

Project Name:	EU Train Passing Through Balıkesir
Reference No:	PUYB-01/03
Applicant:	Governorship of Balıkesir
Partner(s):	South Marmara Development Agency
Duration of the Project:	6 Months
Project Budget and Co-finance:	43.950 TL - 5.500 TL
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing awareness about the EU integration process and contribute to the integration efforts of Turkey in the pre-accession period till 2013 Improving the project development capacity of the province to benefit utmost from the EU funds and financial aid and contributing further to the project capacity of the province by training trainers at the districts
Target Groups:	Balıkesir EU Office Staff, Deputy Governors of Balıkesir, members of the Provincial EU Advisory and Steering Committee, members of NGOs, students of elementary schools, participants of the "Training of Trainers Program" and participants of the "Project Cycle Management Training" which will be organized at the districts
Project Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seminar on Turkey's EU Accession Process and the EU Acquis: A seminar on "Turkey's EU Accession Process and the European Union Acquis" for the governor, deputy governors, and sixty representatives from the civil society organizations will be organized In order for Balıkesir to contribute more effectively to the accession process. Seminar on Agriculture and Rural Development in the EU Acquis: To raise awareness about the EU legislation in the field of agriculture, a seminar on "Agriculture and Rural Development in the EU Acquis" will be organized for forty representatives from the agriculture sector. Seminar on the EU Accession Process: A seminar will be organized for the members of the Provincial EU Advisory and Steering Committee about the "EU Process", the "EU Acquis" and the implications of the EU membership. Promotional Activities: Within the context of the visibility activities, an audiovisual named "European Train Passing Through Balıkesir" will be prepared and distributed. In addition, two television programs about "EU and Turkey" will be broadcasted on local TV channels. Drawing Competition: A drawing competition on "EU and Environment" will be organized addressing elementary school students in Balıkesir. Study Visit: A study visit to the EU Offices of the neighbouring provinces will be organized for the members of the Provincial EU Advisory and Steering Committee and EU Office staff in order to share the good practices in the EU accession process. Training of the Trainers: A "Training of the Trainers" seminar will be organized in Balıkesir for thirty participants from the public institutions in order to improve the capacity of the province in using the EU funds. Training on Project Cycle Management: A seminar on "Project Cycle Management" will be given to one hundred and ninety two representatives from districts of Balıkesir by the participants of the "Training of the Trainers" seminar. Project Inventory: A project inventory of Balıkesir will be prepared including all the completed EU projects in the province. Strengthening Information and Technical Infrastructure: Material and equipment support will be provided to the Balıkesir EU Office in order to increase its technical infrastructure. 	