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PART 1: BASIC DATA

Experience data (complete the information below in a clear and concise manner)

Title of the experience: Vision 2050 (The 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision)
Name of the city or region: Büyükçekmece
Inhabitants of the city or territory: 269.160
Country: Turkey
Institution presenting the candidacy (name of the municipality, department, government, institution leading the candidate experience): Büyükçekmece Municipality/Directorate of Strategy Development
Website of the experience or institution: https://vizyon2050.bcekmece.bel.tr/ https://www.bcekmece.bel.tr/
Profiles in social networks of the experience or the institution: https://www.facebook.com/Buyukcekmecebld/ https://twitter.com/BuyukcekmeceBld https://www.instagram.com/accounts/login/?next=/buyukcekmecebld/
Start date of the experience: 02.01.2020
End date of the experience (if operational, indicate "ongoing"): Ongoing
Budget of the experience (indicate the budget of the experience or the resources mobilized for its development and implementation): <i>TOTAL: 1.463.901,00 TL (Turkish Lira = TL)</i> <u>Personnel expenses:</u> 522.917,00 TL <u>Accommodation, Transportation and Food Expenses:</u> 233.257,00 TL <u>Promotion-Stage-Print and Material Fee Payments:</u> 279.097,00 TL <u>Survey and Report Studies Expenses:</u> 44.100,00 TL

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<u>Technical Materials and Equipment Expenses:</u> 334.530,00 TL		
<u>Other:</u> 50.000,00 TL		
Type of candidacy (Mark with an X in the right column)	New experience	
	Innovation on an existing experience	X
	Continuity of an experience	
Type of experience (Mark with an X in the right column) (you may choose more than one)	Participatory budgeting	
	Participatory planning	X
	Standing council	
	Workshop/meeting for diagnosis, monitoring, etc.	X
	Public Hearing/Forum	X
	Poll/referendum	X
	Assemblies / Citizen juries / Deliberation spaces	X
	E-government/Open government/Digital platforms	
	Citizen initiative	X
	Other (specify):	
Objective of the experience (Mark with an X in the right column) (you may choose more than one)	To achieve higher levels of equality in terms of participation	X
	Including diversity as a criterion for inclusion	X
	Community empowerment	X
	To empower non-organised citizens	X
	To increase citizen's rights in terms of political participation	X

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	To connect different tools of participation within a participatory democracy "ecosystem"		X
	To improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the mechanisms of participatory democracy		X
	To improve the quality of public decision-making through the mechanisms of participatory democracy		X
	To improve the evaluation and accountability of the mechanisms of participatory democracy		X
	To improve any public policy through the active participation of the public		X
Territorial area (Mark with an X in the right column) (you may choose more than one)	All the territory	Local	X
		Regional	
	District		Büyükçekmece
	Neighbourhood		Fatih
Thematic area (Mark with an X in the right column) (you may choose more than one)	Governance		X
	Education		X
	Transport		X
	Urban management		X
	Health		X
	Security		X
	Environment/Climate change and/or urban agriculture		X
	Civic associations, grassroots and new social movements.		X
Culture		X	

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	Housing	
	Job creation	
	Decentralization	
	Local development	X
	Training/learning	X
	Economy and/or finances	
	Legal regulations	X
	Social inclusion	X
	All	
	Other (write the topic) Social Inclusion and Participatory Management Policies Climate Change and Ecological Environment Policies Immigration Policies Innovation and Smart Cities Agriculture and Healthy Food Policies Education and Cultural Policies Public Spaces and Coastal Policies Urban Transformation, Disaster and Risk Policies Transportation and Infrastructure Policies Women, Young, Elderly, Children Focus Group Thematic Field Studies	X
Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) associated with the practice <i>Mark with an X in the right column (more than one option can</i>	SDG 1 - No poverty	X
	SDG 2 - Zero hunger	X
	SDG 3 - Good health and well- being	X

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<i>be chosen)</i> <i>You can also add the specific target</i>	SDG 4 - Quality education	X
	SDG 5 - Gender equality	X
	SDG 6 - Clean water and sanitation	X
	SDG 7 - Affordable and clean energy	X
	SDG 8 - Decent work and economic growth	
	SDG 9 - Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	
	SDG 10 - Reduced inequality	X
	SDG 11 - Sustainable cities and communities	X
	SDG 12 - Responsible consumption and production	X
	SDG 13 - Climate action	X
	SDG 14 - Life below water	X
	SDG 15 - Life on land	X
	SDG 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions	
	SDG 17 - Partnership for the goals	X

PART 2: DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPERIENCE

Fill in the following fields clearly and concisely. You can add links if you consider it appropriate.

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Context

In a maximum of 300 words, it presents the cultural, geographical, historical, institutional and socioeconomic context of the city, the territory in which the experience takes place.

Büyükkçekmece district, one of the 39 districts of Istanbul, is a settlement center established around Büyükkçekmece Bay and Lake. The district takes its name from Büyükkçekmece Lake. The area of the district is 163 km². The Lake is one of the most important water resources in Istanbul. Büyükkçekmece, with its green area of 106 m² per capita, is the attention center of Istanbul with this feature and low-density construction. The district consists of 24 neighborhoods.

In the historical development process, it is seen that the first settlement of Büyükkçekmece was started by the Hellenes in the seventh century BC. Büyükkçekmece, which was established as a port city, was used as a transition point to Europe during the Ottoman Empire, and as a summer and hunting area for the imperial ruler. It gained the status of a district in 1987.

Since Büyükkçekmece is a coastal city, its population in summer and winter is very variable. The population of the district is 269,160; it consists of 133,114 men and 136,046 women. The population of the district approaches one million during the summer months. According to 2022 data, the total number of residences in Büyükkçekmece is 125,249. Within the boundaries of the district, approximately 3,000-3,500 foreign residents live in 1,556 households from 68 different countries. There are one public and two private universities in the city. The education level of the population living in the district is either high school or undergraduate and graduate, which is above the average in Istanbul.

Büyükkçekmece has important production facilities in the fields of textile, industrial kitchen, industry, electronics, and automotive sub-industry, as well as Turkey's largest cement, plastic pipe, and socks industry. *Link: <https://www.bcekmece.bel.tr/taniyalim-ilcemizi>*

Precedents

Explain the precedents and origins of the experience: if it is the innovation of an existing experience, what are its origins, if it is a new experience, what are the antecedents in participation in your city/municipality/region. You can also indicate if you have been inspired by experiences in other cities/countries. (maximum 300 words)

Works on the 2050 Büyükkçekmece Vision started in 2020 so as to evaluate the current situation and potential of Büyükkçekmece, to reveal possible future visions and enable them to be addressed from different perspectives by various interest groups. It has emerged in accordance with the European Green Deal and Sustainable Development Goals and Green Deal Action Plan of Turkey. With the 2050 Büyükkçekmece Vision, the 30-year spatial planning of the district will be realized with the participation of all interest groups. Residents living in Büyükkçekmece directly conveyed their problems about the city they live in, their suggestions, and their dreams that will contribute to spatial planning, through questionnaires, "have your say platform", as well as panels and workshops. Residents participating in the 2050 Büyükkçekmece Vision studies actively benefited from the right to obtain information, which is another aspect of participation, as well as expressing their opinions and suggestions that will contribute to the city's vision. The 2050 Büyükkçekmece Vision's reference points are

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pioneering planning experiences in the world such as Barcelona 2050, Amsterdam 2040, Seoul 2050, and Cairo 2050. Turkey does not have a nationwide 2050 Vision Document. However, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality's 2050 Vision studies have started. The beginning of the vision study at the metropolitan scale sets a precedent in terms of putting forward a higher-scale framework. However, Büyükçekmece needs a "selectively permeable" participatory framework that will be considered together with Istanbul but will also be included to a certain extent in all the effects of Istanbul. In terms of participant profile, diversity of participation channels, and accessibility, participation rates far above Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality have been achieved.

Objectives of the experience

*What is the objective listed in Part 1 that you think is the most important, and indicate other outstanding objectives of the experience (**maximum 100 words**)*

The objectives of the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision are as follows;

- To discuss the problems in the city together with various interest groups and offering solutions,
- To provide an environment for reconciliation between different interest groups,
- To create new dialogue channels between the public institutions and various stakeholders,
- To strengthen democracy and shape spatial planning by creating a 30-year city vision in the light of emerging opinions, suggestions, and scientific principles.
- To reveal the city vision in a more equal, and fairer way, where all vulnerable groups can be included in the process through different participation channels.

Methodology

*Describe the methodology of the experience: phases of the process, participation channels (**maximum 300 words**)*

In the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision, different participation methods are applied together. Participatory planning and participatory management approach have been adopted in order to discuss and determine the vision for the future of Büyükçekmece. A more equal, participatory, accessible, and inclusive method has been determined for all stakeholders with different activities such as academic meetings, workshops, face-to-face interviews, field surveys, and participation via SMS and social media tools, aiming to effectively share their problems and solution proposals about the city. In order to provide the urban services offered in Büyükçekmece effectively and in harmony with the quality of urban life, it is aimed that the residents and stakeholder interest groups living in the district take part as "actors" instead of "spectators" in the solution of urban problems. The 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision consists of 7 separate phases which include online survey -**934 opinions were received from 669 participants who are the different stakeholder groups in the district;** the 2050

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Büyükçekmece Vision panel - 7 sessions, including 1 opening meeting, 5 sessions and 1 general evaluation meeting;- 16 workshops were held with 4 different focus groups, as well as thematic workshops on 10 different issues such as environmental policies, migration policies, disaster policies and so on - a total of 469 people from public institutions and organizations, non-governmental organizations, citizens and various interest groups participated in these workshops;- the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision Survey -it was conducted with 1,316 people in 24 neighborhoods;- the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision Employee Survey -it was conducted with 650 personnel of Büyükçekmece Municipality;- City Planning Workshop and the 2050 Büyükçekmece Strategy Document by September 2022. In addition, 35 scientists from 16 different universities contributed to the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision. All the work done will be collected into a book titled "Vision 2050 Büyükçekmece".

Innovation

*Explain what you consider most innovative in the practice. (In a **maximum of 150 words**)*

The practice expresses an inclusive, and proactive process focused on the solution of urban problems through participation. That is why various communication and interaction tools were used together. This project is of particular importance as it enables the active participation of service users through various methods and presents different participation methods together. It has a sustainable feature as citizens who want to have a say in the city can convey their ideas and suggestions whenever they want. This practice is made accessible to different groups through active participation channels (web, SMS, telephone, face-to-face, survey, workshops). One of the innovations of the project is the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision Strategy Document, which will be presented at the end of the project, and the Büyükçekmece Urban Rights Manifesto, which includes the components of urban life quality in order for Büyükçekmece to become a district where the citizens fully enjoy the right to participate.

Inclusion

*Point out the importance of including as many groups and diverse populations as possible and how you have achieved it. (In a **maximum of 150 words**)*

At all stages of the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision (surveys, face-to-face interviews, meetings, workshops, and panels), attention was paid to the representation of citizens from all age groups, interest groups, and occupational groups(civil servants, workers, farmers, etc.) with gender equality perspective. Special importance was also given to the equal representation of all vulnerable groups. To illustrate, the participation of Roma people, refugees, and people with disabilities has been particularly encouraged. For this aim, safe spaces have been created where these groups can freely express their opinions. Accordingly, official correspondence was made with all interest groups, and an informative note describing the vision process and the program was sent to these groups. For each study (panel, survey, workshop) a pre-study information was shared with the groups who declared that they would participate. The Vision 2050 is also an academic study, 35 scientists from 16 different universities contributed to the workshops.

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Communication

*What has been the strategy and communication channels of the experience so that the population knows about it and gets involved. (In a **maximum of 150 words**)*

Promotion and visibility activities were carried out through various channels in order to participate and inform the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision process. Informative videos and posts about Vision 2050 were made on all corporate social media accounts and websites of our municipality. In addition, all workshops were held open to the participation of the citizens. Before each workshop, detailed information about the activities was given to the citizens through the website of our municipality, the website created for the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision as well as SMS, posters/banners, and brochures. The official letters and invitation letters were sent to the groups. Opinions and suggestions of 6,314 people were directly received through workshops, panels, surveys, and other participation channels which consisted of 7 thematic issues. Equal importance has been given to the opinions, suggestions, expectations, and dreams of each participant about the city. The 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision prioritises direct participation.

Articulation with other actors

*It explains how the experience was articulated with different actors and simultaneous or pre-existing processes. What roles did these participants assume? Explain the degree of success of this joint. (In a **maximum of 150 words**)*

In order to create a resource for the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision, up-to-date data on Büyükçekmece were requested from public institutions and organizations via official letter, telephone, e-mail. In this project, which was handled with a multidisciplinary approach, opinions were taken from scientists from different universities. In the pre-project process, studies were carried out to reveal the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the district. Meetings were held with stakeholders prior to the project. The work plan and method were determined on the axis of the data analyses and the meetings held.

Evaluation:

*What evaluation mechanisms have been implemented? Develop whether citizenship has participated in the evaluation of the practice (In a **maximum of 300 words**)*

In addition to the online surveys (citizen and personnel surveys) where opinions and suggestions were taken during the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision process, online surveys conducted in thematic areas (Public Space and Coastal Policies; Urban Transformation, Disaster and Risk Policies) and face-to-face field surveys (2050 Büyükçekmece Vision Citizen

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Survey) have been used. Moreover, 350 people from various interest groups participated in the panel on 26-27 November 2021, which included comprehensive studies and analyses of 35 scientists from 16 universities with a multidisciplinary approach. Participants shared their opinions and suggestions about the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision. In each of the 16 thematics and/or focus group workshops held between 20 February 2022 and 1 April 2022; Theme/focus group-oriented discussion questions were prepared by the workshop chairs. Discussion questions were delivered to the citizens/interest groups who registered for the workshop prior to each workshop, via SMS, and with a file during the workshop. Citizens and interest groups participating in the workshops shared their views and suggestions on the axis of the thematic/focus group. Each workshop was held in a round table and/or hall layout according to its theme. Ideas, suggestions, and contributions of citizens and interest groups were recorded by the rapporteurs assigned at the workshops. Mentimeter program was used in online surveys in Public Space and Coastal Policies and Urban Transformation, and Disaster and Risk Policies workshops. Data and ideas obtained through this practice will be included in the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision Strategy Document. In addition, with the city vision of approximately 30 years, aims, targets, and activities will be included in order to reach the agreed vision. With the changes to be made in the spatial plan of the city, the city's reaching more than one center, the creation of new attraction centers belonging to the city, and the development of urban culture are among the objectives of the project in question. The opinions and suggestions of the citizens regarding these targets have been received, and it is aimed to complete the technical studies at the City Planning Workshop, which is planned to be held on 17 June 2022.

Impacts and results

*Describe the impacts and results of the process. How many people have participated, and which are their profiles. What have been the impacts on public policies, on the functioning of the administration and on citizens. (In a **maximum of 300 words**)*

The 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision has been created with the active participation of all interest groups, by predicting the spatial counterpart of what is imagined about the future of the city and accordingly embodying it. Vision 2050 is based on equal, inclusive, and fair participation. At all stages of the project (panel, surveys, workshops) special importance was given to gender equality, equal participation from all neighborhoods, and the representation of vulnerable groups. The participation of various professionals from public institutions, non-governmental organizations, chambers of industry, professional chambers and universities has also been encouraged. In the activities carried out in all processes of the project, direct access to the opinions and suggestions of 6,315 people was provided.

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The Vision 2050 proposals have been put forward for Büyükçekmece to be a culture and tourism city with urban services sensitive to the effects of climate change, based on the principles of participation in service provision, preserving its historical heritage. In addition, as a result of the thematic meetings and workshops held, the need to present the Büyükçekmece Urban Rights Manifesto has emerged in order to make Büyükçekmece a district that makes a difference with its urban life quality. The document in question is aimed to be compatible with the European Urban Charter and the European Urban Rights Declaration. In addition to interaction and information transfer between interest groups, there was a secondary benefit in terms of informing and raising awareness about urban services. To illustrate, citizens have gained awareness about their rights by being informed about municipal services. Since it is a project that prioritises participation by covering all interest groups, it has also increased the citizens' interest and belonging to the city and the project.

PART 3: EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

*A summary of the experience: origin, objectives, operation, results, monitoring and evaluation (Do not hesitate to repeat aspects that have already been written before, this summary is the one that will be shared on the digital platform for open evaluation and in the publication of the award). (In a **maximum of 500 words**)*

The 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision aimed to reveal the current situation and potential of Büyükçekmece and to enable possible future visions to be handled by various interest groups from different perspectives, starting in 2020. In the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision, different participation methods were applied together. Participatory planning and participatory management approach have been adopted in order to discuss and determine the vision for the future of Büyükçekmece. For this aim, various data collecting techniques have been used including field surveys, face-to-face interviews, and focus group discussions. The 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision consists of 7 separate phases:

1-Online surveys were conducted to apply citizens' opinions on the future of Büyükçekmece and 934 opinions were received from 669 participants who are the different stakeholder groups in the district.

2-The 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision panel was held on 26 November-27 November 2021; It consists of 7 sessions, including 1 opening meeting, 5 sessions, and 1 general evaluation meeting. In the panel, the studies and evaluations made by experts and scientists about Büyükçekmece were discussed with a multidisciplinary approach. 350 participants from various interest groups took part in the panel.

3-Between 20 February 2022 and 1 April 2022, 16 workshops were held with 4 different focus groups, as well as thematic workshops on 10 different issues such as environmental policies, migration policies, disaster policies, and so on. A total of 469

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people from public institutions and organizations, non-governmental organizations, citizens, and various interest groups participated in these workshops.

4- The 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision Survey was held on 2-3-4 April 2022. The survey was conducted face-to-face on a neighbourhood-based scale basis. It was conducted with 1,316 people in 24 neighborhoods so that citizens' problems have been analyzed and suggestions for the solutions to these problems were received. The survey questions and the number of surveys to be conducted were formed on the basis of a scientific scale.

5- The 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision Employee Survey was conducted with 650 personnel of Büyükçekmece Municipality, their ideas and suggestions about the city were also taken.

6- City Planning Workshop: In light of the data obtained in the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision panel, it is aimed to contribute to the 30-year spatial planning of the city. It is aimed to complete the technical studies at the City Planning Workshop, which is planned to be held on June 17, 2022.

7- It is aimed to present the 2050 Büyükçekmece Strategy Document by September 2022.

35 scientists from 16 different universities contributed to the 2050 Büyükçekmece Vision. At all these stages, the opinions and suggestions of 6,314 citizens from different interest groups were received. A book, which includes all these stages, will be published by the Municipality of Büyükçekmece and it will be treated as a top policy document in all of Büyükçekmece's planning studies.