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## Strengthening Civil Society Development and Civil Society-Public Sector Dialogue in Turkey Project’s “Desktop Research” is finalized.

Within the scope of the Strengthening Civil Society Development and Civil Society-Public Sector Dialogue in Turkey project, undertaken by TÜSEV, STGM and YADA, a desktop research on the Code of Conduct for civil society – government relationship is finalized. The project is co-financed by the European Union and the Republic of Turkey. The desktop research identifies exemplary code of conduct documents in EU and in the world, and provides recommendations for a possible code of conduct in the Turkish context. Within the context of the research related official documents and public bodies in the international contexts, policy papers of international organizations and articles of experts and academicians were analysed covering 16 countries, 13 of them being EU countries. The report will soon be shared through TUSEV’s website in English and in Turkish.

## News From the Sector

### TUSEV has launched [www.degisimicinbagis.org](http://www.degisimicinbagis.org) within the scope of the Philanthropy Infrastructure Development Project

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comprehensive online platform which consists of relevant information, news, practices, advices, and publications aimed at drawing a roadmap for individuals, companies, foundations, and local communities interested in enhancing their philanthropic activities.



### Koc University has organized an Impact Investing “Warm Up” Workshop, January 10

Koc University has organized an Impact Investing “Warm Up” Workshop on January 10th as part of the Investment Ready Program. Attended by ventures, investors, philanthropists, and foundation members, and moderated by Nikolaus Hutter (the head of Europe, Tonic Network), the workshop

aimed at creating an environment in which experiences about impact investing could be shared. As part of the workshop, TUSEV was among the consultants who coached social entrepreneurs about how to present their prospective projects to investors. To learn more about the Investment Ready Program, please [visit](#) here.

### **“Community Foundation Model in Turkey” Workshop, December 6**

TÜSEV has organized a “Community Foundation Model in Turkey” Workshop on December 6 with high participation from civil society and private sector organizations. The aim of the workshop was to draw TUSEV’s roadmap in promoting the Community Foundation model in 2013 as part of its activities under the Philanthropy Infrastructure Development Project. The key note speakers were Centris Executive Director Barry Knight, Prime Ministry Strategic Development Director Nahit Bingöl , and President of Bolu Community Foundation Şerafettin Erbayram.

### **The Role of Mobile Technology in Fundraising Meeting, December 4**

The importance of mobile technology in creating alternative funding for civil society organizations was discussed during the meeting organized by TUSEV on December 4. The key note speaker of the meeting was Rolang Csaki (the Communication & Marketing Director at WWF for Hungary, Russia, Poland, Romania, and Turkey) who discussed communication strategies and mobile technology applications used in fundraising efforts in different countries.

### **European Union and Turkey Civil Society Dialogue III**

Civil Society Dialogue between the EU and Turkey is continuing with the new grant programs in the areas of Political Criteria and Media. Partnership between Turkish and EU CSOs is a prerequisite to apply to the grant schemes under the Civil Society Dialogue. This “Partner Search & Matchmaking Tool” has been created to facilitate the process of finding eligible partners for grant projects to be proposed. You can participate in this matchmaking system by registering your organization and entering its information to the system. [Click](#)for more information.

### **Social Entrepreneurship was discussed in G3 Entrepreneurship Forum**

Hosted by TOBB Young Entrepreneurs Council, TOBB Woman Entrepreneurs Council, and GATE Turkey, G3 Entrepreneurship Forum took place on November 15 at Lutfu Kırdar Convention Center with support from Vodafone. During the Forum, which was a part of Global Entrepreneurship Week activities, eight main topics were discussed including social entrepreneurship. TUSEV was one of the speakers of the forum which also included sub-topics for discussion like “Social Entrepreneurship and Legal Legislation and Grants,” “The Role of Social Entrepreneurship in Societal Development,” and “Differences and Partnerships Between Social Entrepreneurship and

Business Initiatives.” You can [visit](#) for further information.

### **TUSEV met with Bilgi Young Social Entrepreneurship Awards Finalists**

The finalists for the Bilgi Young Social Entrepreneurship Awards, which is organized in cooperation with İstanbul Bilgi University International Youth Foundation, Sylvan/Laureate Foundation, and Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV) since 2010, were selected. 10 finalists (who are awarded with 3500 dollars, one week educational program, and consultancy services) were selected after a two-phase jury system. TUSEV team has met with finalists on December 20 to discuss “Legal and Organizational Structures for Social Entrepreneurs.”

### **News from Our Members**

#### **The Written Document of “Philanthropy for Education: Innovations and Opportunities Seminar” is Now Available**

The sixth of the Sabanci Foundation Philanthropy Seminars was held under the theme of “Philanthropy for Education: Innovations and Opportunities”. The seminar hosted two speakers; M’hammed Abbad Andaloussi, founder of the NGO Al Jisr which works towards the improvement of education system via cooperation with private sector, foundations and the public sector; and Irene Pritzker, founder of IDP (Innovation Development Progress) Foundation. [Click](#) for the Turkish transcription of the seminar.

#### **TEGV Embraces the Children of Van with 6 Activity Locations in the New Education Year**

One year has passed since the earthquake stroke Van and since then TEGV has intensified its efforts in the region. TEGV’s Van Muradiye Learning Unit has moved to its new premises, and the official opening ceremony took place on October. With the support of the Turkish Philanthropy Funds a prefab was built on the ground, which was allocated by the district governorship. Hosted by TEGV Chairman of the Board Oktay Özinci and TEGV General Manager Berna Çağatay, the opening ceremony of the new unit was attended by the Muradiye Governor Erol Tanrıku and many guests. Since the earthquake in October 2011, TEGV has continued to provide education and moral support in 1 Education Park, 3 Learning Units and 8 Fireflies which were directed to the region in different times. With its activities in Van, TEGV has reached a total of 25,125 children since the earthquake. [Click](#) for more information.