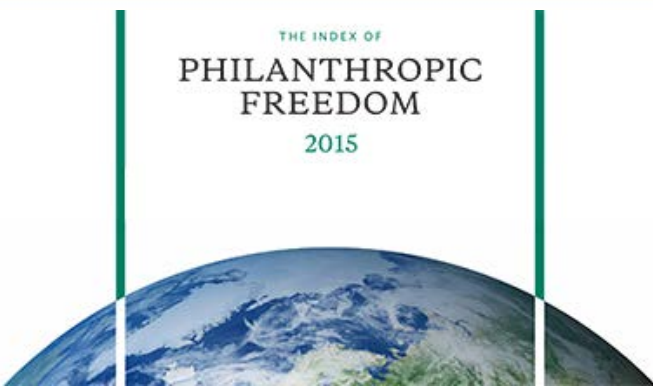


NEWS FROM TUSEV



The Index of Philanthropic Freedom 2015

The [Center for Global Prosperity](#) at the Hudson Institute released a new study: The Index of Philanthropic Freedom 2015, which is the first major global study on incentives and barriers to giving. Local experts from 64 countries participated in this study. TUSEV provided contribution on Turkey section. The Index rated the regulatory environment in the Netherlands as the most conducive to philanthropic freedom whereas Turkey is ranked as 47 out of 64 countries. Please click [here](#) to download the full report.



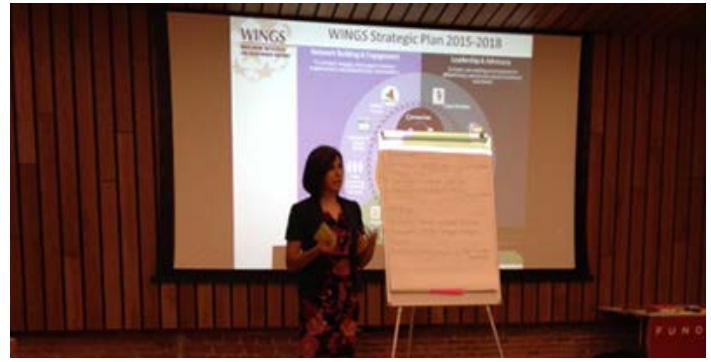
State of Civil Society Report 2015

Each year CIVICUS publishes the State of Civil Society Report, offering a comprehensive picture of civil society and the conditions it works in around the world, drawing on a range of inputs from experts and activists on the ground. This year's focus is resourcing of civil society. 165 CIVICUS members from all around the world contributed on the report. TUSEV provided contribution on Turkey section. Civil society leaders and experts addressed some of the most urgent global issues. According to CIVICUS's analysis, in 2014, there were serious threats to civic freedoms in at least 96 countries around the world. Please click [here](#) to download the full report.



Regional Monitoring Matrix and Turkey 2014 Reports are Available Online

After completing a yearlong monitoring cycle, Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) and its members, including TUSEV, have drafted eight country reports and one regional report on enabling environment for civil society in partnership with European Center for Non-profit Law (ECNL). [The Regional Report for 2014](#) summarizes the key findings from [8 country reports](#) in the Western Balkans and Turkey. Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development Turkey 2014 report prepared by TUSEV can be accessed from [here](#).



WINGS-DAFNE Joint Peer Learning Event, Madrid

WINGS (Worldwide Initiative for Grantmaker Support) and DAFNE (Donors and Foundations Networks in Europe) organized a peer-learning event on July 15-17 in Madrid on the development of an evaluative framework enabling the field of infrastructure support to measure effectiveness, strengths and weaknesses. TUSEV took part in the event as a member of both organizations. Capacity, capability, connection and credentials were presented as the four main benefits of membership associations and support organizations. These four benefits will be used as a starting point for developing indicators and constructing a new framework to assess the value of infrastructure organizations which will be presented at the WINGS Conference in 2017.



The First Funding Network International Conference, London

The Funding Network (TFN) is a UK based non-profit organization established in 2002 that enables individuals to join together to crowdfund social change projects. For the past years, TFN has been collaborating with and providing technical support to 13 countries on implementing the Giving Circle model as an innovative method in supporting philanthropy. TUSEV has also collaborated with TFN in adopting the model to local habits and culture of giving in order to provide individual donors with a new method in supporting civil society organizations. On July 6-8, TFN organized an international conference that brought together representatives from the 13 countries it collaborates with to encourage peer learning, sharing of best practices and networking. At the Giving Circle London event on July 7th £55,863 was raised for four community change projects. For detailed information, please click [here](#).

NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



C20 Summit 2015 Registration is Open

The C20 Summit 2015 will take place on 15th and 16th September 2015, at Bosphorus University in Istanbul. 400+ civil society delegates from around the world will come together to help shape civil society's recommendations to the G20 Leaders' Summit in Antalya, Turkey on 15th and 16th November. The C20 Summit will combine interactive and engaging methodologies with presentations by eminent experts and practitioners from around the world. Deadline for registration is August 7, 2015. You can visit [c20turkey.org](#) to learn more about the Summit and click here to [register](#).



Registration for the 2015 Grantmakers East Forum is Open

20th annual Grantmakers East Forum (GEF) will be held in Istanbul from 30 September to 2 October, hosted by Vehbi Koç Foundation. This year's theme will be "Creating equal opportunities: Overcoming divides". Sessions will focus on youth employment, social entrepreneurship, gender-sensitive grantmaking, fair access to resources, freedom of expression and social fabric in contested territories. Two workshops will also provide ideas and solutions to achieve successful storytelling and to assess impact of initiatives. Registration is now open for any grantmaking foundation, bilateral donor, international organisation and corporate funder which is based or working in Central and Eastern Europe. Please click [here](#) for more details and registration.



Open Government Partnership Global Summit Mexico

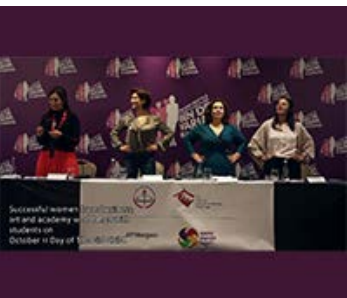
The [Open Government Partnership's](#) Global Summit will be held in Mexico City on October 27-29. More than 1500 participants from civil society organizations, businesses and governments are expected to attend the summit to share their experiences and provide real examples of how openness can improve public services, drive economic growth, reduce poverty, make governments more accountable to the people they serve. This year's special topic will be how the principles of open government could support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Post-2015 Agenda. Pre-registration deadline is September 28. For more information and registration please click [here](#).



ICSW 2016, Call for Partnership Involvement

International Civil Society Week (ICSW) is a key global gathering for civil society, donors, academia and other stakeholders to engage constructively in finding common solutions to global challenges. CIVICUS and CCONG, the Colombian national platform of NGOs (Confederación Colombiana de ONG) have partnered to organise the next International Civil Society Week in April 2016 in Bogotá, Colombia around the theme 'Active Citizens, Accountable Actions'. Please click [here](#) if you are interested in partnering an event at ICSW. Deadline to submit a proposal to host an event at the 2016 ICSW is September 13, 2015.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



Genç Hayat Foundation Launched the "Count Me In" Project Film

Genç Hayat Foundation launched the "Count me in" project in cooperation with the Ministry of Family and Social Policies and the Ministry of National Education. "Count me in" project increases the labor force participation and social engagement of girls. Girls are being trained by the teachers of girls' technical and vocational high schools using Genç Hayat Foundation's methods. With these trainings, their knowledge, skills and abilities improve and they realize their true potential. The qualifications acquired during the project enhances girls' motivation for working and career choice. Focusing on the girls, Genç Hayat Foundation works with everyone girls are connected with and incorporates their families, teachers and internship advisors into this project. Please click [here](#) to watch the project film.



Sabancı Foundation Provides Grant Support to 10 New Projects in 2015

Sabancı Foundation has announced the new projects that will be supported through the Grant Program this year. Supporting civil society organizations that are working to promote access to equal opportunities for women, youth and persons with disabilities, Sabancı Foundation will provide grant support to 10 new projects. The total amount of grants allocated to 119 projects by Sabancı Foundation Grant Programs in 8 years has exceeded 11 million Turkish Liras. Among these 10 projects, there are projects targeting different social matters such as stopping early and forced marriages, fighting discrimination against persons with disabilities and enabling social participation of youth by using art. For more information, please click [here](#).



Vodafone Easy Rescue Brings the First Cannes Lions Grand Prix to Turkey

Grand Prix -the most prestigious prize in the Cannes Lions Festival of Creativity- was awarded to Vodafone "Easy Rescue" campaign, bringing the prize to Turkey for the first time. The creative campaign titled "Between you and Us" designed for Vodafone Easy Rescue app won the Grand Prix in Media Category as well as 5 other prizes, topping the bill in Cannes this year. "Easy Rescue" app is designed to connect victims of domestic violence to emergency services, including police, ambulance and government hotlines, without alerting their assailant to fact that the user has called for help. Please click [here](#) for more details.

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