

European Commission Published Turkey 2014 Progress Report

European Commission published the [2014 Progress Report for Turkey](#), covering the period from October 2013 to September 2014.

The report is based on information gathered and analysed by the Commission. Many sources have been used, including contributions from the government of Turkey, the EU Member States, European Parliament reports, and information from various international and non-governmental organisations.

The report briefly describes the relations between Turkey and the European Union; analyses the situation in Turkey in terms of the political and economic criteria for membership; and reviews Turkey's capacity to take on the obligations of membership.

TUSEV compiled together relevant information from the 2014 Turkey Progress Report that concerns civil society in Turkey. More information is available [here](#).



News from TUSEV



A New Report from TUSEV: Private Philanthropic Engagement in Turkey

TUSEV launched a new report entitled **Private Philanthropic Engagement in Turkey**. The report, gives a snapshot of the current state of private philanthropic engagement in Turkey and its possible future directions as a background document for the discussions at The Global Philanthropists Circle Peer Exchange that took place in Istanbul, in October 2014. The report provides thought provoking inputs as an encouragement for enhanced coordination among philanthropists in Turkey.

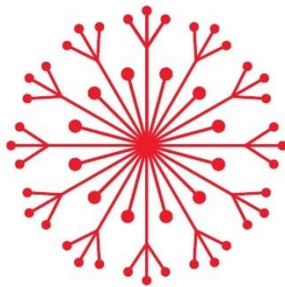
You can download the report from [here](#).

Participatory Decision Making: Bursa Nilüfer Municipality

Within the scope of [Developing CSO - Public Sector Relations in Turkey Project](#); TUSEV is holding several meetings both at local and national level in cooperation with different national and international organizations to improve the civil society- public sector relations.

One of these meetings was held at Bursa Nilüfer Municipality on October 21st with the participation of an expert from Bulgarian Centre for Not for Profit Law (BCNL). During the meeting, participants discussed the ways to improve the implementation of participatory decision making mechanisms within the organizational schema of Nilüfer Municipality.

As the result and the outcome of the meeting, a **Protocol and Guidelines for Participation** is expected to be published and signed by TUSEV and Nilüfer Municipality by December.



Giving Circle in Istanbul

Giving Circle is a collective fundraising model where individual donors put forward, select and fund small scale projects of grassroots organizations. It was realized successfully for the first time in Istanbul on May 13th 2014, raised awareness on the causes and mobilized support for the projects of four local CSOs.

The second Giving Circle event which is organized by a committee of donors and nonprofit

practitioners, with technical support from TUSEV through its Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project and in partnership with The Funding Network, will take place at the **Pera Museum in Istanbul on December 16th.**

The second event will feature the following organizations: **Tarlabasi Community Support Association** and their project offering rhythm and percussion workshops to the children, in a vulnerable community; **Social Policies Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Studies Association (SPOD)** and their project for the establishment of a LGBTI violence response hot line; and **Sinemasal Association** which takes cultural events to rural regions with limited access to arts.

Anna Lindh Foundation Head of Networks (HoN) Meeting

The Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF) is an inter-governmental institution bringing together civil society and citizens across the Mediterranean to build trust and improve mutual understanding.

ALF runs the largest network of civil society organisations involved in the promotion of

intercultural dialogue across the Euro-Mediterranean region. TUSEV was appointed as the head of the Turkish network in 2013.



ALF organised an international network meeting between 26-30 October in Naples, Italy with the participation of head of network organizations from 42 countries. Participants discussed ALF's 2015-2017 strategic plan and the framework for membership. In the same meeting, TUSEV's Secretary General Tevfik Başak Ersen presented the initial findings of TUSEV's research on the "Projections Towards the Future of the Civil Society."

For more information: www.annalindhfoundation.org

Conference for Framework Partnerships Projects (FPAs)

Closing conference for Framework Partnerships Projects (FPAs) that are funded by the European Commission to support networks of CSOs from the Western Balkans, Turkey was held on 24-25 September in Brussels.

TUSEV took part in this conference as the implementing partner of "Balkan Civil Society Acquis – Strengthening the Advocacy and Monitoring Potential and Capacities of CSOs" project implemented by members of Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) from Turkey and Western Balkans.

In the closing conference participants discussed the lessons learnt and the evaluation process of the projects.

Please see the Mid term review and presentation [here](#).

News from the Sector



International Civil Society Week 2014

To celebrate South Africa's 20th anniversary of freedom and democracy, CIVICUS and its partners will gather change makers from around the world at the University of Witwatersrand in

Johannesburg for International Civil Society Week from 19-25 November 2014.

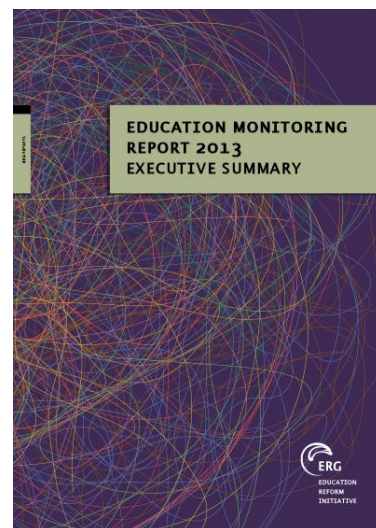
International Civil Society Week 2015 will involve a diverse, multi-stakeholder partnership that seeks to tackle the world's most pressing challenges. Under the banner of Citizen Action, People Power, the weeklong series events will be the premiere global gathering of inspired thinkers, innovation leaders and influential organisations.

More information is available [here](#).

Education Monitoring Report 2013

Education Reform Initiative (ERI) produces a consistent, comprehensive and critical evaluation of education policies and their implementation through its annual Education Monitoring Reports.

In Education Monitoring Report 2013, the seventh in the series, the main developments in education are assessed, including the four main components of education (students, teachers, content of education, and learning environments) as well as governance and financing of the



education system. The last section of the report focuses on educational outcomes.

Click [here](#) for the details.



Beyond Borders: Turkey-Armenia Travel Grant

The Hrant Dink Foundation launches the Turkey-Armenia Travel Grant with a view to increase direct contacts and to promote cooperation between the peoples of the two neighbouring countries.

Turkey-Armenia Travel Grant aims to support the travels of 200 individuals within a period of 16 months thanks to the financial assistance of the European Union. Hrant Dink Foundation will administer the Travel Grant in partnership with **the Civilitas Foundation** in Armenia and with the support of **Community Volunteers Foundation (TOG)** based in Turkey and **the Youth Initiative Centre (YIC)** based in Gyumri, Armenia.

Travel Grant will be open to applications at all times. Applications will be open throughout the year. However, the Selection Committee will decide on the beneficiaries in line with the selection timeline.

Details available [here](#).

The Global Gender Gap Report 2014

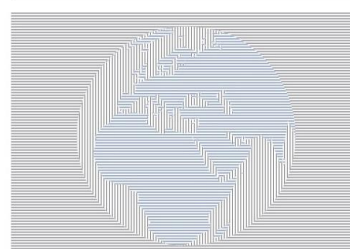
The Global Gender Gap Index was first introduced by the World Economic Forum in 2006 as a framework for capturing the magnitude of gender-based disparities and tracking their progress. This year is the 9th edition of the Index, allowing for time-series analysis on the changing patterns of gender equality around the world and comparisons between and within countries.

The Index benchmarks national gender gaps on economic, political, education and health criteria, and provides country rankings that allow for effective comparisons across regions and income groups. The rankings are designed to create greater awareness among a



Insight Report

The Global Gender Gap Report 2014



global audience of the challenges posed by gender gaps and the opportunities created by reducing them.

You can download the report from [here](#).

News from our Members

Sowing Season Experience Sharing Meeting held at Sabanci Center

The civil society organizations supported by the Sabanci Foundation Social Development Grant Program gathered at the annual Sowing Season Experience Sharing Meeting. The representatives of 9 civil society organizations, who received grant support from Sabanci Foundation in 2013 and completed their projects in 2014, convened at the meeting held at Sabanci Center, hosted by the Chairman of the Sabanci Foundation Board of Trustees, Ms. Guler Sabanci.



The civil society organizations, who received knowhow and experience support from Sabanci Foundation as well as the grant support, shared the stories of their projects implemented all around Turkey on women, youth and persons with disabilities.

For more information, please click [here](#).



New Project From TEGV and Adım Adım: My Name is Turkey

One of the leading non-governmental organizations operating in the field of education, Turkish Educational Volunteers Foundation (TEGV) and charity run organisation Adım Adım launched a new project aims at collecting donations for 7

learning units at 7 different regions of Turkey.

Adım Adım runners who will be attending to Istanbul Marathon on November 16, 2014 and Runtalya Marathon on March 1, 2015 will make a call for the donors of “My Name is Turkey”

project. The objective is to cover the operational cost of TEGV Learning Units in Edirne, Rize, Erzincan, Burdur, Denizli, Nevşehir and Diyarbakır for 2 years in order to create educational support for totally 17,000 elementary school children.

For detailed information please see www.adimadim.org

TISK 2014 Social Responsibility Award goes to MLMM

The “**Vocational Education: A Crucial Matter for the Nation**” project initiated by the Koç Group in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Vehbi Koç Foundation in order to increase the vocational education quality through the implementation of a cooperation model between the private and public sector, won its 11th award.



MLMM, thanks to the effectiveness, comprehensiveness, innovation and sustainability of its cooperation model that has become a best practice, has been awarded the Grand Prize in the 2014 Corporate Social Responsibility Awards given out by TISK (Turkish Confederation of Employer Associations).