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## News From TUSEV



### New Approaches in Civil Society Conference, November 21-22 2013, Istanbul

Within the scope of its 20th year anniversary, TUSEV organized a two-day international conference entitled “New Approaches in Civil Society” on November 21-22, 2013 at Kadir Has University with the support of Sabancı Foundation and

Vehbi Koç Foundation.

The conference aimed 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. The event offered an excellent opportunity for creating common platforms to exchange best practices and ideas, facilitating cooperation between Turkish civil society organizations, and their counterparts.



### TUSEV Became The Head of Network of The Anna Lindh Foundation Turkish Network

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Institute and the System and Generation Association will support TUSEV as co-coordinators. To get more information about Anna Lindh Foundation Turkish Network please visit <http://annalindhTurkey.net/en/>.

## 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 here for the registration.](#)

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

Within the scope of Strengthening Civil Society Development and Civil Society-Public Sector Dialogue in Turkey Project, TUSEV team organized and facilitated 7 local consultation meetings in 7 different cities: Adana, Ankara, Diyarbakır, İstanbul, İzmir, Trabzon, Van. Overall, 150 participants from 118 different NGOs from 12 cities in Turkey participated the meetings and expressed their expectations and experiences about the public sector and civil society cooperation in these meetings. You can find the notes of each meeting and the report on common findings of all consultation process on the website [siviltoplum-kamu.org/tr](http://siviltoplum-kamu.org/tr). All the reports will be translated into English in next few months.

## Balkan Civil Society Development Network Regional Workshop on State Funding, November 13-14, Serbia

Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) in cooperation with the European Center for Non-for-profit Law (ECNL) organized a regional workshop on state funding for CSOs on 13-14 November in Novi Sad, Serbia as part the “Balkan Civil



Society Acquis” project. In total, 38 representatives of CSOs and relevant state institutions from 13 countries attended the workshop to map state financing framework and practices in the Balkan countries and to share best practices and tendencies from the EU countries. In this workshop, participants have also identified key bottlenecks in Enlargement countries and steps to overcome, as part of the advocacy plans for 2014 for increasing state funding and improving regulatory practices in the represented countries. Please click [here.pdf](#) for the workshop report.

## **The Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project**

Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey project continues its second phase with financial support of C. S. Mott Foundation and Aydın Doğan Foundation. The first giving circle event is planned in April in collaboration with the Funding Network. TUSEV is also collaborating with Bolder Giving, Catalyst, Bulgarian Donors' Forum and ARC to form a regional web site and collection of inspiring donor stories from Turkey and the Balkans. As part of its mission to strengthen individual philanthropy, TUSEV will organize the establishment of a donors' forum in Turkey where individuals can share experiences, ideas and good practices, hear from experts in the field and their peers in other countries. In the second phase foundations will have the opportunity to receive strategic planning support for their grant programs, and companies will share experiences with their peers to improve corporate social responsibility programs. TUSEV is also planning capacity enhancing programs for the professionals in the philanthropy field. Please click [here](#) for the details about project.

## **Civil Society Monitoring Report 2013**

TUSEV has been analyzing the state of civil society in Turkey through the Civil Society Monitoring Project annually since 2011 under the following headlines: Legislative Framework, Institutional Capacity, International Relations and Research. After a yearlong research the findings of the 2011 and 2012 Civil Society Monitoring Reports were shared with relevant stakeholders and the general public in both Turkish and English. The 2013 Civil Society Monitoring Project, funded by the MATRA Fund is adopting a new approach and will be regularly publishing case studies on current and important subjects concerning civil society. 2012 Civil Society Monitoring Report's case analyses are now available. Please click [here](#) for the analyses. You can follow @stkizleme for updates about the project.

## **Corporate Social Responsibility Event, October 22nd**

TUSEV, in collaboration with the Private Sector Volunteers Association (OSGD), has organized an event on "Corporate Social Responsibility Programs: Good Practices" on October 22nd. The event brought together CSR professionals from companies who discussed common practices, innovative approaches and areas of improvement along their peers. With this event, TUSEV also introduced its new publication "The Corporate Social Responsibility Guide" to a larger audience.

## **News from Our Members**

## Sabancı Foundation Philanthropy Seminar

The seventh “Sabancı Foundation Philanthropy Seminar” titled “Challenging The Impossible” was held on December 12, 2013 at Sabancı Center Haci Omer Conference Hall. Moderated by Oylum Talu, the seminar on “Challenging The Impossible” hosted two distinguished speakers; HRH Princess Mabel van Oranje (the Netherlands), the initiator and chair of Girls Not Brides platform; and Dr. Tererai Trent (Zimbabwe), the founder of Tinogona Foundation, who was married off at an early age but challenged the impossible conditions to find a way out though education. Please click [here](#) for the details.



## The inauguration of the Kocaeli University VKV Ford Otosan Gölcük İhsaniye Vocational College for Automotive

The opening ceremony of the Gölcük İhsaniye Vocational College for Automotive, which was built with the support of Ford Otosan and Vehbi Koç Foundation for the Kocaeli

University, took place on January 8 2014. Thanks to the “Vocational Education: A Crucial Matter for the Nation” project supported by 21 Koç Group Companies and Vehbi Koç Foundation, for the past 7 years, over eight thousand students in 81 cities benefitted from scholarships along with internships, employment priority and coaching. In addition, 29 labs covering 8 different sectors, 7 training centers and 1 vocational high school were inaugurated.



### A scholarship changed my life!

Dr. Nejat F. Eczacıbaşı Foundation Music Scholarships have been awarded to over 100 outstanding young musicians from Turkey to pursue graduate studies abroad. Each very successful in their chosen field, these bright young students have been portrayed in a news articles published in the daily,

Hurriyet. Please click [here](#) for the article.



### **TEGV's "Starting My Career Journey" Program**

TEGV started new program titled "Starting My Career Journey". As part of the program, the "11 Cities, 11 Professions" activity continues with different professionals visiting TEGV Education Parks and Learning Units across Turkey. Well-

known professionals in various fields come together with children in order to inform them about their professions. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## **News From the Sector**

### **WWF Living Planet Report 2013**

WWF, launched Living Planet Report 2013 that explains our current consumption levels pose an unsustainable threat to the planet. Please click [here](#) for the infographics.

### **World Giving Index 2013**

Charities Aid Foundation launched fourth edition of the World Giving Index, which looks at charitable behaviour across the world, involving more than 130 countries. The report is based on more than half a million interviews conducted by Gallup since 2005/06, as part of their World Poll survey. The survey compiles information from 135 countries surveyed in 2012. Turkey ranked 128th overall. All the indicators of giving trends demonstrated an increase among the surveyors in Turkey. Helping a stranger increased from 31% to 34%, Donating money increased from 10% to 13% and Volunteering increased from 4% to 5%. Please click [here](#) for the full report.

### **Handbook on Monitoring Freedom of Peaceful Assembly**

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), published a handbook about monitoring freedom of peaceful assembly. Please click [here](#) for the online version of the handbook.

### **25th EFC Annual General Assembly and Conference**

25th EFC Annual General Assembly (AGA) and Conference will take place in Sarajevo on May 15-17 2014. the theme of the general assembly and conference is "Rethinking Europe: Solidarity, civil society and political governance". Please click [here](#) for more information.