



## MANISA METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY FOREIGN RELATIONS

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Manisa Metropolitan Municipality, I am pleased to officially declare our willingness to join the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities.

According to 2023 data, 186,433 people aged 65 and over live in Manisa. This number corresponds to 12.63% of Manisa's total population of 1,475,716 in 2023. These numerical data reveal that Manisa has a significant elderly population. This initiative, which we have applied on behalf of our municipality, is an indication of our determination to meet the needs of our aging population and increase their participation rate in social life.

In Manisa, where we are working to increase the quality and standards of life and where we have made social municipalism a principle, we are working with determination to increase the participation of our elderly citizens in life and to improve their quality of life in areas such as health, transportation, security, open spaces and social participation. In line with these goals, we want to exchange ideas and produce innovative solutions to bring our elderly population to the level of prosperity they deserve by being a part of the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Cities Global Network.

We are committed to developing a comprehensive action plan in line with the process set out by WHO (World Health Organization) to provide a cleaner, safer and more social life for our city's residents aged 65 and over. In this context, we are committed to;

Increasing the participation rates of our elderly people in decision-making processes and making their voices heard,

Making city life accessible and inclusive for all generations by acting in partnership with local dynamics,

Measure and evaluate our practices and share the data obtained transparently with the public,

Contribute to the global exchange of knowledge on age-friendly practices.

As Manisa Metropolitan Municipality, we know that every individual of our city is valuable and productive. We will work with determination to make Manisa a more inclusive and healthy city both today and in the future by aligning age-friendly practices with our corporate policies.

Stating that we will be honored to be a part of this process, I respectfully request that our application be evaluated.

Best Regards,

Besim DUTLULU

Mayor of Manisa Metropolitan Municipality