



**KARACADAG DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**FACT SHEET**

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## 1. DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES IN TURKEY

Development Agencies have been established under the coordination of State Planning Organization (now called as “Ministry of Development”) and on the basis of statistical regions (NUTS 2) by the Cabinet Decree. Development Agencies have a legal personality and they are subject to law **No. 5449** and special legal provisions in their transactions. They are designed to be economic and social development-oriented, and its functions are to be supportive to enhance the capacities of the other local and regional actors including facilitating and coordinating the development activities of the local stakeholders.

Development Agencies have their own technical and financing mechanisms. They have dynamic and flexible structure in terms of budget and employment. Development agencies, which have high technical capacity, are not-for-profit, are autonomous, and they bring public sector, private sector and non-government organizations together in a common platform.

The aim of the establishment of Development Agencies is to mobilize regions’ local resources and potentials and increase their competitiveness; ensure efficient and effective use of resources; facilitate regional development in accordance with the principles and policies envisaged in national development plans and programs; reduce intra- and inter-regional disparities terms of development, foster cooperation among public sector, private sector and non-government organizations; as well as to ensure sustainability of the development programs.

Missions of Development Agencies are as follows:

- To prepare strategies related to regional development,
- To improve economic and social indicators at the national, regional and local level,
- To reduce inter-regional and intra-regional disparities and increase the general welfare of the country,
- To encourage participation of entrepreneurs in local development efforts through research studies and promotion of the investment opportunities,
- To support the development and implementation of projects, which are co-financed by the applicants and/or their partners, improvement of project

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design and implementation capacity of the local bodies, and also increasing cooperation among local and regional institutions,

- To mobilize the region's entrepreneurial potential,
- To identify and activate the local potentials, dynamics, authenticity, resources and opportunities, to coordinate and intermediate other international funds including EU funds.

## **2. KARACADAG DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

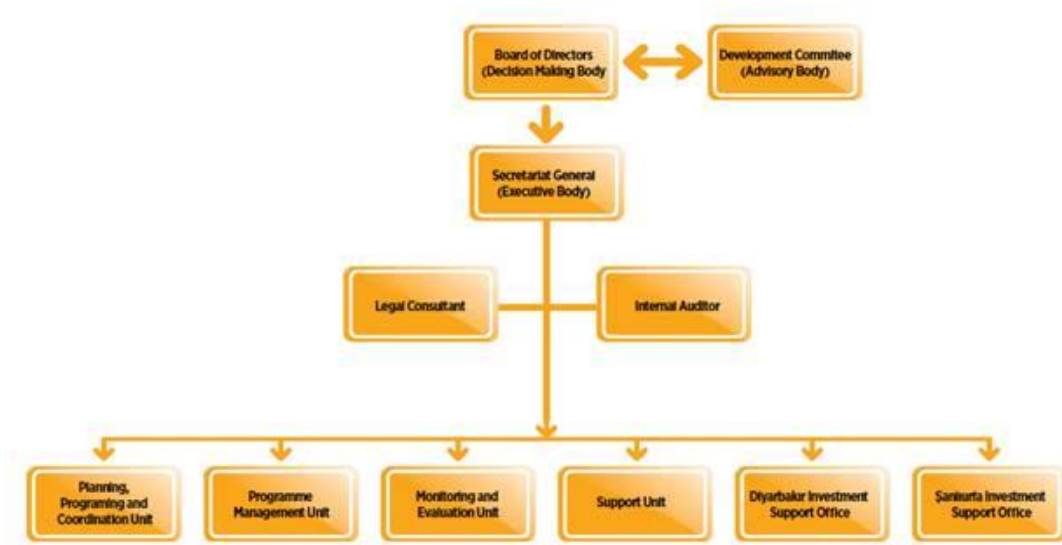
Karacadag Development Agency was established in Diyarbakir to serve both Diyarbakir and Sanliurfa provinces by cabinet decree **no. 2008/14306** dated 10 November 2008 and published in official gazette on 22 November 2008. Our Agency completed its institutionalization process after Secretary General assumed office on 20 August 2009 and shortly after the official opening ceremony on 5 December 2009.

### **2.1.Karacadag Development Agency Organization Chart**

Karacadag Development Agency is composed of “Administrative Board”, “Development Committee”, “Secretariat General”, “Diyarbakir Investment Support Office” and “Sanliurfa Investment Support Office”.

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## ORGANIZATION CHART



### 2.1.1. Administrative Board of Agency

Administrative Board of Agency is the decision-making body. The Agency's legal representative is the Chairman of the Administrative Board of Agency. It is composed of governors, mayors, presidents of the Chambers of Commerce and Trade and presidents of the Provincial General Assembly in both Diyarbakir and Sanliurfa.

### 2.1.2. Development Committee

Development Committee is the advisory body for the Agency and composed in such a way to improve coordination and cooperation among public institutions, private sector, nongovernmental organizations, universities and local administrations.

### 2.1.3. Secretariat General

Secretariat General acts as the executive body. Karacadag Development Agency carries out its operations with three main bodies consisting of Planning Programming and Coordination Unit, Programme Management

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Unit and Monitoring and Evaluation Unit. The functions of departments are as follows:

#### **2.1.3.1. Planning, Programming and Coordination Unit (PPCU)**

PPCU is in charge of doing research to accelerate region's economic, social and cultural development and raise its competitiveness. It brings local authorities together to draw up plans and programmes on regional and sectoral basis. PPCU also works closely with the local, national and international institutions to develop working relations and improve their capacity.

#### **2.1.3.2. Program Management Unit (PMU)**

PMU is in charge of managing grant programmes that are set out in line with regional plans and programmes by the PPCU. In all grants, it's responsibility covers the processes of submitting of all proposals, awarding of the successful proposals/operations and signing of contracts with the applicants.

#### **2.1.3.3. Monitoring and Evaluation Unit (MEU)**

In order to monitor and evaluate the plan, programme and grants that are set out by the Agency, MEU carries out activities to collect information, analyze, report and utilize them. It tracks regularly to ensure that all the grants and support provided by the Agency are used efficiently, effectively and in a sustainable way. For these reasons, MEU sets close eye on awarded project during the evaluation, monitoring, checks out whether it is in line with the rules and regulations and helps beneficiaries with their problems and needs.

#### **2.1.4. Investment Support Office (ISO)**

ISOs are founded in Diyarbakir and Sanliurfa. ISO acts as one-stop-shop on behalf of private companies for licencing, authorization and all other administrative permissions in due time according to the relevant legislation. ISOs keep track of investments in the region. ISOs acknowledge the investors

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and guide them in line with the application rules and relevant documentations set in legislations and follow the applications in advance. All the supports given by ISOs are free of charge.

## **2.2. Project and Activity Supports**

Karacadag Development Agency, with its specialists and support staff working for the units mentioned above, make active contribution to regional development and attempts to minimize inter-regional development disparities by ensuring cooperation among the governmental foundations, private sector and civil society and by uncovering the local potential and mobilizing it.

For this purpose; the Agency supports the following projects and activities of the local administrations, universities, other governmental bodies, professional organizations with the status of a public entity, civil society, business companies, cooperatives, unions, individuals and legal entities in accordance with the methods and principals in the Regulation on Supports for Projects and Activity:

- The projects and activities contributing to regional plan and programs,
- The projects and activities contributing to increase the capacity in order to improve the rural and local development in line with the regional plans and programs,
- The projects fostering the cooperation and the partnership culture among the local administration, private and civil society,
- Research studies, analyses, strategies, plans and studies concerned with identifying the regional resources and capabilities, accelerating economic and social improvement, increasing the competitiveness and innovation capacity and impact zone of the region,
- The projects and activities introducing and improving the business and investment opportunities in the region,
- The projects and activities directly or indirectly supporting ``Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organizations`` and new entrepreneurs

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- in areas of management, innovative and efficient production, marketing, advertising, technology, R&D, finance, organizing and labor force training,
- The projects and activities introducing the bilateral and multilateral international programs joined by Turkey and contributing to find resources for those programs and helping designing projects in accordance with those programs,
  - The projects and activities intended for increasing the human resources and institutional capacities of local foundations and institutions, for enhancing those foundations' capacity for project and implementation as well as for improving the skills in providing services,
  - Other than these project supports and activities, Karacadag Development Agency provides direct financial support, interest-support and interest-free credit support and technical support as a part of its activities and tasks.

### **2.3. Our activities**

For more information about our activities, please regularly check our website at [www.karacadag.org.tr](http://www.karacadag.org.tr) (in Turkish) and at [www.karacadag.org.tr/en](http://www.karacadag.org.tr/en) (in English).