

## NEWS FROM TUSEV



### New TUSEV Members: Maya Foundation and Tohum Autism Foundation

**Maya Foundation**, established in October 2015, aims to support the academic, mental and physical development of children and youth, to create a future where they can express themselves freely, think creatively and reach their full potential. Established in April 2013, **Tohum Autism Foundation** has the vision of facilitating the early identification of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and meeting the health and educational needs of children diagnosed with ASD in Turkey according to the world standards. With its new members, TUSEV has become a network of 114 foundations and associations.



### Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development Turkey Country Report 2016 is Published

TUSEV has published the Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development Turkey Country Report 2016. Prepared in line with the criterion set under the Monitoring Matrix methodology developed by the BCSDN, the report presents the state of civil society in terms of Basic Legal Guarantees of Freedoms, CSO Financial Viability and Sustainability, and Government-CSO Relationship. You can reach the report which also includes the findings of the survey conducted with 100 CSOs country-wide [here](#).



### The Fourth Term of the Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Program Ended

TUSEV has been implementing the Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Program under Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project with an aim to enhance the dialogue among professionals working in areas related to philanthropy. In the fourth term of the program, ended in June 2017, various aspects of philanthropy such as individual giving, corporate philanthropy, grantmaking, donor relations and donor management, communication and campaigning, legal and fiscal framework binding civil society, and new models of giving based on international knowledge were covered.



### TUSEV Attended the BCSDN Regional Conference

On June 21, TUSEV attended Balkan Civil Society Development Network's (BCSDN) regional conference "Promoting Civic Space" in Skopje, Macedonia. TUSEV's Secretary General Başak Ersen was one of the panelists of the session titled "CSO Actions in Promoting Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development". The conference was attended by more than 40 civil society representatives from the Western Balkans and Turkey. Please click [here](#) for more information.



### TUSEV Attended the Regional Philanthropy Conference Organized by TACSO

TUSEV attended "Making It Work: Philanthropy in the Western Balkans and Turkey" Conference organized by the Technical Assistance for Civil Society Organisations (TACSO) on 4-6 July, in Belgrade, Serbia. During the conference, topics such as the current state of philanthropy in Western Balkans and Turkey, efforts to promote philanthropy development in the region and different models of giving were discussed. TUSEV's Deputy Secretary General Liana Varon shared information about the current state of individual giving in Turkey and introduced the Destekle Değiştir model which is used by TUSEV as a tool to promote individual giving.



### TUSEV Attended the European Foundation Center Annual General Assembly and Conference

TUSEV attended the European Foundation Center (EFC) Annual General Assembly and Conference in Warsaw, on 29-30 May. The conference which was held with the theme "Courage to re-embrace solidarity in Europe-Can philanthropy take the lead?" focused on how philanthropy should be involved in fostering, supporting and promoting solidarity and what foundations and philanthropic organizations can do in order to increase solidarity to overcome crisis faced by democracy today. In addition, Solidarity Fund, established to support initiatives aimed at strengthening civil society actors and safeguarding democratic values in Europe, was introduced. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



### State of Civil Society Report 2017 is Published

CIVICUS published the 2017 edition of the yearly State of Civil Society Report which examines the major events that involve and affect civil society around the world. This year's report focuses on the space for civil society -civic space- and the impact of a resurgence of right-wing populist politics; the right to express dissent; protest movements; and civil society's international-level actions. A special thematic section of the report presents 27 guest articles from thought leaders around the world, exploring the relationships between civil society and the private sector. Please click [here](#) for more information.



### New Handbook on Protecting the Right to Freedom of Expression under the European Convention on Human Rights

New Handbook on Protecting the Right to Freedom of Expression under the European Convention on Human Rights by the Council of Europe is published. The handbook examines the scope and content of freedom of expression as guaranteed in particular by Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights and as interpreted by the case law of the European Court of Human Rights. Please click [here](#) to reach the handbook.



### Trends in Turkish Civil Society Report is Published

Center for American Progress, the Istanbul Policy Center, and the Istituto Affari Internazionali published the Trends in Turkish Civil Society Report which focuses on the importance of Turkish civil society and provides historical, political, economic, and legal context for its operation. TUSEV has been one of the contributors of the report which offers examples of how CSOs can contribute to solutions and recommendations for how best to support Turkish civil society. You can reach the report [here](#).



### Grantmakers East Forum Will be Held in Vienna on 27-29 September

The 22nd annual Grantmakers East Forum (GEF) will take place in Vienna, Austria from 27 to 29 September 2017, with the theme "Reclaiming civic spaces: Imagination, expression and creation for social change". In the forum the role of institutional philanthropy in seeking innovative approaches to reclaiming and reasserting civic spaces will be explored and particular attention will be given to the role of arts and culture in responding to the different threats Europe is facing. Please click [here](#) for more information and registration.

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



### Artists Announced for the 15th Istanbul Biennial

Organized by Istanbul Culture and Arts Foundation (IKSV), the 15th Istanbul Biennial, entitled "A Good Neighbor" and curated by artist duo Elmgreen & Dragset, revealed the participating artists of this year's edition. The biennial will take place from 16 September to 12 November 2017 and bring together artworks by 55 artists from 32 countries, all addressing different notions of home, belonging and neighborhood. You can reach more information [here](#).



### Turkish National Youth Philharmonic Orchestra Supported by the Sabancı Foundation Started a Camp on August 8

Turkish National Youth Philharmonic Orchestra (TYPO) which was established with the support of the Sabancı Foundation started a camp at Sabancı University between August 8 and 25 for three weeks and will go on a tour after training and rehearsals. Under the guidance of Conductor Cem Mansur, young musicians will prepare to perform some works which even the most professional orchestras hardly dare to perform. The orchestra which is hosted by many festivals and concerts around Europe every year will meet with music lovers in Germany, Czech Republic and Italy. The orchestra which has broadened the horizons of hundreds of young musicians in Turkey has been carrying out its activities under the roof of Cultural Awareness Foundation. Click [here](#) for more detailed information.

### Turkish Education Foundation Celebrates its 50th Year with a New Campaign



Turkish Education Foundation (TEV) aims to provide scholarships to students who are successful but in need of financial help; support the educational system by constructing schools, dormitories, educational institutions, and libraries; give awards to promote students' achievements and carry out scientific researches in the field of education. Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the foundation started a new communication campaign titled "Geleceğin Adı Umut Olsun" (Hope Is the Name of the Future) in order to increase its recognition by reaching out to a larger audience with a new video by the famous Turkish director Omer Faruk Sorak which is dubbed by the artist Cem Yılmaz. You can watch the video in Turkish [here](#).



### The Spastic Children's Foundation of Turkey Starts the September Project

September Project, of which The Spastic Children's Foundation of Turkey has been the country representative for the last three years, will be held between September 4 and October 1 simultaneously in nine countries worldwide. As the main fundraising event of the foundation, donations provided through the project will be used to provide special education and rehabilitation for children with Cerebral Palsy free of charge. In September, participants within teams of four will take 10,000 steps daily and collect donations by mobilizing their networks. In the last three years 1.784 free education and rehabilitation sessions for 487 children with Cerebral Palsy were made thanks to the donations collected by 4,310 volunteers of which 129 are corporate volunteers. You can get more information about September Turkey [here](#).

### Koç School Generates Its Own Electricity



A solar power plant has been put into operation at the Koç School with the aim of capitalizing on renewable energy sources, turning it into an educational opportunity and creating a learning environment, as well as raising awareness of this topic. The power plant, which will meet 35% of the school's electricity requirement, has the highest installed capacity for a plant built in an educational institution in Turkey, and also the largest installed power in the Marmara Region. Right next to the solar power plant there is the "Solar House", designed for the students to work on several topics and renewable energy resources in particular, and develop projects.

## OUR PROJECTS

