



Zeydan Karalar
Mayor of Adana Metropolitan Municipality

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Re: Adana Metropolitan Municipality's 2019 UNESCO Creative Cities Network Application for Gastronomy City

Mister Mayor,
Dear Mr. Zeydan Karalar,

It is obvious that Adana is one of the few cities in the world in terms of gastronomy with its unique culinary culture. Your city, Adana contains contents that will enrich the gastronomic history from past to present and continues this culture in today's city life.

The Assembly of European Regions (AER) is the largest independent network of regions in wider Europe, gathering regions from 30 countries – from Norway to Turkey and from Russia to Portugal.

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With member regions from 30 countries, AER is the voice of regional authorities since 1985 and has played a pivotal role in recognising regions as key players in the European construction.

We believe that a prosperous, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-lingual Europe goes hand in hand with prosperous regions. We support our members to improve their policies by exchanging experiences, sharing practices and providing capacity building. We pride ourselves in our bottom-up approach and strive to always be concrete in our activities and actions to make a difference.

As AER, we support your application to UNESCO Creative Cities Network 2019 Application for Gastronomy City.

We believe that, this application will contribute in order to preserve, maintain and promote the unique culinary culture of Adana.

Sincerely,

Magnus Berntsson
President