PROVIDED SERVICES

District governorate is responsible for the application of the laws and orders of the governor in the district. The district governorate provides coordination between the various government agencies work, listen to complaints from the public, identify needs, take the necessary measures to eliminate, and preside over the official ceremonies.

Beylikdüzü Municipality performs services within 19 units. Our some major units are; Planning and Project Unit, Cultural Activities Unit, Social Activities Unit, Building and Urbanization Unit. Our organization makes innovative projects in many areas through these units. The main working areas area; security, cultural and social development of inhabitants, substructure, infrastructure and superstructure studies, facilities for women, kids, young people and disabled people etc.

ONGOING PROJECTS

1) Beylikdüzü International Culture and Art Festival was financed within the scope of European Capital of Culture in 2010. The Name of Programme was "We are meeting with our European".

In this project it was aimed to strengthen the relationship among our municipality and European municipalities. Some cultural activities were organized within the project.

2) Name: SPISSE Sharing and promoting innovating solution for safe environment: new technologies for preservation of municipal old waste disposals in the Black See Basin region

Status: Partner

The Name of financed institution: EU Commission

The Name of Programme: Black-Sea-Basin

Date: 01/01/2013-01/07/2014

Explanation: It is important in context of this Project Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation. It is aimed to promote cooperation initiatives aimed at innovation in technologies and management of Waste and Wastewater Management systems.











TOWN TWINNING EXPERIENCES

As Municipality of Beylikdüzü we have national and international town twinning experiences.

The name of our twinnings are below as named;

International Town twinnings;

Municipality of Iskır –Sophia, Bulgarian

Municipality of Lugans -Ukrain

National Town twinnings;

Municipality of Horosan –Erzurum, Turkey

Municipality of Dadaş –Erzurum, Turkey

Municipality of Pehlivanköy –Kırklareli, Turkey

Municipality of Nar – Nevşehir, Turkey

Municipality of Ölüdeniz – Fethiye, Turkey

Municipality of Aslancami -Ordu, Turkey

Except of these town twinnings we have some more active relationship with some countries and some institutions. In this context we have made some meeting. These are below as named;

1: Municipality of Vienna

The comparison of two institutions; 18/12/2012

- 2: The Example Fernwaerme Wien for waste recycling to energy; 19/12/2012
- 3: The Example Vienna for City Planning; 19/12/2012
- 4: The meeting for partnership EU projects with Venezizan Municipality; 12/12/2012

SITUATION ANALYSIS

PROBLEM AREAS

- Enhancing institutional capacity and inter-agency cooperation
- Social risk groups / disadvantaged groups
- Labor force participation
- Increasing the capacity of employability and entrepreneurship,
- Rehabilitation and access to social services of disadvantaged groups
- Information and awareness about the rights and duties of citizens.

AREAS OF STRENGTH

İstanbul Beylikdüzü has an extremely luxurious and rich-looking urban structure. Environmental regulations have been made and Istanbul Beylikdüzü has green space per capita of 9.8 m2. Arhitecture and urban construction site has a regular and systematic structure. EU standards in the area of modern residential living centers and sites are more up about branding. Towns are comfortable allowing the flow of traffic in the lack of unplanned urbanization and the wide streets and alleys. Also, Beylikdüzü has a coastline of marine.











POTENTIAL AREAS OF COOPERATION

Beylikdüzü 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	X	Local Social and Economic Development	
City Branding	X	Urban Planning	
Energy Efficiency		Implementation of EU Projects	X
Culture		Other	

Remarks (Information on Areas of Cooperation)

City Branding

In the field of branding we aim to contribute to the mapping program, administrative, social, cultural, economic, physical and functional dimensions to obtain experience in the European Union, and practical examples to share the gains would like to adapt the good work our district.

Implementation of EU Projects

We aim to develop common EU projects with our possible partners especially in vocational education of young people. Individuals may become a target of the EU's vision to win, and seeks to contribute to the initiative.

Social Services

We aim at implementing projects targeting children, youth, women, elderly and disabled people to get them into the social life. We aim to increase their participation in economic and social life, to ensure the full enjoyment of life and equal opportunities and strengthen ties with the community.

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