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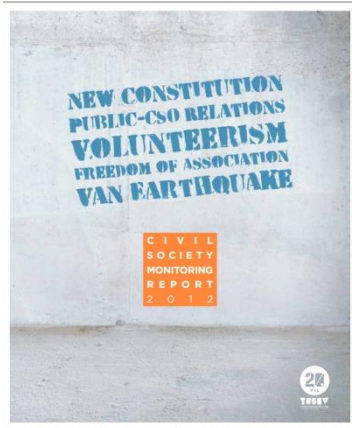
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## News From TUSEV

### New Approaches in Civil Society Conference, November 21-22

Within the scope of its 20th year anniversary, TUSEV will organize a two-day international conference entitled “New Approaches in Civil Society” on November 21-22, 2013 in Istanbul. The conference aims to provide CSOs and other stakeholders with a platform for sharing future projections regarding “the next 10 years of the civil society” and discussing innovative solutions to societal problems in light of TUSEV’s “New Trends in Civil Society Research”. This conference is intended to be the first edition of bi-annual gatherings for civil society organizations. Through this conference TUSEV seeks to create common platforms to exchange best practices and ideas, facilitate cooperation between Turkish civil society organizations, their international counterparts and donors. Conference program will be available soon at [www.tusev.org.tr](http://www.tusev.org.tr).



### TUSEV has Launched English Version of the Civil Society Monitoring Report 2012

TUSEV has launched the English translation of Civil Society Monitoring Report 2012 with financial contributions from the Chrest Foundation, Open Society Foundation Turkey and the German Marshall Fund. Civil Society Monitoring Report 2012 reports on the strength and overall viability of non-profit sector in Turkey, as well as highlighting advances and setbacks in 2011-2012 period. 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. Please [click](#) for the report. To follow the project on twitter: @stkizleme

## **TUSEV Organized Strategic Philanthropy Workshop with Yapi Kredi Bank**

TUSEV has organized a Strategic Philanthropy workshop which was organized in TUSEV office on August 27th, aimed at presenting the Yapi Kredi Private Banking Customer Representatives the elements and applications of strategic philanthropy. Yapi Kredi Bank is the first bank in Turkey which will offer its customers Philanthropy Consultancy as a part of its Private Banking services.

## **“Strengthening Civil Society and Public Sector Cooperation” Project**

As part of the EU funded Project called “Strengthening Civil Society and Public Sector Cooperation” in which TUSEV is an implementing partner, two local consultation meetings organized in Istanbul, on September 9 and 12. During the meetings, the participants from different civil society organizations exchanged their experiences about the obstacles and the conveniences in their relations with the public sector. At the end of the meetings, the participants proposed important points for the making of the Code of Conduct that is going to be designed to regulate the relationship between the civil society and the public sector as one of the main objective of the Project. Within the scope of the same Project, two more local consultation meetings will be organized in Adana and Diyarbakır in September.



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

TUSEV has started implementing the Balkan Civil Society Acquis project which is

coordinated by Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) with the partnership of other CSOs located in Western Balkan Countries (Bosnia, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, and Slovenia). The Project is being financed by the European Union and promotes advancement of Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development to track progress of third sector and build their capacities. Matrix will be implemented simultaneously in 8 countries mentioned above and the final report will allow comparisons between Western Balkan countries and Turkey. TUSEV organized the national consultation meeting of the project on July 8, 2013, in Istanbul. CSO representatives from different fields have participated in the meeting and discussed the research methodology of the Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society Monitoring. The Tool Kit for monitoring matrix is available [here](#).



## TUSEV Will Host the WINGS Forum 2014

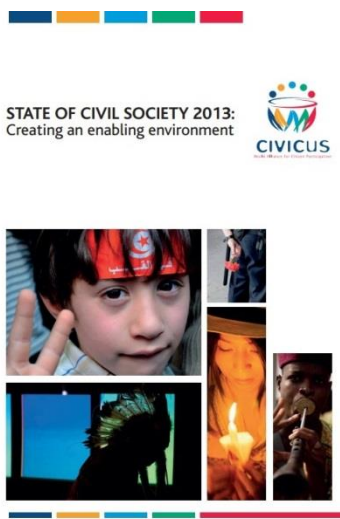
TUSEV will host the WINGS Forum 2014 on March 27-29. The theme of the Forum is “The Power of Networks: Building

Connected Global Philanthropy.” Focused on identifying and developing new innovations in the sector, WINGS Forum was designed as a peer learning experience where philanthropy leaders could share practical lessons and inspiration from their work. To this day, WINGS Forum is regarded by participants as an opportunity for professional development, relationship building and knowledge sharing. Please [click](#) for more information.

## News From the Third Sector

### EVPA Annual Conference, November 26-27, Geneva

European Venture Philanthropy Association (EVPA) will organize its 9th Annual Conference on 26 and 27 November in Geneva. The EVPA Annual Conference brings together players from a variety of sectors, such as venture philanthropy and social investment funds, foundations, PE/VC firms, donors, advisory firms, banks, academics and some selected social entrepreneurs. The two-day conference will provide an unique opportunity to share tips and tools from the sector, discuss hot topics, and hear from the experiences of other social investors. More information is available [here](#).



### CIVICUS Launched the State of Civil Society 2013 Report

CIVICUS has launched the State of Civil Society 2013 Report. Report focuses on the state of civil society and includes contributions from experts and civil society leaders from 50 countries around the world. These experts highlighted good practices and challenges on the horizon for citizens and civil society globally. Among these highlights, there are new challenges such as internet governance and the gap in the usage of ICTs between citizens and governments. TUSEV contributed to this research initiative by sharing recent data and analysis on

the state of civil society in Turkey. The report is available [here](#)

### Hudson Institute Launched the Philanthropic Freedom Report

Hudson Institute’s Center for Global Prosperity (CGP) has launched the report on Philanthropic Freedom: A Pilot Study. With this report, the ease of giving has been fully measured and compared

across 13 countries for the first time. Policies that restrict or encourage philanthropic environment are also analyzed in this research. TUSEV contributed to this research initiative by sharing an overview of the overall legal and fiscal environment regarding philanthropy in Turkey. The report is available [here](#).

## News from Our Members



### Ecologically Literacy Teacher Training from TEMA

Ecologically Literacy Teacher Training that started for the first time three years ago with the cooperation of Ministry of Education and TEMA Foundation continues to flourish. This year's training was organized between 18th -28th of

June 2013 at Yalova Esenköy Inservice Education Institute. In three years, 249 teachers from 59 cities took part in the Ecological Literacy Teacher Training. These teachers form ecological gardens with their students, organize festivals, exhibitions, plant saplings and explain their students the reasons to not to view the flora and fauna as an endless resource, and how to observe, interpret and communicate with nature. Please [click](#) for more information.



### Grant Support From Sabancı Foundation to 9 Projects That Will Create Social Difference in Human Rights of Women

Sabancı Foundation announced 9 projects that would be supported as part of the “United Nations Joint Program for Promoting the Human Rights of Women (UNJP)” at the press meeting. 9 projects

aiming to promote human rights of women and empower gender equality in the pilot provinces will be implemented between September 2013 and July 2014. The press meeting took place in Kayseri with the participation of Askin Asan, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Policy, Aziz Yildirim, Deputy Undersecretary of the Minister of Interior, Orhan Duzgun, Governor of Kayseri, Guler Sabanci, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Sabanci Foundation and Matilda Dimovska, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative. For more information, please [click](#) here.