



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MERSIN METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY



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Subject: Commitment Letter

TO: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
(Global Network Of Age-Friendly Cities And Communities)

Mersin is a Mediterranean city with a population of 1,727,255. With its warm climate, purchasing power parity, the availability of all kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables and low home prices - it is an attractive place for the elders of the population and for retired people from other cities in Turkey. 210.000 of our population is considered to be elderly people and this number is forecasted to double up in the next ten years, with the ever increasing life standards and health services in Mersin.

According to our constitution; being a social state is one of the principal characteristics of The Republic of Turkey. Which is why we are aiming to increase the life standards of our elderly population and implementing practices that enhance their lives. Which is why we would like to become a part of the Age Friendly Cities network, and be aware new solution and practices, and be a part of the conversation around age friendly improvements.

With this letter; I, as a Mayor of 22 years and a prospective elderly person (61), would like to express our commitment to: Implementing all kinds of activities and realizing the required criteria of the World Health Organization of Age Friendly Cities in the fields of health, social services, accessibility, transportation, vocational education, town planning, etc. as the Mersin Metropolitan Municipality and all related departments, along with the related non-governmental organizations.

It is our wish to be a part of Age Friendly Cities Network, and to contribute with our participation and ideas, and take advantage of the knowledge and good practices within the network.

Thank you for considering our membership application and we look forward to your response regarding your decision.

Sincerely yours,


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Mayor of Mersin Metropolitan Municipality