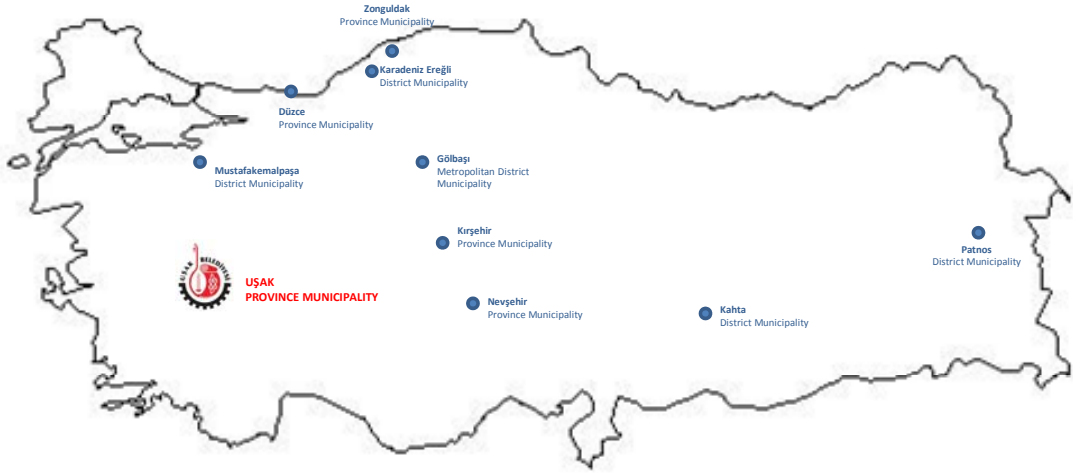



# UŞAK MUNICIPALITY FACT SHEET

Population: 176.000

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 Pilot Municipalities of Component 4

## PILOT MUNICIPALITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

## GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, HISTORY AND CHARACTERISTICS

Uşak is an inland Aegean city, which is three hours distance to İzmir that is the third largest city of Turkey. The city has a long history of various civilizations with settlements dating back to BC 4000. Being known as one of the first industrialized cities of the Republican era, Uşak is well known for weaving of famous Uşak carpets. Ancient ones of Uşak carpets are on exhibition at the Louvre Museum. It also has one of the most important museums of Turkey where the world-famous treasure of Karun (Uşak/Lyidian Treasure) is displayed. The city is also rich with examples of civic architecture. Traditional Turkish war game called horseback lancing is still played in Uşak by women and men lancers.



## ECONOMIC SITUATION

Uşak is a relatively well-developed city with an entrepreneurial spirit. The first private sugar factory in Turkey was opened in Uşak in 1926. Currently, the leading sectors in the economy are textile, leather ware, and ceramics. Uşak produces 95% of the blankets in Turkey and is the biggest producer of hashish plants, which are grown under government-controlled plantations for pharmaceutical and nutritional purposes. Agriculture and animal husbandry are also important sources of income.



## MUNICIPAL SERVICES

The municipality of Uşak is responsible for serving citizen to meet their demands, especially in the fields of infrastructure, and social and public services. Municipality runs various projects concerning municipal services such as light rail transportation system, urban transformation of the shanty towns and former tannery yards, geothermal sources, and restoration of old city houses.



## ONGOING PROJECTS

No reported international projects.

## SITUATION ANALYSIS

### PROBLEM AREAS

- Implementation of urban transformation projects
- Project preparation for EU funding

### AREAS OF STRENGTH

- Infrastructure
- Cultural and social activities

## POTENTIAL AREAS OF COOPERATION

Municipality specifically seeks for cooperation in the following areas:

- Technical exchange of information for restoration of the historical buildings
- Exchange of experience and knowledge sharing concerning handicapped related projects
- Youth and children projects
- Cooperation between businessmen for local economic development
- Promotion of tourism and culture

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