


KARADENİZ EREĞLİ MUNICIPALITY FACT SHEET

Population:97.017
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 Pilot Municipalities of Component 4

**PILOT MUNICIPALITIES FOR
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, HISTORY AND CHARACTERISTICS

Karadeniz Ereğli is the biggest industrial district of Zonguldak province on Western Black Sea coast. Close to İstanbul and Ankara and other important city centres, Karadeniz Ereğli is one of the most vibrant neighbourhoods of Western Black Sea Region. City has one of the biggest flat steel plants, not only in Turkey but also in the world, which is the heart of the economy. Municipality considers itself as the municipality of a European city and already has 4 twin cities in Europe (Greece, Romania, Ukraine and Germany). City holds Guinness Record of the longest barbecue of the world. Karadeniz Ereğli is very famous of its special strawberries, Ottoman Strawberry, which is unique to this district. In mythology, Karadeniz Ereğli is also known as the home of Hercules.



ECONOMIC SITUATION

Karadeniz Ereğli has witnessed rapid transition from becoming a small fish town to a leading industrial and commercial town in the last 50 years, as a result of the establishment of Turkish Coal Company and Ereğli Iron and Steel Company. Automotive industry, shipyards and banking and commercial businesses also shaped the economic structure. Along with industrial activities, fruit and vegetable (especially Ottoman strawberries) growing place important role in the town economy. Karadeniz Ereğli is also rich in terms of waterfalls and caves which allow the potential for tourism.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Municipality provides all kinds of municipal services sufficiently with a well-developed IT service called, Smart City Automation. Municipality is in a relatively sound position with respect to finances. Municipality also organizes annual international culture and art festival of Peace, Love, Friendship, which is claimed to be the biggest festival of Turkey and Europe.



ONGOING PROJECTS

There are no reported ongoing international projects.

SITUATION ANALYSIS

PROBLEM AREAS

Municipality considers the following areas as areas that need to be strengthened;

- Staff training
- Communication of municipal services to the public
- Recycling of solid waste
- Waste water management
- Number of sports and cultural facilities
- Traffic and population increase

AREAS OF STRENGTH

- Active city council
- Urban planning
- Fire department services
- Street cleaning
- Sewage systems

POTENTIAL AREAS OF COOPERATION

Karadeniz Ereğli Municipality focuses on the following specific areas for cooperation:

- Study tours on training of municipal staff
- Exchange of information and development of projects between local authorities and NGOs
- Cooperation in tourism
- Organizations of joint festivals, sport activities etc.
- Preservation of historical heritage, restoration, religious tourism
- Student exchange programmes
- Gender equality issues and civil society dialogue
- Exchange of information and technical cooperation on fisheries and seafood by EU standards, textile, paper products
- Promotion of Ottoman strawberry (marketing, technical support)
- Solid waste management
- Rehabilitation of garbage disposing sites
- Renewable energy
- Urban transport
- Search and rescue, cooperation between fire departments, training of the staff

Municipality in general also shows interest in the following areas of cooperation:

Areas of Cooperation		
1	Environment-Environment Protection	✓
2	Urban Transportation	
3	Social Services	✓
4	Energy Efficiency	✓
5	Tourism-Culture	✓
6	Citizen Participation	
7	Local Economic Development	✓
8	Urban Planning	
9	Other	