



CENTRAL UNION OF TURKISH URBAN COOPERATIVES

PRESENTATION

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- **TURKKENT was founded in 1988** by 14 housing co-operatives unions in **Ankara**, Capital of **Turkey**.
- **THE MISSION OF TURKKENT** is to contribute development, sustainability, wide spreading and efficiency of urban co-operative movement, to unite urban housing co-operatives under its roof, represent them in national and international levels and to give all needed services to its members.
- TURKKENT has pioneered the establishment of the **National Cooperative Union of Turkey** and also member of **Co-operative Housing International**. President of TURKKENT is also member of Board of Directors of both organisations.
- **Members of TURKKENT** are unions of housing construction co-operatives from different geographic regions of Turkey. 49 housing unions became member of TURKKENT since its foundation with more than 250.000 individual members which means new settlements for more than 1 million population have been built under umbrella of TURKKENT.
- According to Turkish Cooperative Law, upon completion of construction of dwellings, title deeds of housing units should be given to members and liquidation of the co-operative is required. And there is no obligation for housing co-operatives to be member of an upper co-operative organisation. In time because of less supportive environment number of member unions and their member co-operatives have decreased. Currently TURKKENT has 10 member unions which have in total 200 member housing co-operatives with their 5000 individual members.
- **General Assembly of TURKKENT** as the most authorised body, comprising of the representatives of the member unions. The number of representatives changes according to number of individual members of member unions.
- **The Board of Directors of TURKKENT**, as the executive body, shall be comprised of at least 5 members elected by the General Assembly. At least 3 **Supervisors** shall be also elected by General Assembly among the representatives of member unions or from outside of members.