



Sinem DEDETAŞ
Mayor of Üsküdar

Sinem Dedetaş is the Mayor of Üsküdar, Istanbul, and a Member of the Chamber of Regions. She holds an M.Sc. degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from Istanbul Technical University's Faculty of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering. Following her graduation, she worked for approximately a decade in national and international companies, holding positions as a structural analysis engineer, structural design engineer, and plan approval engineer. She later co-founded her own engineering company, where she led innovative and pioneering, world-first projects in the maritime and shipbuilding sectors, particularly in the fields of research and development.

Between 2014 and 2016, she served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers of the Union of Chambers of Turkish Engineers and Architects (TMMOB), contributing to professional representation and institutional development within the sector. In 2019, she was appointed General Manager of Istanbul Şehir Hatları A.Ş., a subsidiary of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, becoming the first woman to hold this position. During her tenure, she led significant institutional and operational transformations, including promoting innovation in maritime transport, strengthening public service delivery, and advancing gender equality in the sector. In 2023, she was elected Chair of the Waterborne Committee of the International Association of Public Transport, becoming the first representative from Türkiye to hold this position.

In the local elections of 31 March 2024, she was elected Mayor of Üsküdar, becoming the first female mayor in the history of the district. In her current role, she is committed to advancing inclusive, transparent, and accountable governance, with a particular focus on fostering resilient communities through inclusive and accessible public services. Her work reflects a strong dedication to democratic values, social inclusion, and sustainable urban development.