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**Project:
“Municipalities
Prepare
For The
European
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To achieve the EU standards in municipal services which closely affects the daily life of our citizens is one of the priorities of Turkey.

Considering the fact that duties and responsibilities of our municipalities cover a great portion of the EU acquis ranging from energy to environment, agriculture to transport and consumer rights to food safety, the role of our municipalities in the EU process should be improved.

Based on the fact described above, "Municipalities are Preparing for The European Union" project which has been jointly prepared by the Secretariat General for European Union Affairs and Union of Municipalities of Turkey aims to strengthen the administrative capacities of the municipalities and to raise the awareness in all the municipalities in Turkey with respect to the EU related issues.

» Project Main Activities

Opening of the Project:

Opening of the Project took place on December 11, 2010 with the signing of the cooperation protocol between the Secretariat General for European Union Affairs and Union of Municipalities of Turkey as part of the "Civil Society, Youth and Local Governments On The Road To EU Membership-Dialogue Meeting".

Regional Information Meetings:

To raise the awareness of the municipalities towards the EU and the EU acquis regional meetings will be held in eight provinces. Mayors and deputy mayors of nearby municipalities will be invited to the regional meetings. Regional meetings will be organized jointly by the Secretariat General for European Union Affairs and Union of Municipalities of Turkey and will take place in İzmir, İstanbul, Samsun, Ankara, Elazığ, Gaziantep, Antalya and Bursa.

Study Visits to EU Member States:

Three study visits will be organized with the participation of our mayors to observe the best practices of the EU institutions and municipalities of the EU member states.

Web-based Training:

Web-based distance training will be organized so that personnel from municipalities which have been specified within the framework of the project will be trained. 10 designated training topics are presented below:

Theoretical and practical information on Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) and other EU funds

EU Environment Acquis and Its Application to Local Governments

EU's Education, Culture and Science Policies and Their Application to Local Governments

EU Transport Acquis and Its Application to Local Governments

EU Public Procurement and Its Application to Local Governments

EU Energy Acquis and Its Application to Local Governments

EU Social Policies and Employment Acquis and Its Application to Local Governments

EU Public Services and Its Application to Local Governments

EU Competitiveness Policy and Its Application to Local Governments

EU Financial and Budgetary Affairs Acquis and Budget Structure and Its Application to Local Governments

Publications and Documents:

Publications and documents will be prepared in order to inform the municipalities which are in the target group on EU related issues and in order to enhance their administrative capacities.