

LibOCon 2019 Location Proposal Turkey

- **THE TEAM**

- **Please name all the team members, their role in the community, and their time availability.**

- Muhammet Kara: Development, Marketing, Translation; Generally available before and during the conference
- Nurcan Tür: Marketing; available for two hours a week until the conference, and fully available during the conference
- Enes Kıdık: Marketing, LibreOffice Migration Support, Trainings; available for two hours a week until the conference, and fully available during the conference
- Furkan Tokaç: Marketing, Development; available for two hours a week until the conference, and fully available during the conference
- F. Ahmet Kara: Marketing, Development; Available before and during the conference
- M. Çağrı Dolaz: Marketing; Generally available
- Ülkem Kasapoğlu: Development; available for one hour a week until the conference, and fully available during the conference
- Ömer Çakmak; Marketing, LibreOffice User Support; available for two hours a week until the conference, and fully available during the conference
- Doğa Deniz Arıcı; Design; available for two hours a week until the conference, and fully available during the conference
- Berkay Aktunç: Design, Marketing; available for two hours a week until the conference, and fully available during the conference

- **Please let us know if you have at least one team member willing to work on these topics.**

- Yes. Nurcan and Enes will primarily work on these topics. Others will also help.

- **THE ORGANIZING ENTITY**

- **Please give details on the organization, its type and its leadership.**

- TUBITAK ULAKBIM will officially handle legal and financial responsibilities on behalf of the LibreOffice Turkey community for LibOCon19. (Some members of the team are working for TUBITAK ULAKBIM / Pardus.)
- If the need arises, in addition to TUBITAK ULAKBIM, we might also use an already established non-profit (like Turkish Linux Users

Association - LKD) or set up a new non-profit for current and future activities. (We have done the necessary research for such a case, and ready to take action if needed.)

- Type: Public Institution (Research Institute)
- Web site: <http://ulakbim.tubitak.gov.tr/>
- Leadership: The current manager of TUBITAK ULAKBIM is Mehmet Mirat Satoğlu (mirat.satoglu@tubitak.gov.tr), and the current manager of the Pardus project is Cengiz Çelik (cengiz.celik@tubitak.gov.tr).
- TUBITAK ULAKBIM works to spread FOSS (Pardus Linux and LibreOffice in particular) and ODF in Turkey, targeting public institutions primarily. Each year, it funds and/or supports many FOSS events in Turkey.

● THE MAIN VENUE

- **Please give details on the venue, its location, and its connection to public transportation.**
 - The conference will take place in Boğaziçi University (BOUN), İstanbul.
 - Address: Albert Long Hall, Güney Kampüs, 34342 Bebek/İstanbul TÜRKİYE
 - Capacities in the main venue: 479, 86, 20; foy area: 250 (cocktails), 80 (meals)
 - Coming from Sabiha Gökçen Airport takes 45-60 minutes, and coming from Atatürk Airport takes less than Sabiha Gökçen with metro.
 - Reaching the venue from public transportation stop is taking 5-10 minutes by walking.
 - <https://iletisim.boun.edu.tr/tr/salonlar#overlay-context=tr/salonlar>
 - <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=19/41.08301/29.05229>
- **Please let us know in case you plan for more than one venue (except for parties and receptions).**
 - We plan for only one venue, but the main venue has three halls with different sizes and a foyer area, and there are also more halls near main venue (10 minutes by walking). In case of need, these halls can also be used. All halls are in the same campus.
- **Please let us know how accessible is the venue.**
 - Almost all areas in the venue are wheelchair-accessible. BOUN is so sensitive in this topic.
- **The conference itself is on 3 days, but there is an extra day before the conference dedicated to community meetings, this should be taken into account into the proposal.**

- We are planning everything for 4 days, so yes, we have taken the community day into account.
- **Providing canvas, projectors and rooms for two to five tracks in parallel, for a total of approximately 300 visitors, are required. Please let us know if your venue fulfills these requirements.**
 - Yes, the venue fulfills these requirements.
- **Please let us know if you can provide more meeting rooms.**
 - The campus has plenty of meeting rooms, so that shouldn't be a problem.
- **Next to the rooms, there should also be an open space for community gatherings. Please let us know if you can provide such a space.**
 - Yes, the venue has a foyer area, and there are also plenty of open space in the campus.
- **Please let us know by what means you can provide wireless Internet connectivity.**
 - There are wifi connection in most of areas. (Mainly EDUROAM). There is a guest network in the conference area, and we will also try to provide connections with 4G wireless routers if needed.
- **Please let us know if you plan video archives or live streams of the presentations.**
 - We plan to have both, at least in the main hall. The conference hall has the necessary means.
- **Also, if at least one of the social events will be in wheelchair-accessible location, it is absolutely wonderful.**
 - We will try to make all events in wheelchair-accessible locations. In worst case, one of the social events will be in a wheelchair-accessible location.
- **ACCOMMODATIONS**
 - **Please elaborate on the hotel offerings nearby the venue.**
 - There are lots of hotels in 5km range nearby the venue.
 - You may find a small selection of these hotels in the following spreadsheet:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15ldblTfNCdmfXVyNWCFUO6gnCJlflJvQXCXCg5bhVwc/edit?usp=sharing>
 - **Offering couchsurfing, motels, youth hostels or other means of free to cheap accommodation are a nice-to-have. Please let us know if such means are available at your venue.**
 - There are these kinds of places around venue since it is a university. We will also see if we can use arrange the dormitories of BOUN for the conference attendees.

- **ONE MORE THING...**
 - **Please describe in your own words why you want to host the next LibreOffice Conference, what motivates you, and what you expect from it.**
 - We are a small group of enthusiasts who love LibreOffice, and would like to see LibreOffice/ODF is widely used and known in Turkey, along with other FOSS projects. We think that LibOCon is a very good opportunity to integrate the local community with the global community, and cause a positive impact on the movement of the local community towards the future.
- **EXTRAS**
 - **Please write anything else that can support your application, like Governmental support or support from other entities, organizations, corporations, user groups**
 - TUBITAK ULAKBIM is a governmental organization, and it supports the conference wholeheartedly.
 - Some members of our team are also members of local user groups, and we will most likely get support also from these entities and user groups. Two of them are: LKD (Linux Users Association), and GNOME Turkey
- **IN CASE YOU ALREADY HAVE SPONSORS, PLEASE MENTION THEM AND THEIR SPONSORING**
 - TUBITAK ULAKBIM has agreed to support the event by expense matching for upto an amount of approximately 25.000 EUR
 - Cultural and/or IT related events next to the conference (other events in parallel are no problem, if they do not distract visitors from the LibreOffice Conference)
- **THE ADOPTION OF FREE SOFTWARE IN YOUR REGION**
 - There are some institutions, and companies both from the private and the public sector which are using free software in their operations.
 - One of the main objectives of TUBITAK ULAKBIM is to promote and support the use of free software in the public sector; and it has been conducting migrations to particularly Pardus Linux and LibreOffice/ODF for years.
- **PARTIES AND RECEPTIONS THAT ARE PLANNED**
 - We are considering several options, and mostly like will have at least a welcome cocktail, but the details will be shared in the upcoming months.
- **PROVIDING CHILD CARE WOULD BE A NICE ADDITION TO THE APPLICATION**
 - We have contacted some sources regarding this issue, but haven't settled yet. We will do our best to provide child care.