

NEWS FROM TUSEV



Third Phase of the "Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey" Project Has Started

Third phase of Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project implemented by TUSEV and financially supported by Charles Stewart Mott Foundation started in September 2015. In the third phase, covering the period between 2015 and 2017, TUSEV will continue to disseminate information on best practices in giving, encourage peer-learning among individual and corporate donors, and adapt new tools and methods to develop strategic giving. You can read more about the goals and planned activities of the third phase [here](#).



"Western Balkans OGP Dialogue 2015: Engaged Citizens" Conference

Open Government Partnership (OGP), an international platform for domestic reformers committed to making their governments more open, accountable and responsive to citizens, organized the "Western Balkans OGP Dialogue 2015: Engaged Citizens" conference in Tirana on 10-11 September. TUSEV participated in the Conference to follow up on the developments regarding OGP commitments of different countries, to learn about the best practices and share experiences. Main result of the Conference was the establishment of a Regional Forum that will focus on highlighting the best practices and establishing regional support and peer-exchange mechanisms.



New Report from EFC: "Comparative Highlights of Foundation Laws"

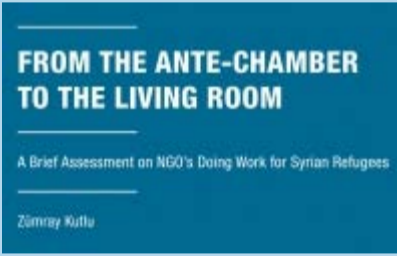
European Foundation Center (EFC) published a new report, "Comparative Highlights of Foundation Laws: The Operating Environment for Foundations in Europe 2015", which aims to provide a comparative overview of diverse legal and fiscal environments that foundations operate in 40 countries across Europe. TUSEV contributed to the section on Turkey. Please click [here](#) to download the full report.



Media&CSO Cooperation Workshop

"We Have A Message" project, implemented by Dipnot TV within the scope of the Ministry for European Union Affairs' Civil Society Dialogue Program, is an EU project aiming to improve the perceptions in Turkey-EU relations, increase mutual understanding, and participation in Turkey-EU relations. As part of the Project, Media&NGO Cooperation Workshop took place on September 30th at Kadir Has University. Experts from media and civil society shared their experiences. A panel discussing the relations between civil society and media was organized with the participation of TUSEV's Secretary General Başak Ersen and the founder of the Dipnot TV Cüneyt Özdemir.

NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



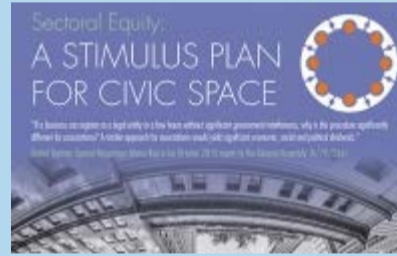
Report on Turkish CSOs Working for Syrian Refugees

As a joint project of Anadolu Kültür and Open Society Foundation, the report entitled "From the Ante-Chamber to the Living Room: A Brief Assessment on NGO's Doing Work for Syrian Refugees" was published. The report is a preliminary attempt to document the NGO's efforts and the work they have been conducting with the aim of supporting the Syrian refugees in Turkey. Please click [here](#) to download the report.



World Giving Index 2015

World Giving Index 2015, published by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), aims to provide insight into the scope and nature of giving around the world. In its sixth year, the Report is consisted of 145 countries surveyed, representing around 96% of the world's population. By measuring three different kinds of giving, namely donating money, helping a stranger and volunteering, the Index provides a simple and universally understood picture of charitable behavior across the world. Please click [here](#) to download the World Giving Index 2015.



New Report from the UN Special Rapporteur

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association Maina Kiai presented the report "Comparing States' Treatment of Businesses and Associations Worldwide" to UN General Assembly on October 27. The Report compares the enabling environments that states, multilateral organizations and other actors create for businesses and associations, and highlights instances where they are treated equally. According to Kiai, states would better promote and protect the rights of freedom of peaceful assembly and of association if they elevated their treatment of associations to similar levels as their treatment of businesses. Please click [here](#) to read the Report.



Beginner's Guide to EU Funding

European Commission published a new guide aiming to introduce wide range of EU funding opportunities available to applicants. "Beginner's Guide to EU Funding" offers basic guidance on the application procedures and details. It provides links to further detailed information about specific opportunities and includes examples and practical tips. The guide has six main target groups: small and medium-sized enterprises, non-governmental organizations, young people, researchers, farmers and public bodies. Please click [here](#) for more information.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Darüşşafaka Society is Granted "Special Consultative Status" by ECOSOC



Darüşşafaka Society is granted "special consultative status" by United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which enables an organization to actively engage with ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, as well as with the United Nations Secretariat, programs, funds and agencies in a number of ways. ECOSOC engages a wide variety of stakeholders in a productive dialogue on sustainable development through a programmatic cycle of meetings. It provides information on ways to participate in the work of the Council, including opportunities to organizations to consult with member states and the United Nations system at large, based on the nature and scope of work that the organization undertakes. Consultative status allows organizations to be informed about the provisional agenda of the Economic and Social Council. For more information, please click [here](#).



Dr. Nejat F. Eczacıbaşı Medical Award Winners

On 5 October, the winners of "2015 Dr. Nejat F. Eczacıbaşı Medical Awards," were announced. Dr. Deniz Atasoy, Assistant Professor in the Physiology Department of Medipol University's Faculty of Medicine, and Dr. Ethem Murat Arsava, Associate Professor in the Neurology Department of Hacettepe University's Faculty of Medicine, received Medical Incentive Awards. Professor Dr. Yusuf Baran of the Molecular Biology Department in the Life and Natural Sciences Faculty of Abdullah Gül University received the Scientific Research Incentive Award. Additionally, medical students Miray Nilüfer Cimşit from Koç University, Doğan Koç from Dokuz Eylül University, Güneş Parlakgöl from Istanbul University, and Doğan Üren from Marmara University's Faculty of Medicine received Medical Student Project Awards for their leadership of research projects.



G(irls)20 Summit was Held in Istanbul

G(irls)20 Summit 2015; of which Sabancı Foundation is the key host partner and supporter, was held on October 5-6 in Istanbul. Themed around increasing labor force participation of women, the summit included discussions about "cultural, social and political barriers against employment" and "proven practices that create jobs for women". In her opening remarks, the Chairman of Sabancı Foundation Board of Trustees, Ms. Güler Sabancı stated that the 21st century is the era of women and added: "Today, the biggest barrier in women's economic participation is the belief that women and men are unequal. Women want "equality" not "privilege". This is the reason why we focus our programs at Sabancı Foundation on this issue and aim to address to the roots of the problem." For more information, please click [here](#).



VKF Hosted Grantmakers East Forum in Istanbul

European Foundation Center – Grantmakers East forum (GEF) conference hosted by the Vehbi Koç Foundation took place in Istanbul from September 30 to October 2. GEF a thematic network of the European Foundation Center which gathers European corporate foundations and grantmaking foundations around partnership opportunities, is a network composed particularly of foundations working in Central and Eastern Europe. GEF celebrated its 20th anniversary with a conference entitled "Creating Equal Opportunities: Overcoming Divides" with the participation of grantmakers from all over Europe. Please click [here](#) for Conference notes prepared by TUSEV.

OUR PROJECTS

