

7TH "BEST PRACTICE IN CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION" DISTINCTION

AWARD APPLICATION FORM



A. BASIC INFORMATION:

Title of the experience :FROM EVALUATION & CONSULTATION TO APPLICATION		
Name of city/region :GAZIANTEP		
Promoting entity:Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality		
Country:TURKEY		
Starting date:08.06.2009		Finishing date :01.02.2013
Name of the contact person:		
Position of the contact person:		
Contact telephone:		E-mail:
Population size:1.800.000		
Surface area:6845 km2		
Population Density:263		
GDP per capita: 10.000\$ approx.		
Sector of the economy: TEXTILE, AGRIFOOD, MACHINERY		
Type of experience:	Participatory budget	Total
	Urban planning	YES
	Councils	YES
	Diagnosis, prospection, prioritization, monitoring etc. workshops or spaces	YES
	Forums and audiences	YES
	Referendum/Public consultation	Public Cons
	Citizenship judging committee	No
	Open-government/ e-government	Yes
	Public participation in the Law	No
	Others	
Regional scope	Entire Region	
	District	CITY
	Neighbourhood	
Thematic area	Governance	
	Education	YES
	Transportation	YES
	Urban management	YES
	Health	YES
	Safety	
	Environment and/or urban agriculture	YES
	New social movements and associations	
	Culture	YES
	Housing	YES
	Employment	
	Decentralization	
	Local Development	
Learning/training		

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	Economy and/or finances	
	Legal regulations	
	Social inclusion	
	All	
	Others	

B. PROCESS

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTEXT IN WHICH THE EXPERIENCE OCCURRED

(Economic, technical, socio-political, organizational...)

How the experience came up?

Max. 1800 characters/300 words

The creation of the foundation "GAGEV" for the purpose of helping to the development of the city has gave birth to the organization of a huge consultation and diagnostic system concerning the major problems of the city always ending with a big conference of conclusion with advisory effect on the Metropolitan Municipality of Gaziantep. The city Council, The Gaziantep University, GAGEV and the citizen were main shareholders.

OBJECTIVES

(Describe the goal/s of the initiative)

Max. 1000 characters/ 200 words

The main objective was to determine, underline, detect, analyse, discuss and diagnosis the major problems of the city in the fields of Culture, Tourism, Housing, Planning, Big projects, Health, Education, Environment and Transport in order to find out feasible solutions, to establish priorities to the solutions etc.

DESCRIBE THE EXPERIENCE

Max. 3200 characters/600 words

Beginning from 08.06.2009, we have organized 11 big conferences with the active participation of NGO's, private citizen, experts, academicians, companies, governmental institutions etc.

Before and during the conferences every single word, advise or speech of the participants is registered, accumulated, classified and evaluated by the city experts.

A considerable amount of views, critics, advises, solutions are classified and analyzed.

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We have obtained a big amount of printed matter for our analysts.

LEADERSHIP AND SHARED RESPONSABILITES.

(who drive the process. Tasks, responsibilities and functions for the different actors).

Max. 1000 characters/200 words

We call it common sense in Gaziantep. The Governor of the City was leading symbolically all of the meetings but the real executor was the Mayor of the Metropolitan Municipality supported by the presidents of Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Industry and Industrial zones and heads of professional organizations. The Municipality was responsible for the collect of data and its diffusion.

COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ENTITIES OR WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF THE SAME MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Max. 1000 characters/200 words

An exemplary participative collaboration is realized between all of the instances of the city , civil or governmental under the umbrella of GAGEV.

All of the departments of the Municipality were shareholders and concerned.

C. METHODOLOGY

DESCRIBE THE METHODOLOGY AND THE PARTICIPATION MECANISMS IMPLEMENTED IN THE DIFFERENT STAGES OF THE PROCESS.

Max. 1000 characters/200 words

As a first step the subject of the coming conference was being determined generally by a consensus among the shareholders.

The subtitles of the problem, major issues, questions and obstacles were communicated to every potential interested body or individuals.

As a next step, every share holder and also authorities from other cities were invited to express their views and opinions.

After the determination of the date and place of the final conference written invitations were being forwarded. Announces, billboards and modern media was being used for the call to the conference.

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D. FUNDING STRATEGY AND BUDGET

BUDGET

Total amount and percentage amount over the total costs of the project/institution/department.

The TOTAL BUDGET is covered by the Metropolitan Municipality of Gaziantep.

Estimated cost : 300.000 US\$

FUNDING STRATEGY

Origin of funds (own, subsidies, donations, etc.). List of partners to the initiative noting if they are public or private actors.

Max. 1000 characters/ 200 words

Public Partners

Governorate of Gaziantep
Metropolitan Municipality of Gaziantep
University of Gaziantep

Semi Public

Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Industry
Administration of Industrial Zones
Union of Architects
Union of Mechanical Engineers
City Council
Silk Road Development Agency
Professional organizations

Private Partners

GAGEV
University of Zirve
University of Hasan Kalyoncu
Academicians
Individuals
PRESS & MEDIA

E. INFORMATION SPREADING AND FEED-BACK TO THE PARTICIPANTS

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DESCRIPTION OF THE INFORMATION DISSEMINATED DURING THE PROCESS.

What kind of information has been disseminated?

Max. 1000 characters/ 200 words

Before every conference, digital copies all of the previous conferences, speeches, articles, lists of participants were being diffused to every share holders.

FEED-BACK TO THE PARTICIPANTS

To whom has the information been returned? (General, individual, sectorial return). In which stage/s of the process the information has been returned? Is the return mandatory? Used means/ channels for returning the information.

Max. 1000 characters/ 200 words

The speeches, the written declarations, the articles written in the news papers and the results of public interviews were all being considered as returned information. There was no mandatory return.

F. RESULTS

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. PERCENTATGE OF PARTICIPANTS OVER THE TARGET POPULATION GROUP. PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

Max. 500 characters/100 words

In every 11 conference, not less than 300 participants. The only characteristic that can be attributed to the profile of the participants is that they were highly educated, professional, experts, and authorities.

HAVE THE RESULTS BEEN DOCUMENTED? WHAT KIND OF DOCUMENTATION IS IT? HAVE OUTCOMES BEEN RETURNED TO THE CITIZENS?

Max. 1000 characters/ 200 words.

YES a very serious documentation is obtained. Digital, analogical and audio visual registers are available. Outcomes are published, distributed and linked on our web pages.

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IMPACTS ON PUBLIC POLICY. PLEASE DESCRIBE IF, ONCE THE EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED, HAVE THERE BEEN CHANGES IN THE LEGISLATION, ACTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION (NEW PLANS, NEW PROJECTS), BUDGET AND/OR MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT.

Max. 1000 characters/ 200 words.

THE MAIN IMPACT ON PUBLIC POLICY WAS THE INCLUSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS IN URBAN PLANNING.

ALL OF THE NEW PROJECTS OF THE CITY ARE NOW:
 ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY
 CHILD FRIENDLY
 HANDICAPPED FRIENDLY

AND NO ANY BIG PROJECT IS NOW UNDETAKEN BY THE CITY GOVERNMENT WITHOUT PRIOR CINSULTATION WITH THE CITIZEN

IMPACTS ON THE ACTORS. CULTURAL EFECTS AMONG PARTICIPANTS AND CULTURAL EFECTS AT THE ADMINISTRATION (TECHNICAL STAFF, POLITICAL STAFF) CAN BE DESCRIBED?

Max. 500 characters/100 words.

A culture of discussion, attention and respect to opposition is developed progressively.

Technical staff is not engaging any project now without being sure of the effects on the environment, on the citizen, children, handicapped people etc...

EXTERNAL IMPACTS. IS THE EXPERIENCE TRANSFERABLE? CAN IT BE REPLICATED IN ANOTHER CITY OR BY ANOTHER ORGANISATION?

Max. 500 characters/100 words

ALMOST 16 BIG CITIES IN TURKEY ARE NOW TRYING TO GO SAME WAY

G. EVALUATION AND MONITORING.

DESCRIBE SHORTLY WHAT KIND OF EVALUATION (INTERNAL/EXTERNAL) HAS BEEN FORESEEN FOR THE PROCESS, WHO WILL CONDUCT IT AND WHICH PARAMETERS WILL BE MEASURED.

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Max. 1000 characters/ 200 words.

THE BIGGEST RESULT WAS THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE MUNICIPALITY TO CONSTRUCT A FUTURE ECOLOGICAL CITY WITH 200000 HABITANTS ALL OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING BEING BASED ON ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PRINCIPLES AND ALL ENERGY TO BE USED BEING RENEWABLE.

THE FIRST CLIMATE ACTION PLAN OF TURKEY ALSO IS REALIZED IN GAZIANTEP AS A RESULT

WILL CITIZENS BE INVOLVED IN THE EVALUATION? WILL THEY BE PROVIDED WITH THE EVALUATION'S RESULTS?

Max. 1000 characters/ 200 words

THE CITIZENS ARE LEARNING THE PARTICIPATIVE CULTURE, POSITIVE CRITICISM, POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION ETC

ONCE THE EVALUATION PROCESS IS FINALIZED, IS THERE A CITIZENS' MONITORIZATION/ FOLLOW UP PROCESS FORESEEN?

Max. 1000 characters/ 200 words

Yes we are regularly measuring and evaluating through scientifically prepared questionnaires and interviews their opinions, expectations and reactions.

H. ABSTRACT AND CONCLUSIONS.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EXPERIENCE.

Max. 1000 characters/ 200 words.

**CULTURE OF COOPERATION DEVELOPPED
PARTICIPANTS KNOW BETTER EACH OTHER
THE CITY HAS TAKEN THE DECISION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HUGE PROJECT OF ECOLOGICAL CITY
INDIVIDUALS ARE SATISFIED SINCE THEY HAVE A PLATFORM WHERE THEY CAN BE LISTENED**

FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVE.

Max. 500 characters/ 100 words.

WHY CAN THE EXPERIENCE BE CONSIDERATED INNOVATIVE?

Max. 500 characters/ 100 words.

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THE SOUTH EAST OF TURKEY HAS LIVED SINCE 4500 YEARS UNDER
AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WHERE THE CITY
GOVERNMENT IS APPLYING A PARTICIPATORY DEVICE INCLUDING EVERYBODY
IN THE SYSTEM