Sustainable Cities in Turkey

The Sustainable Cities Project assists cities in laying the groundwork for sustainable infrastructure through comprehensive and integrated municipal plans, linking these to a robust Capital Investment Plan. The project is part of a Program for Sustainable Cities to finance a series of projects over several years.

The Program consists of two parts:

Component A: Sustainable City Planning and Management Systems. This component will support reforms that improve sustainable urban development planning and enhance urban sustainability. This component will provide Technical Assistance support to municipalities/utilities for planning and management and for the preparation of feasibility studies, detailed engineering designs, and environmental assessments for municipal investments that could be financed in future projects. It will also help Ilbank for management of the grant and capacity building. This component would be funded in its entirety through a European Union-Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance Grant.

Component B: Municipal Investments. This will finance municipal infrastructure investments in public transport, water and sanitation, solid waste management, and energy. This Component will be financed by World Bank loans.

A first project has been approved on December 20, 2016 and Mugla and Denizli has accessed World Bank loans under Component B of this first project.

However, since this is a series of projects, interested municipalities can also apply for and access financing for their investments after the approval of this first project.

If your municipality wants to participate in upcoming projects under the Sustainable Cities Program, you may contact:

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"Over the past decades, the urban population in Turkey has increased, cities have sprawled, exceeding their mandated boundaries. Although access to services have increased significantly, quality of services and long-term financial and environmental sustainability remain challenges," said Johannes Zutt, World Bank Country Director for Turkey, on the occasion of the loan approval. "As the World Bank we are happy to support Turkey’s urbanization process with this project to help it become more inclusive as it will contribute to the urban growth and job creation in the country’s smaller cities."