

MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

SULTANBEYLI MUNICIPALITY
SULTANBEYLI, TURKEY

ANTI-REFUGEE SENTIMENTS

Since 2011, a large number of refugees have been living in the Municipality of Sultanbeyli. The initial **hospitality of the citizens decreased** over time when it became clear that the refugees would stay permanently. This has led to discontent, social tensions, discrimination and xenophobia in the community.



SOCIAL COHESION

To improve the cohabitation of refugees and the local community in Sultanbeyli the community centre also hosts a designated social cohesion unit. It organises various **activities encouraging them to spend time together** including regular assemblies for children, women and men.

MULTIPLE SERVICES COMBINED

The municipality established a community centre **open to locals and refugees**, offering healthcare, protection, legal support, education, employment, aid and shelter. Services are offered in collaboration between public institutions, international organisations, civil society and the private sector.



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Connecting activities &
community events

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Community spaces
where diverse people meet

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