



EUROCITIES in the Cities

Making the most of the network of European big cities
Cities and active inclusion of young people in South-East Europe
16-17 April 2012 | Beyoğlu, Istanbul



Draft Programme

Monday 16 April

Venue: Beyoğlu Youth Centre, main Hall

Şahkulu Mahallesi

Meşrutiyet Caddesi No:127

Şişhane Beyoğlu-İstanbul (* map in annex 1)

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| 13.00 - 14.30 | Welcome lunch
Participants will be registered and welcome at the Beyoglu Youth Centre. |
| 14.30 - 15.00 | Official opening of the event
Mayor Ahmet Misbah Demircan will give a speech to welcome the participants to the EUROCITIES in the Cities meeting in Beyoğlu. |

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| 15.00 - 17.30 | General working session |
| 15.00 - 15.20 | Roundtable introduction and welcome, Ebru Şen, Chief for Foreign Affairs Beyoğlu Municipality |
| 15.20 - 16.00 | EUROCITIES: how to make the most of the network, Paul Bevan, EUROCITIES secretary general
Paul Bevan, Secretary general of EUROCITIES, will present the network and its latest activities. Time will be left for participants to ask questions or share remarks about their involvement in the network. |
| 16.00 - 16.30 | EUROCITIES new website, Soraya Zanardo, EUROCITIES policy assistant
EUROCITIES new website will be presented, especially the new personalized portal and the interactive spaces that it features. Participants will learn how to best use |

	it to gather and share all the information they want.
16.30 - 17.15	Opportunities to take part in EUROCITIES projects, Susana Forjan, EUROCITIES project officer The activities of EUROCITIES projects team will be presented. Information on how to engage in a project and opportunities to take part in currently running EUROCITIES projects will be highlighted. This intervention will also be interactive and participants will be able to react to it.
17.15 - 17.30	Conclusion and announcement of the rest of the programme, Ebru Şen, Chief for Foreign Affairs Beyoğlu Municipality

Venue: tbc

19.30 - 22.00	Informal dinner at the participants' own costs
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Tuesday 17 April:

Thematic session

“Cities and inclusion of young people in South-East Europe”

Venue: Beyoğlu Youth Centre, main Hall

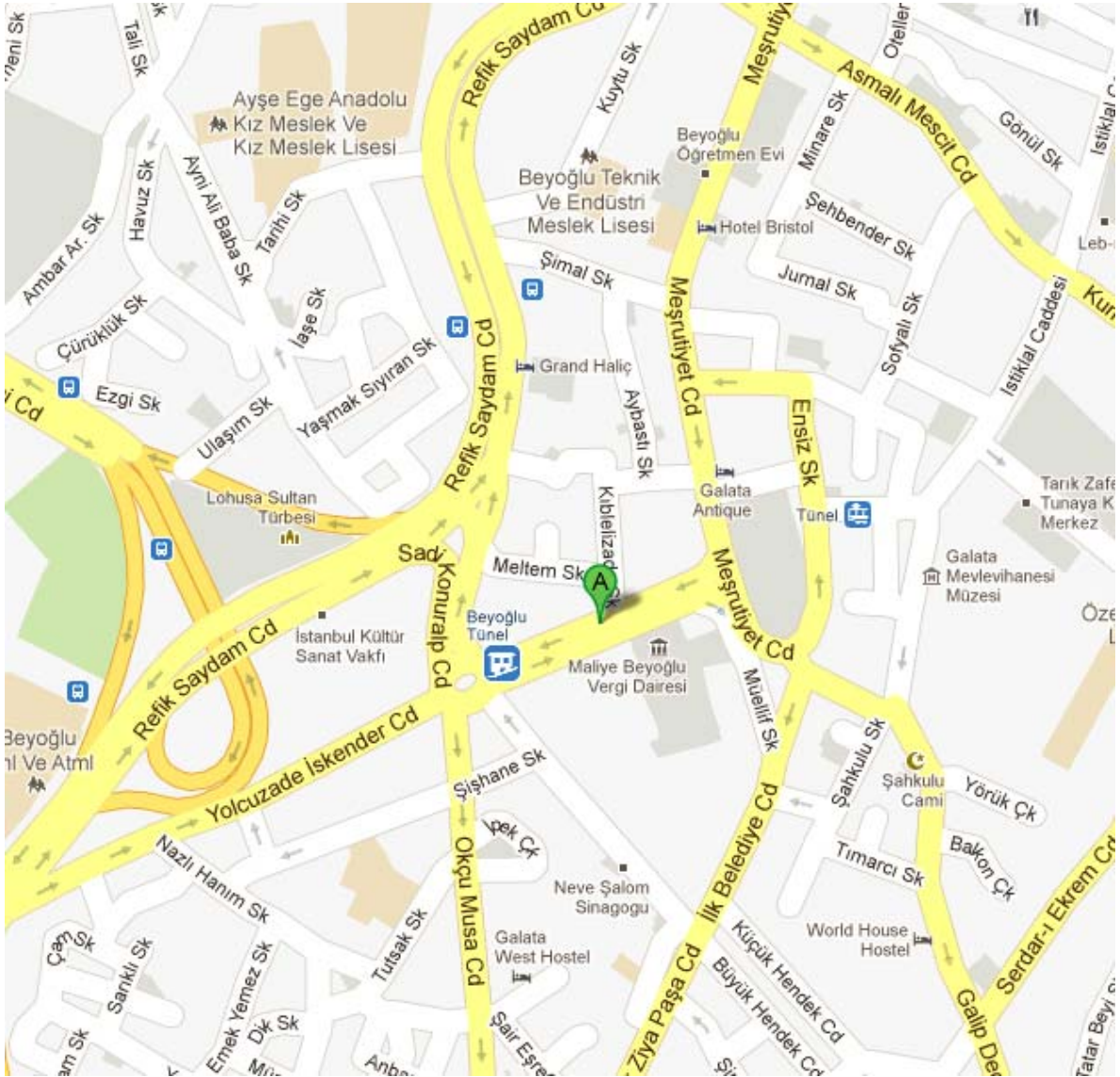
9.00 - 9.30	Presentation and discussion : Active inclusion of young people: report of the ‘Cities for active inclusion’ project Susana Forjan, EUROCITIES project officer Ralitsa Petrova, Chief Expert, Social Activities Department, Sofia Municipality Cities for Active Inclusion (EUROCITIES-NLAO) is a dynamic network of nine European cities - Birmingham, Bologna, Brno, Copenhagen, Cracow, Lille Métropole-Roubaix, Rotterdam, Sofia and Stockholm - each establishing a Local Authority Observatory (LAO) within its administration. Their aim is to share information, promote mutual learning and carry out research on the implementation of the active inclusion strategies at the local level. http://www.eurocities-nlao.eu/
9.30 - 10.00	Presentation and discussion: SERDA’s activities in the field of youth inclusion (Sarajevo Economic Region Development Agency) Sevkija Okeric, Director of SERDA Asad Karisik, Project manager
10.00 - 10.30	Presentation of Beyoğlu’s initiatives in the field of inclusion of young people,

Ebru Şen, Chief for Foreign Affairs Beyoğlu Municipality

10.30 - 10.45	Coffee break
10.45 - 13.30	Site visits (*detailed programme in annex 2)
13.30	Closing lunch

* Annex

1- Map of the venue



2- Detailed programme of the site visits

10.45-11.00 Start of the Visit

11.00-11.30 Visit of the District Mansion

Following a "Life-Long Learning" approach Beyoğlu Municipality has established the system of District Mansions. There, specific courses are provided for free to everyone from primary and secondary school students to university students, youth but also adults among which housewives.

District Mansions gather different service units that social municipalism requires, and hence makes district community to access many service units from education to health, from cultural activities to social co-operations.

Every year, 2500-3000 students attend courses in the District Mansions. Beyoğlu Municipality owns 10 District Mansions in different quarter of its municipal borders and moreover have 4 District Mansions which constructions still continues.

11.40-12.00 Visit of the Social Market

Beyoglu Municipality started the Social Market system within the scope of the food banking project in collaboration with Turkish Red Crescent İstiklal Branch and Beyoğlu District Governorate's Social Aid and Fraternity Foundation.

In this social market at where no money is used only the relevant cardholders can shop products. The electronic shopping cards with the limits defined in certain categories according to the conditions of the people in need of aid are delivered to the poor people as determined through the research by the social aid site teams of our Municipality.

12.10-12.30 Visit of Turabibaba Library

The Turabi Baba Building which hosts today the Beyoğlu Municipality Turabibaba Library was in the 18th Century a Dervish lodge. Further, the building was used as Kasımpaşa Sport Clup, but with the fire incident in 1975, the building collapsed due to lack of maintenance and later on with the initiative of Beyoğlu Municipality, the building has been constructed according to its' original structure and completed in 2008.

Consequently, the dervish lodge has been reshaped with a new function. The Turabibaba Library aims to support education and to meet book-readers' demand for documentation and information in all media in the area of Beyoğlu District where the income of the local citizens is low. Turabi Baba Library has a very positive impact on the local citizens, not only books are borrowed but seminars, special reading days are organised.

12.45-13.30 Visit of a Cultural Institution (SALT, Borusan)

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