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Balkan Civil Society Acquis: Strengthening the Advocacy and Monitoring Potential and Capacities CSOs Project

TUSEV has started implementing the project which is coordinated by Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) and, with the partnership of other

Balkan Countries (Bosnia, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, and Slovenia.) The project, will take place between 2012-2014 to aims to strengthen the capacity and potentials of civil society for monitoring and advocacy work by contributing to the development of enabling environment. Within the scope of project, civil society organizations, from Western Balkans and Turkey, have developed a "monitoring matrix". Through this matrix, the projects aims to; create monitoring mechanism for tracking of development of civil society, to have the EU Progress Report which analysis the issues regarding the development of enabling environment for the development of civil society, and to support the participation, legal reform initiative, promotion of monitoring activities of the stakeholders of the EU. Other partners of the project, which is funded by the European Union, European Network of National Civil Society Organizations (ENNA), and the European Centre of Non-Profit Organizations Law (ECNL).

The Civil Society Monitoring Report 2012

Civil Society Monitoring Project 2012 is launched with the financial support of Chrest Foundation, Open Society Foundation and German Marshall Fund. The second edition of the Civil Society Monitoring Report that focused on developments in the 2011-2012 period reports on the strength and overall viability of non-profit sector in Turkey. Furthermore, the report highlighted both advances and setbacks in sectoral development. Following the first edition which was published in 2011, TUSEV will continue with the Civil Society Monitoring Project annually to allow for comparing the advances and setbacks in the sector. This year's report provides information on various aspects of civil society such as, public sector-CSO relations, legal and fiscal environment, institutional infrastructure and the financial sustainability of the non-profit sector, governance of

CSOs and international relations. The Monitoring Report aimed to open up a discussion on the role and impact of the non-profit sector in Turkey with case studies focusing on CSOs participation in Turkey's new constitution making process, activities and role of the non-profit sector following the Van Earthquake, the role of international donors in supporting Turkish CSO's and media-CSO relations. The English version of the Report will be available online at www.tusev.org.tr in June 2013.



Civil Society - Public Sector Cooperation International Conference

TUSEV organized an international conference on April 25-26, 2013 in Istanbul within the scope of the “Strengthening Civil Society Development and Civil Society-Public Sector Dialogue in Turkey” Project

implemented in cooperation with STGM (Civil Society Development Center) and YADA Foundation. Panels and workshops which scrutinized the practices, experiences and policies on civil society-public cooperation in a comparative sense, took place in the conference. Civil Society – Public Sector Cooperation International Conference brought the representatives from civil society and public sector as well as the experts from Turkey and the EU countries together. The notes and the reports of the conference will be launched on the website of the project in the upcoming days.



The Organic World will Gather in Istanbul at the 18th IFOAM Organic World Congress

The IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements) Organic World Congress (OWC) is the world's largest and most significant organic gathering organized every three years to discuss the

strategy and roadmap of organic agriculture. Bugday Association for Supporting Ecological Living will be organizing the 18th OWC in Turkey on 13-15 October 2014. The congress is expected to bring together more than 2,500 stakeholders around the theme “Building Organic Bridges”. The 18th IFOAM Organic World Congress (OWC) is a unique opportunity for the organic world to network with organic stakeholders from all over the world and to learn about the most recent technologies, production techniques, and marketing methods. Bugday Association also aims to increase awareness of organic agriculture in Turkey and to guide people, institutions, organizations and companies related to ecological living to cooperate during the preparations of the congress.

INSPIRE Strategic Philanthropy Course (21-23 May)

INSPIRE (Initiative for Strategic Philanthropy and Intelligent Resources) organized a course on philanthropy which is intended to enable the philanthropy advisors to build an internal capacity to

better address donors' philanthropic needs. The first module, called "Essentials of Philanthropy Advice", took place in Sophia from November 21-23. TUSEV hosted the second module which took place in Istanbul from 21-23 May. The participants, while discussing the experience they had in the philanthropy field for the last 6 months, also had the chance to visit organizations like Community Volunteers Foundation (TOG) and the Mother Child Education Foundation (AÇEV).

Social Entrepreneurship Thematic Seminars

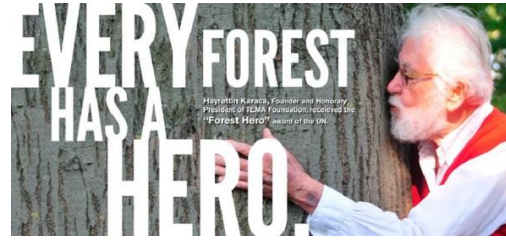
TUSEV organized two thematic seminars within the scope of the Social Entrepreneurship Project that it has been running in collaboration with the British Council. On February 26th, a seminar on "The Future of Social Entrepreneurships: Civil Society Connection and Sustainability" took place with participation from Filippo Addarii, the Director of the EUCLID Network. The other thematic seminar was organized on March 19th on the subject of "Social Impact Assessment," again with high participation from civil society organizations. The key note speaker of the event was Helen Vines who is the Founding Director of the Social Audit Network in UK.

News from Our Members

TEMA Foundation Co-founder Mr. Hayrettin Karaca received the 'Forest Hero Award' from The UN

TEMA Foundation Co-founder and Honorary President Mr. Hayrettin Karaca received the 'Forest Hero Award' from the United Nations.

Along with Mr. Karaca Hayrettin Karaca, five other activists were selected as Forest Heroes among 47 candidates from 30 countries. The awards were presented on 10 April 2013 in a ceremony in Istanbul as 197 member states meet at the 10th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests. In addition to the Forests Heroes from Brazil, Rwanda, Thailand, Turkey and the U.S., the winners of the International Forest Short Film Festival and the International Forest Photograph competition also received awards.



Sabancı Foundation Turkey's Changemakers Program Boasts 100 Changemakers

Sabancı Foundation "Turkey's Changemakers" program has completed its fourth season

which was implemented to promote social development and awareness and ultimately mobilize active citizenship by sharing the unique stories of extraordinary people who contribute to the social development. Within the program, the extraordinary stories of 100 Changemakers were shared

every week on the internet and social media. A book was also prepared including the inspiring stories of 100 Changemakers selected since 2009. The fourth season finale of Turkey's Changemakers program was broadcasted live in the "5 N 1 K" program presented by Cuneyt Ozdemir. With the participation of Guler Sabanci, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Sabanci Foundation, 21 Changemakers of the fourth season shared their experiences in the program.



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