



INTERNATIONAL CITY AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS SUMMIT
October 20–22, 2017
Esenler, Istanbul

The International City and Civil Society Organizations Summit will be hosted by the Municipality of Esenler in Istanbul on October 20-22, 2017. The convention will encourage CSOs working on local, national, and international projects focused on urban life to establish relations with other civil society organizations operating in similar fields. It will also support the development of business associations and joint projects and encourage associated fundraising efforts, as well as enable the sharing of best practices. The summit provides an international platform that will allow the mutual transfer of knowledge and experience.

Therefore, we invite CSOs, academics, and researchers working on the following topics to participate in the summit and contribute with papers, poster sessions, best practice presentations, video screenings, workshops, and panels. Representatives from CSOs, public institutions, and relevant organizations, in addition to academics, volunteers, and interested individuals from a number of countries are expected to participate in the event.

The transportation, accommodation, and in-city travel expenses of applicants approved by the Scientific Board will be covered by our organization. In addition, a payment will be made for each application accepted for a presentation at the summit. The amount will be determined by the Scientific Board.

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Mayor of Esenler

Prof. Dr. Hamza ATEŞ
Chairman of the Scientific Board



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GENERAL INFORMATION

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**Yıldız Technical University 2010 European Capital of Culture Congress and Cultural
Center**

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Summit Date and Location

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Summit Topics

- The City and Civil Society
- Social Development and a Civil Society Approach
- Urban Culture and Civil Society
- The Culture of Coexistence and Nongovernmental Organizations
- Disadvantaged Groups and Civil Society Organizations
- Management and Civil Society Organizations
- Poverty, Social Relief, and Philanthropy
- Immigration, Refugee Issues, and Nongovernmental Organizations
- Architecture, Urban Aesthetics, and Civil Society Organizations
- Culture, Art, and Civil Society Organizations
- A Civil Society Approach to Environmental Issues
- Energy and the City
- Transportation Problems and Civil Society Solutions
- Urban Transformation
- A 21st Century Vision for Civil Society Organizations
- National and International Projects and Financial Sources for Civil Society Organizations
- Institutional Capacity Building for Civil Society Organizations

Summit Participation, Registration, and Accommodation Costs

The Summit Committee will provide economy class round-trip plane fares, three nights of hotel accommodation, and airport or bus terminal transfers for those academics, organizational representatives, CSO volunteers, and public sector employees approved by the Scientific Board to present papers, poster sessions, best practice presentations, video screenings, workshops, and panels. Furthermore, payments will be made for accepted applications.

Participation in the summit is free. Upon presentation of the name tags handed out at the summit entrance, attendants will be able to engage in all scientific and social activities and take advantage of services such as lunches and tea and coffee breaks.

Summit Languages

The summit will be held in Turkish, English, Arabic, Spanish and French. Participants can present in any of these languages. During the convention, simultaneous translation services will be available.



Letters of Invitation

We will provide letters of invitation upon request to those wishing to attend the summit in order to help them to obtain the necessary permits from their organizations and/or to apply for Turkish visa. Apply for a letter of invitation at www.sivilsehir.org.

Address and Date for Applications

Submission of papers, poster sessions, best practice presentations, video screenings, workshops, and panels can be made via www.sivilsehir.org. Applications can be uploaded using the DigiAbstract system, accessed by clicking on “Participant Applications.”

We have a two-stage application process, and the preliminary summary applications must be uploaded by **May 15, 2017**. Submissions will be evaluated and the results announced at www.sivilsehir.org by **June 15, 2017**. Approved applicants will be informed by email.

Presentations must be uploaded in full by 24:00 Istanbul local time on **September 1, 2017**. After abstracts have been accepted by the Scientific Board, a section of the DigiAbstract system will be made available for this.

The time dedicated to each presentation in the summit is **15 minutes**.

Booths

A free booth will be assigned to each nongovernmental organization participating in the summit. The booth will be 2 x 2 meters and include a table and two chairs. The name of the participating CSO will be written at the base of the stand. Request a booth in the “Application” section of www.sivilsehir.org.

Information and Communication

Up-to-date information and important announcements about the summit can be accessed at www.sivilsehir.org. To ask a question about the organization or any other issue, contact us at zirve@item.info.tr.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS OF PAPERS, POSTER SESSIONS, BEST PRACTICE PRESENTATIONS, VIDEO SCREENINGS, WORKSHOPS, AND PANELS

Papers

- Abstracts for papers must be between 2,000 and 3,500 characters (including spaces).
- The paper must not have been previously published.
- Tables, images, maps, and photographs used in the paper must be uploaded in JPEG format to the “Additional Information” section.
- The full text of the paper will be printed in the summit book and should be between 3,500 and 5000 words in length. The complete paper must be in APA style.
- Prepared papers can as well be sent to the summit secretariat (zirve@sivilsehir.org) as Word / Powerpoint



Poster Sessions

- Posters should be 0.90 meters wide and 1.30 meters long.
- Those posters accepted must be presented in an interactive session at the specified time, otherwise they will not be put on display.
- Posters can as well be sent to the summit secretariat (zirve@sivilsehir.org) as Word / JPEG (Hi-Res)

Best Practice Presentations

- Text summaries of the subjects to be discussed in visual presentations should first be uploaded to DigiAbstract. Once accepted, a section of the system will be made available for the uploading of complete versions of visual presentations.
- For best practice submissions, written texts unaccompanied by visual presentations will not be accepted.
- Texts should be uploaded in the same way stipulated in the paper submission guidelines.
- Visual presentations must be prepared using a program supported by standard technical systems.
- Presentations can as well be sent to the summit secretariat (zirve@sivilsehir.org) as Word / Powerpoint

Video Screenings

Video screenings must be prepared using a program supported by standard technical systems.

Workshop and Panel

Papers, video screenings, poster sessions, and best practice presentations to be sent to the Scientific Board must be uploaded using the DigiAbstract system in accordance with the guidelines mentioned above. Presentation preferences should be indicated as “Workshop” or “Panel” in the “Presentation Type” field.

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