A Spatial Strategy for Refugee Integration in the Urban Environment

The Case of Istanbul
Introduction
voluntary repatriation  resettlement  integration
What is the influence of actors on the integration process of refugees in the urban environment in the Middle East and how can a spatial strategy enhance this process?
Refugees in Istanbul
The image is a map with regions shaded in different colors to represent different ranges of authors. The color legend indicates the number of authors in each region, with categories ranging from 0 to 1,500, 1,500 to 10,000, 10,000 to 15,000, 15,000 to 20,000, 20,000 to 25,000, 25,000 to 30,000, 30,000 to 35,000, and 35,000 to 40,000. The map is based on data from Erdoğan (2017a).
Mülteciler Derneği
Toplum Merkezi
A process of becoming an accepted part of society, where interactions between refugees and the receiving society determine the direction and outcome.
Institution

Individual

Group/organisation

Refugee

Interaction

Receiving society

Institution

Group/organisation

Individual

Legal-political

Socio-economic

Cultural-religious
Institution

Individual

NGOs

Legal-political
Socio-economic
Cultural-religious
Immigrants

Institution

Group

Individual

Interaction

Legal-political

Socio-economic

Cultural-religious

Receiving society

Institution

Group

Individual
Spatial Strategy
collaborative process

vision and goals
Vision

*Increase integration of refugees and the receiving society by employing the potential of public space.*
Increase language and cultural knowledge

- increase access to information
- facilitate unfocused interaction

Establish social bridges

- facilitate focussed interaction
- facilitate shared activity

Establish social links

- facilitate collaboration
NGO

municipality

local stakeholders

authors image based on Sultanbeyli Belediyesi, 2018; Mülteciler Derneği, 2018)
NGO as driving force
Experience mapping

Initiation
Preparation

Analysis
Discov er

determine problem scope

Defin e

design goal

Design
Devel o p

spatial strategy

Deliv er

Implementation

evaluation & recalibration

evaluation & recalibration
target group

potential to enhance the integration process
Design goal

*Increase integration of man and woman, of all ages by employing the potential of schools, local shop areas, and unfenced green spaces.*
positive interest and attitude actors  

strategic locations
Questions?
Internal Displaced Settlers
Asylum seekers
Migration route
Land

authors image based on (IOM, n.d.; UNHCR, 2017c)

area of focus

2.500 km
5.000 km
Istanbul
Ankara

Authors image based on (IM Unit Gaziantep Field Presence, 2016)
Authors Image
continue
changes within the projects
new projects
extend project area