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KEEPING THE PULSE OF THE INDUSTRY

The Kocaeli Chamber of Industry **(KCI)** was established on June 22, 1989. It contributes to Kocaeli's development as a global production center and leads industrial transformation.

KCI provides services based on innovative production models and circular economy principles. The organization plays a major role in shaping the manifacturing ecosystem.

Approximately 4000 manufacturing companies benefit from the expertise of a qualified team.

SERVING INDUSTRY AT 4 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

KCI delivers services from four locations:

- İzmit Head Office
- Gebze Branch
- Çayırova Branch
- Dilovası (IMES) Branch

Each office offers tailored services to the needs of the member manufacturers.

CONTACT:
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COMMITTED TO YOUR PROGRESS...

CERTIFICATION SERVICES THAT PROVIDE ADVANTAGES TO INDUSTRY

The KCI offers certification services to approximately 4.000 industrial companies through its head and branches offices.









- Issuance and Approval of Circulation Documents (A.TR, EUR-1, EUR-MED Certificates, Certificates of Origin, and Turkish Goods Certificates) and Export Invoice Approvals and Copies
- Activity Certificate, Chamber Registration Record Copy, Industrialist Certificate
- Temporary Export (For Repair Purposes) Procedures
- Registration of Construction Machinery
- Capacity Reports
- Force Majeure Expertise Reports
- ATA Carnet Issuance and Approval
- Expertise reports related with Inward Processing Authorization (IPA)
- Expertise Reports Requested by Customs Authorities
- Domestic Goods Certificate
- Manufacturing Competency Certificate/Manufacturing License
- Other Expertise Reports

For more information:

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THE REFERENCE POINT FOR INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION

We create opportunities for manufacturers to address their concerns by bringing them together with ministers, bureaucrats and distinguished speakers.



We present Chamber's recommendations regarding the resolution of operational challenges to key stakeholders, principally the relevant ministries.



EASY ACCESS TO INFORMATION

In line with the needs and requests of our members informational meetings and seminars are organized on a wide range of topics affecting industrial enterprises.

Key topics such as customs, foreign trade, finance, investment incentives, green transformation, environmental issues, occupational health and safety, energy, digitalization, R&D activities, and legal updates are addressed.





SUPPORTING SME'S with SADEM

The Industrial Support Centre (SADEM) was established to support SMEs and to serve as a bridge for the training and consultancy needs of our members. Within SADEM, Professionals have easy access to reliable and advantageous consultancy services on topics such as energy efficiency, customs, environment, carbon footprint, digitalization, labour law, occupational health and safety, mediation, smart logistics solutions and investment incentives.





THE EUROPEAN BUSINESS CENTRE OF DOĞU MARMARA, (ABİGEM) THE REFERENCE INSTITUTION FOR PROJECTS



The European Business Centre of Doğu Marmara, (ABİGEM) A.Ş., serves Small and Medium Size Enterprises by assisting them construct better managerial and technical infrastructure. The Centre being aware of their members goals, was established in 2002 and is able to offer prompt and effective solutions to business problems within its specialized service lines. The intention is to improve the performance of SMEs in Turkey, in particular to enhance their competitiveness and international networking activities, through the creation of three successful Business Centres, which provide high-quality information, advice and consulting in their respective regions.

The centre has addressed defined areas of consultancy expertise, and developing services to SMEs utilizing international and local experts. The services are comprised of training, counselling, and consulting.

Doğu Marmara ABİGEM's objective is to bring in new approaches to the business life in Marmara region to strenghten the infrastructure of the SMEs through;

- Info Relay,
- Training & Consultancy Services,
- Innovative Projects,

in order to align with the EU and global standards, moreover, contribute to the generation of national, regional and sectoral business development policies.

For more information:

www. abigemdm.com.tr
info@abigemdm.com.tr



KOCAELİ SANAYİ ODASI
PROSES
EMNİYETİ SEMPOZYUMU

Since 2018, the Process Safety Symposium and Exhibition has been organized by the KCI. Information is provided on regulations, practices, technical details, R&D, products, and services aimed at preventing major industrial accidents and natural disasters. All relevant stakeholders in the industry — including regulators, inspectors, industry professionals, educators, product and service suppliers, and certification bodies — are brought together during the symposium. The goal is to ensure that accumulated knowledge, research findings, products and services, best practices, and solutions are shared.

www.prosesemniyeti.org



KOCAELI CAPACITY SURVEY AND INDEX

The capacity usage survey, which has been conducted on behalf of the Kocaeli Chamber of Industry for a long time, was methodologically and conceptually revised in 2026.

The Kocaeli Industry Capacity Survey and Index are conducted with members on a regular monthly basis. The capacity usage rates and index of industrial companies are announced across four main sectors: automotive, chemical, machinery, and metal.



STRONG COOPERATION AMONG INDUSTRY, UNIVERSITY AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Cooperation among universities, public institutions and industry is regarded as a key role to enable industrial enterprises to develop new technologies and reaching the knowledge for innovation and R&D. Thus, these actions have grown widespread through sector-specific events in which B2Bs are organised to enable our members whose awareness is raised raised via seminars and field visits, to gain a deeper understanding of university and research institution's infrastructures and capabilities.











EXPERTISE IN CHAMBER SERVICES

WE ENDEAVOR TO BUILD A QUALIFIED WORKFORCE IN INDUSTRY

Practice-oriented projects are developed, and vocational qualification training and examination services are provided to meet the demand for a qualified workforce of our region.



Within these works;

- Partnerships and collaborations were established with vocational high schools and institutions to support vocational training projects.
- "Women's Hand in Industry" Project led by the The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye (TOBB) The Kocaeli Women Entrepreneurs Council has been implemented in order to raise the women employability in industry.
- Vocational qualification, examination and certification services have been provided since 2016 in cooperation with Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye Vocational Qualification and Certification Center (TOBB MEYBEM).
- By taking part in councils and strategic collaborations, we aim to contribute to enhancing employability in Kocaeli.



OUR PROJECT SCHOOL: IZMIT VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ANATOLIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Izmit Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School was adopted by our Chamber in the frame of TOBB's "81 Schools in 81 Provinces" Project.



We have continuously developed projects and ensuring the design of VET curriculums towards sectorial demands.



ADAPTATION OF INDUSTRY TO GREEN TRANSFORMATION



• In alignment with the EU Green Deal, training programs and seminars covering key topics—including Carbon Footprint, Circular Economy, and Sustainability—are conducted alongside the development of sustainability projects.

• “Contributing to Sustainability in the Region by Creating Cooperation Between Chambers Through a Cluster Focused on Twin Transition, ”Project which is led by the Kocaeli Chamber of Industry in partnership with the Bartın Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Brno Regional Chamber of Commerce has been funded under Türkiye–EU Business Dialogue II (TEBD-II) grant program.

• The project aims to increase the sustainability and competitiveness of the regional manufacturing industry in Brno, Bartın and Kocaeli provinces by supporting clustering activities, strengthening the foreign trade capacities of local businesses, and facilitating their adaptation to the EU’s twin transition (green and digital) process.





INTEGRATION TO DIGITAL BUSINESS PROCESSES

• Targeted training programs and seminars to empower manufacturers in re-engineering their business processes through digital transformation are delivered.

• “Digital Check-Up Projects” are also implemented to assess the digital maturity levels of SMEs and to enhance their awareness. These efforts are planned to continue via EU-supported projects in 2023 and beyond.





KOCAELİ'S COMPETENCY AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CENTRE: THE MODEL FACTORY

• Training programs and consultancy services are provided within The Kocaeli Competence and Digital Transformation Centre: The Model Factory' which is partnered with Kocaeli Chamber of Industry.

• The Kocaeli Competence and Digital Transformation Centre (Model Factory) has started its activities in order to modernize our industrialists' business processes, increase their efficiency and skills by reducing waste, and raise their digital transformation awareness to the highest level.

• The centre which focuses on 'Experiential Learning Methodology', has been guiding the industry on the key topics listed below since 2026 with its experienced human resources.

• Lean Production: Operational excellence and waste-free process design.

• Digital Transformation: Industry 4.0 integration and smart manufacturing systems.

• Energy Efficiency and Green Transition: Sustainable production models and carbon footprint reduction.

By combining theoretical training with hands-on field practices, our training and consultancy services aim to boost the global competitiveness of Kocaeli's industry and carry our businesses to the production standards of the future.



DISASTER-READY INDUSTRY

Under the 'APELL Special Hazard Frequency Radio System' Project, which we has been carrying out since 1989 to ensure first-response communications during disasters and industrial accidents, we have upgraded the existing radio system and put into use the new one.

Following the signing of the "Cooperation Protocol Regarding the Integration, Operation and Coordination of Communication Systems within the Scope of SEVESO" between Kocaeli Provincial Disaster and Emergency Management Directorate and our Chamber, we have put the new system into operation with the aim of ensuring effective communication and coordination in disasters and emergencies by integrating the radio and auxiliary communication systems of our industrial organizations into the AFAD communication infrastructure.

Meanwhile, we are seamlessly continuing our collaboration with AFAD (Ministry of Interior, Disaster And Emergency Management Presidency) to increase the number of participating companies.



EVENTS OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



In order to boost the ability of our members to reach new markets various events have been organising as listed below:

- B2B meetings,
- Fair visits
- Business visits with distinguished delegations to foreign countries.
- Matchmaking events
- Country presentation days
- Inbound buyers' mission organizations
- Company missions
- Tailored programs

INCREASE YOUR EXPORTS

The Export Support Unit organizes information sessions and training programs to boost the region's export volume and support existing exporters.



DISCOVER THE NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

MATCH4INDUSTRY

Match4Industry is an international bilateral business meeting program in which new business opportunities are explored, connections are built and the latest industry trends are followed by local and foreign companies.

Since 2012, we have been enabling our members to access global markets and building bridges on trade and technology fields.

For more information

match4industry2025.b2match.io





TRANSITION TO RENEWABLE ENERGY



- We develop projects to facilitate our members' transition to renewable energy while fostering awareness around energy efficiency and sustainability.

- With the support of government, 'Energy Efficiency' projects are implemented as specialized training sessions and pilot energy efficiency measurement audits."



RAPID SOLUTIONS TO BUSINESS DISPUTES



To help the business community and citizens resolve disputes through sustainable methods, the Mediation and Arbitration Center was established within KCI under TOBB's guidance. Mediation, negotiation, and consultation services are offered by the center to support fast and fair resolutions.

www.tobbuyum.com.tr



CLUSTERING ACTIVITIES

We have been implementing activities towards contributing to the development of regional collaborations and common working culture. Within the scope of sectorial clusters and “Enhancement of International Competitiveness” (UR-GE) projects, it’s aimed to increase the export capacities of member companies.

DEFENSE INDUSTRY COMPANIES AND SUPPLIERS ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER



Since 2014, the Defense Industry Indigenization Project has been implemented to support member companies for involving to the defense-industry supply chain.

Within the framework of the Project, we aim to enable our companies to reach defense industry market and to ensure that our city receives its rightful share from the defense industry sector.

With the leading of the Secretariat of Defence Industries and Ministry of National Defence, regional meetings, supplier days and field visits are organized, alongside B2B meetings with leading companies such as Baykar Defense, ASELSAN Electronics Industry and Trade Inc. and Turkish Aerospace Industries -TUSAŞ.

EMPOWERING DEFENSE INDUSTRY WITH KSS



The equipment production indigenization is planned by Ministry of National Defense; therefore Kocaeli Defense Industry and Trade Inc (KSS) was established in 2019 with the partnership of 64 members of KCI. We are working to produce the advanced technology systems and devices needed by the defense sector that are currently imported.

As the Kocaeli Defense Industry Company, we completed the production and military- standard qualification of ASELSAN’s TEMPEX external thermometer by August 2025. This product has succeed in receiving ‘Golden Age of Nationalization’ award by ASELSAN.

For more information:

https://kocaelisavunma.com/tr

KOCAELİ SAVUNMA SANAYİ



METEOROLOGICIAL OBSERVATION AND GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (MGKS)4200 SERIES



WE ENCOURAGE OUR MEMBERS

ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY INDUSTRY HAS BEEN AWARDED



ŞAHABETTİN BİLGİSU ÇEVRE ÖDÜLLERİ

To enhance environmental awareness and contribute to sustainability, the Kocaeli Chamber of Industry has been organizing the 'Şahabettin Bilgisu Environment Awards' since 1996, open to all companies across Türkiye.

The organization is not just participating in a competition, but is also leading a movement to drive environmental awareness. Manufacturers are encouraged to produce in harmony with nature, contributing to Türkiye's green transformation goals. With their high brand value and prestige, these awards serve as a powerful source of motivation for environmentally responsible businesses.

For more information:
www.kosano.org.tr/cevre-odulleri/

SUSTAINABLE PERFORMANCE AWARDS



The Sustainable Performance Awards Program has been organized since 2008 to promote successful industrial enterprises operating in the Marmara Region. Participating companies are assessed under seven financial and operational performance and sustainability categories as listed below:

- Financial Performance,
- Foreign Trade,
- Operational Efficiency,
- Human Resources & Employment,
- ESG(Environmental, Social, Governance),
- Digitalization,
- R&D and Innovation

The participating companies have opportunity to measure their sustainablity performance, enhancing both their competitive advantage and brand value.

Sürdürülebilir Performans Ödülleri

For more information:
www.ksosurdurulebilirlik.org

STRENGHTENING NATIONAL BRAND VALUE OF THE KCI AND ITS EVENTS

The Activities Of Sectoral Committees And Councils

As the Kocaeli Chamber of Industry, we have carried out our activities with the members of sectoral committees and specialization commissions.

The sectoral committees regularly organize group meetings and various activities. Among these, the Joint Meeting enables manufacturers to discuss their challenges and proposed solutions. Corporate strategies and work programs are determined thanks to the outputs of these meetings.







COUNCILS OF WOMEN AND YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Impactful projects and training programs are being implemented, most notably the "Women's Hand in Industry" project coordinated by the KCI.

Since 2008, the TOBB Young Entrepreneurs Council coordinated by KCI, has been carrying out regional meetings, workshops, field visits and training programs for strengthening the youth entrepreneurship ecosystem.

In 2025, the council hosted the G3 - Entrepreneurship Summit with the partnership of the TOBB, Habitat Association and GEN Türkiye in 2025 in order to introduce young people with entrepreneurship culture.

The Summit was a significant meeting point under the theme ‘Manufacturing Economy in the Intelligence Era’ where distinguished people of entrepreneurship sector came together.





CONTRIBUTION FROM INDUSTRY TO SOCIETY...

BİZİMKOY DISABLED PRODUCTION CENTRE



Bizimköy Disabled Production Center was established to support persons with disabilities to enhance their economic and social independent living skills.

Over time, it has evolved into a center where both individuals with and without disabilities contribute to production — being an example not only for Türkiye but also for the world.

The project was awarded the World Champion in 2015 by the World Chambers Federation, winning in th ecategory of “Best Job Creation and Business Development” among 79 projects from 39 countries.

www.bizimkoy.org.tr

BRINGING THE RHYTHM OF INDUSTRY TO SOCIETY



The Kocaeli Chamber of Industry Orchestra was established under the slogan “The Rhythm of Industry” to contribute to the cultural and creative life of Kocaeli;

- Summer Overture
- Farewell to Summer
- Echoes of a Leader: Atatürk’s Favorite Songs are organized to bring music to the community

WE CONTRIBUTE TO ART TO SOCIETY



The art exhibitions are hosted by KCI with the contribution of various artists and institutions.

STRENGTHENING EU–TÜRKİYE RELATIONS...

The Kocaeli EU Information Center organizes various events to ensure accurate and regular information flow on EU–Türkiye relations and to promote mutual dialogue and cooperation. Events are held within the scope of Europe Day, EU Green Week, European Climate Diplomacy Week, Human Rights Day, International Women's Day, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, World Environment Day, World Civil Society Day, European Mobility Week, World Nature Conservation Day and, EU Beach Clean Up.

www.eeas.europa.eu





ADVANCING EDUCATION



The Kocaeli Chamber of Industry Dumlupınar Secondary School was built in thanks to the full support of the Kocaeli Chamber of Industry and with the contributions of manufacturers. The contributors keep providing the needed financial support per academic year.



ADDING VALUE TO HISTORY AND TOURISM

As part of the project 'Breathing New Life into History Through the Restoration and Accommodation Use of Old Izmit Houses', the restoration of three historical houses was completed. They were opened as boutique hotels to preserve Kocaeli's cultural heritage and contribute to tourism.



OUR INVESTMENT PROJECTS

To increase our service quality and strengthen our physical infrastructure, we completed the construction of the new Chamber building in 2024, which is located in our compound and allocated to The Kocaeli University for use as a Technology Development Zone, and started holding our events in this area.



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS... "LOW CARBON HERO" AWARD TO KOCAELI CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY

At the 11th Istanbul Carbon Summit, organized by the Sustainable Production and Consumption Association (SÜT-D) with the main support of the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change and The Istanbul Technical University, our Chamber was awarded the "2026 Low Carbon Hero" award in the "Sustainable Performance Leaders of the Sector" category within the Sustainable Performance Awards.





THE JOURNEY TOWARD QUALITY...



The Kocaeli Chamber of Industry joined the National Quality Movement in 1999 and began a self-assessment process in 2000 based on the EFQM Excellence Model.

- In 2002, the “National Quality Grand Award” in the Public Sector Category in Türkiye was received.
- In 2004, the “European Quality Award” was granted.
- In 2007, the “Sustainability of Excellence Award” was earned.

Additionally:

- In 1996, the ISO 9001 Quality Management System Certificate was obtained — a first in the sector in Türkiye.
- In 1999, the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Certificate was earned.
- In 2015, the ISO 10002 Customer Satisfaction Management System Certificate was granted.

Since 2002, the Kocaeli Chamber of Industry has been recognized as an “A-Class Excellent Chamber” under the TOBB Accreditation System.

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KALİTE YOLCULUĞU

1996
ISO 9002 QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WAS ESTABLISHED AND CERTIFIED.
AWARDED AS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTION IN INFLUENCING THE ECONOMY BY THE COUNTRY'S MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMY NEWSPAPER.

1997
STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WAS ESTABLISHED.
MANAGEMENT BY OBJECTIVES WAS IMPLEMENTED.
QUALITY ORGANIZATION WAS ESTABLISHED.

1998
CUSTOMER COMPLAINT SYSTEM WAS ESTABLISHED.
INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CUSTOMER SATISFACTION MEASUREMENTS BEGAN.

1999
ISO 14001 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WAS ESTABLISHED AND CERTIFIED.
SUGGESTION SYSTEM AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TEAMS SYSTEM WERE ESTABLISHED.

2000
KCI JOINED THE NATIONAL QUALITY MOVEMENT.
EFQM EXCELLENCE MODEL SELF-ASSESSMENT.
KOCAELİ QUALITY FOCUS.

2001
NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD CANDIDATE.

2002
KCI RECEIVED THE NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD. ACCREDITED WITH THE HIGHEST SCORE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF TOBB ACCREDITATION SYSTEM.

2003
RECEIVED THE EFQM EUROPEAN QUALITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

2004
RECEIVED THE EUROPEAN QUALITY GRAND AWARD.

2007
RECEIVED THE CONTINUITY IN EXCELLENCE AWARD.

2014
ISO 10002 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WAS ESTABLISHED AND CERTIFIED.

2019
ISO 50001 ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WAS ESTABLISHED AND CERTIFIED.

2020
RECEIVED THE COVID-19 SAFE SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

2021
BECAME THE FIRST IN TURKIYE BY SCORING FULL MARKS IN THE TOBB ACCREDITATION SYSTEM.

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