

DIYARBAKIR

METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

Diyarbakır Büyükşehir Belediyesi

Institutional Profile · Capacity Statement

About Diyarbakır

South-Eastern Anatolia, Türkiye

37°55'N, 40°14'E

Heart of Mesopotamia



12,000+ Years of History

One of the oldest continuously inhabited places on earth, bearing the cultural traces of countless Mesopotamian civilizations.



UNESCO World Heritage

The Diyarbakır Fortress and Hevsel Gardens were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in July 2015.



Ancient City Walls

Basalt walls 5,500 m in circumference, 11–12 m high, carrying inscriptions from 63 distinct eras — among the oldest on earth.



Regional Capital

The cultural, economic and administrative centre of South-Eastern Türkiye, serving ~1.8 million people across 17 districts.

Key statistics of the Metropolitan Municipality



~1.8M

Population Served

across 17 districts



15,272

km² Jurisdiction

provincial boundary



17

Districts

metropolitan authority



1,047

Neighbourhoods

served across province



5,000+

Municipal Staff

across all departments



555K

Water Subscribers

DİSKİ utility (2025)

THE MUNICIPALITY

Governance

Diyarbakır Metropolitan Municipality (DBB) is the primary public authority governing the city and its 17 districts, delivering essential services to 1.8 million residents through a large professional workforce.

Co-Governance Leadership

Co-Mayors

Serra Bucak & Doğan Hatun

Elected April 2024. A co-governance model reflecting inclusive and gender-balanced democratic representation at metropolitan scale.

KEY DEPARTMENTS

- General Secretariat
- Civil Engineering Dept.
- Road Construction Dept.
- Transportation Dept.
- Urban Planning Dept.
- Financial Services Dept.
- Human Resources Dept.
- Culture Dept.
- Social Services Dept.
- Women's Policies Dept.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Institutional Strengths

- **Gender Equality**

Four dedicated units (DIKASUM, Violence Prevention, Economic Empowerment, Equality); UNFPA Women-Friendly City recognition; JINMAP platform mapping gender-based risks city-wide.

- **Cultural Heritage**

UNESCO World Heritage stewardship; living artisan crafts in copper, silver and basalt; genuinely multilingual urban fabric.

- **Social Inclusion**

Children's and family centres, disability services and accessibility-driven planning across all 17 districts, embedded in the 2024–2028 Strategic Plan.

- **Urban Planning & Zoning**

Full metropolitan planning and zoning authority across 17 districts and 15,272 km², from masterplans to district-level development controls.

- **Smart Mobility & Diyarkart**

Diyarkart integrated transport network with smart ticketing. BRT corridor under development (14.1 km, 20 stations, 95,000 daily capacity).

- **JINMAP**

DBB-developed platform mapping gender-based risks across the city, enabling data-driven service planning and district-level analysis — launched April 2026.

- **Climate & Environment**

Climate-adaptation mandate in a hot semi-arid context, integrating water management, environmental services and resilient urban planning.

- **Multilingual Services**

Public services delivered in Kurdish, Turkish and Arabic, reflecting Diyarbakır's diverse linguistic communities and inclusive governance mandate.

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

Key Investments & Active Programmes (2026–2030)

BRT Corridor

14.1 km | 20 Stations

Ministry-approved rapid transit project with 95,000 daily passenger capacity. Smart ticketing and multimodal integration.

Urban Renewal Programme

4,500+ Housing Units

Earthquake-resilient housing in Yenisehir and Kayapinar. Includes parks, sports areas and community facilities.

DİSMEK Vocational Training

15+ Active Courses

Skills development and employment access for women, with 800+ participants served annually.

Waste Management & Environment

106 tons of cooking-oil waste collected via industry protocols; park renewal across all 17 districts; biowaste separation programme.

DİSKİ Water Infrastructure Investment

12 active investment projects (1.71B TL capital budget): new pipelines, expanded treatment capacity and smart metering across all 17 districts.

Festivals & Forums — Platforms for Peace and Freedom Aspirations

3rd

Amed International Film Festival

Founded 2012. Revived after 8 years, the 3rd edition (Dec 2025) screened 84 feature, documentary and short films from Türkiye and the world.

84 films · 8 days · Masterclasses & workshops · Sînebîr script fund

9th

FilmAmed Documentary Film Festival

Running since 2011, the annual FilmAmed is the region's leading documentary platform. The 9th edition (Sep 2025) brought 29 films, masterclasses and thematic panels.

29 films · 5 days · Multi-lingual · Project funding for documentary makers

11th

Amed International Theatre Festival

An established annual festival bringing international theatre to Diyarbakır. The 11th edition featured artists from 17 countries performing across 11 days, transforming the city into a cultural stage.

17 countries · 11 days · Street & stage performances · Annual

Social Peace & Freedom Forum

First of its kind, held 12–16 May 2026. Five days of panels, workshops and cultural events bringing together academics, politicians, civil society and international delegates to deliberate peace, democratic resolution, women's freedoms, ecology and co-existence. To be held annually.

5 days · Multi-party & cross-border · Annual · Peace, gender, ecology, language, local democracy

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

A Partner Ready for Cooperation in Social Progress



**Gender Equality &
Women's
Empowerment**



**Urban Development
& Cultural Heritage**



**Climate Action &
Environment**



**Social Inclusion &
Welfare**



**Digital Governance &
Smart City**



**Participatory
Democracy**

ACTIVE IN INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

UNFPA Women-Friendly Cities · Eurocities · Council of Europe Local Democracy Programmes · Horizon Europe Associated Country (Türkiye, since 2021)

INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS & PARTNERSHIPS

Networks & Active Cooperations

Membership & Recognition

UNFPA Women-Friendly Cities

International certification for gender-equality leadership

Eurocities Network

Active member of Europe's major city cooperation platform

Council of Europe Local Democracy Programmes

Democratic governance and participatory democracy engagement

UNESCO World Heritage

Diyarbakir Fortress & Hevsel Gardens inscribed 2015

Active International Cooperation

Streetbolzer e.V. Foundation (Kassel, Germany)

Joint projects on youth, sport and peace-building

Youth Organisations Forum Association

Protocol-signed cooperation strengthening civil society engagement

2nd Amed Women, Labour & Culture-Arts Gathering

Regional platform for women's economic and cultural participation

Türkiye – Horizon Europe Associated Country

Full eligibility for EU research & innovation funding since 2021

VALUE PROPOSITION

Why Partner with DMM?

01

Institutional Infrastructure

Established service-delivery units with community trust and physical presence across the metropolitan area.

02

Direct Access to Communities

Active networks with CSOs, cooperatives and community leaders — a recruitable ecosystem for joint initiatives.

03

Strategic Plan Alignment

Targets embedded in the 2024–2028 Strategic Plan ensure institutional ownership well beyond any project cycle.

04

Co-Governance Leadership

A co-mayor model embodying gender-balanced political leadership — a living proof-of-concept for inclusive objectives.

05

International Recognition

UNFPA Women-Friendly City status provides independent validation and credibility with European partners and funders.

06

Reliable Public Body

A public authority offering maximum transparency, accountability and administrative reliability in cooperation.

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