

**7th October The World Metropolitan Day
PANEL | Metropolitan Governance and Health: The Experience of
COVID-19**

**Metropolitan governance & Health:
the experience of COVID-19**

7 October
in the framework of
World Metropolitan Day 2020

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31 DAYS OF PROMOTING
A BETTER URBAN FUTURE

**3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING**

**11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES**

**16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS**

**17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS**

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Date: October 7, 2020, Wednesday

Hour: 09.00-10.30 (CET)

Venue: Online - Zoom

Registration link*: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HHfgxONoS1-jYhCU4q6RbA

Languages: Simultaneous translation will be available to **English** and **Turkish**.

*Only registered attendees will have access to the virtual event.

Within the framework of the World Metropolitan Day, Marmara Municipalities Union and Argüden Governance Academy will hold a webinar on “Metropolitan Governance and Health: The Experience of COVID-19” on 7th October. During the event, COVID-19 pandemic and public health will be approached from metropolitan governance perspective. Two metropolitan mayors and a public health professor will share their experiences and suggestions on metropolitan response to pandemics with the participants.

Background: COVID-19 heavily affected metropolitan areas as the diffusion risk and pace are much higher at these human settlements. The difficulties and lessons of the pandemic indicated the need for improvement at metropolitan governance. In specific, city resilience and governance of critical risks became highly relevant agenda topic. In the face of future shocks,

better governance of risks at metropolitan cities are critical for avoiding or minimizing the potential harms to human welfare and economic development.

On 7th October, the World Metropolitan Day organized by Metropolis and UN Habitat presents a good opportunity deal with this matter through lessons drawing and reflecting for governance improvements. It would be beneficial to share the experiences and lessons with local, regional, national and international stakeholders. On 7th October, Marmara Municipalities Union and Argüden Governance Academy will hold a webinar on “Metropolitan Governance and Health: The Experience of COVID-19”.

Relevant SDGs: 3, 11, 16 and 17

Website: <https://www.metropolis.org/campaigns/world-metropolitan-day>

Social media: https://twitter.com/hashtag/WorldMetropolitanDay2020?src=hashtag_click

PROGRAM

Opening Speeches – 09.00-09.15 (CET)

M. Cemil Arslan (Secretary General, Marmara Municipalities Union): The Metropolitan Response to the Pandemic

Metin Çakmakçı (Chairman, Argüden Governance Academy Foundation): The Role of Local Authorities in Public Health

Panel: Metropolitan Cities and COVID-19 – 09.15-10.15 (CET)

Moderator:

Erkin Erimez (Argüden Governance Academy)

Panelists:

Tahir Büyükakın (Mayor, Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality): The Experiences and Policy Suggestions

Kadir Albayrak (Mayor, Tekirdag Metropolitan Municipality): The Experiences and Policy Suggestions

Önder Ergönül (Director of Infectious Diseases Research Centre, Koç University): COVID-19 and Healthy Cities

Q&A – 10.15-10.30 (CET)