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## Promotion of Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey Project

### 'Kayseri Fire Department on the Way to the EU'

#### Meeting the Challenge

The Fire Department of Kayseri Municipality, in central Turkey, became aware that not only could they effectively deal with fire-fighting with improved techniques and professional

standards, but also through more active involvement of the community in fire prevention. Thus, through activities related to the EU Accession, the Municipality found that their colleagues in the city administration of Duisburg, in Germany, had some great

ideas that they could share with them. The Duisburg fire-fighters offered to come to Kayseri to give training to the municipal staff and to assist them in building local voluntary groups to raise awareness on issues related to fire prevention and fire safety.

#### The Benefits

Those responsible for managing the fire-fighting resources in both Kayseri and neighbouring Urgup Municipalities are now finding that they have more approaches to dealing with and preventing emergencies. The fire-fighters themselves are now able to use state-of-the-art techniques, and the more remote communities in these municipalities are beginning to feel a little bit more confident that they can do more to protect their families, properties and schools from fire hazards.

The Turkish and German municipalities are also strengthening their relationships, looking at other opportunities to assist each other in better service provision.

#### Partner

- ▶ Germany  
Stadt Duisburg Der  
Oberbürgermeister Feuer  
und Zivilschutzamt

#### The Project Facts

**A total budget of  
187,000 Euros**

- 12 month project ending in June 2009.
- Activities include supporting professional training courses, organisational development, community mobilisation and training, awareness-raising events, and fire-prevention educational materials.



*"Apart from the technicalities of fire-fighting, this project has given us the opportunity to see how a Turkish community works"*

*Visiting Fire-fighter from Duisburg*



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