



#### **News from TUSEV**



### Social Entrepreneurship, Social Inclusion and Sustainable Community Development Conference

Technical Assistance for Civil Society Organizations (TACSO) has organized "Social Entrepreneurship, Social Inclusion and Sustainable Community Development Conference" on June 26th in collaboration with TUSEV. The Conference aimed at analyzing opportunities that the social entrepreneurship model creates for disadvantaged groups, social inclusion, and sustainable

development. While the panel discussions provided a space for social entrepreneurs from different countries to explain their models and elements of success, small workshops constructed an environment for participants to work on different issues that are relevant to social entrepreneurship model such as "community engagement," "social business models," "story telling," and "social impact analysis."

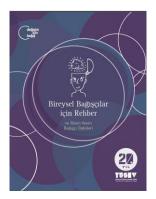
#### **Monitoring Matrix Regional Report**

After one year of a full monitoring cycle according to the Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development (MM) in 8 countries, Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) with its members, including TUSEV, have drafted 8 country reports and 1 regional report in partnership with European Center for Non-profit Law (ECNL).



<u>The regional report</u> summarizes the key findings from 8 country reports in the Western Balkans and Turkey. The main aim of the Regional Report is to identify the key common issues across the region, in order to highlight the priorities for intervention on regional level, and to support efforts of civil society organizations, public authorities and the European Union in the creation of a more conducive environment for civil society.

Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development Turkey Report is available <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.



#### Inspiring Lives... Inspiring Stories...

Sina Afra's mantra is "give back" and he shares his extensive experience with young entrepreneurs through his foundation ... Suzan Bayazıt provides impactful support to the causes of women, education and health using a variety of approaches and resources ... Selim Baki transforms the lives of the Edirnekapı children using music. Stories like these have been collected and disseminated by TUSEV to encourage and inspire individuals, since 2011. Now, with a collaborative project between Bolder Giving, Catalyst (Serbia), ARC (Romania) and Bulgarian

Donors forum some of the stories will be published in English in a regional website. You can reach some of the translated stories <u>here</u>.

#### **News from our Members**

## Sabanci Foundation was re-elected to the Governing Council of the European Foundation Center

In its 40th year, Sabanci Foundation continues to strengthen its position in the international arena. Sabanci Foundation has been a member of the European Foundation Center (EFC) Governing Council since 2011. In 2014, Sabanci Foundation was re-elected to the Governing Council. For more information, please click <a href="here">here</a>.





# The model of TEGV included in the curriculum of Harvard University!

Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey has been incorporated in the curriculum of the prestigious Harvard University as a case study thanks to its original and successful educational model.

The TEGV case study has been included in the curriculum as part of the "Strategic Management for Leaders of NGO's" programme as of May 2014 at Harvard Kennedy School. It's also planned that the course will be taught in Harvard Business School.

#### Vehbi Koç Foundation in the Footsteps of a Century Old Tradition

Bizden Haberler, the corporate magazine of the Koç Group, dedicated a special section in its July issue to the Vehbi Koç Foundation and to philanthropy. The magazine features an interview with Semahat Arsel, Chair of Vehbi Koç Foundation, who evaluated the new activities of the Foundation and with Erdal Yıldırım, General Manager of the Foundation who explained the concept and the activities of foundations in Turkey today. The special issue includes sections that address different views on the concept of foundations by Prof. Şevket Pamuk, an academic at Boğaziçi University Ataturk Institute and the Department of Economics, and Tevfik Başak Ersen,



Secretary General of TUSEV.

#### **News from the Sector**



#### International Civil Society Week 2014

To celebrate South Africa's 20th anniversary of freedom and democracy, CIVICUS and its partners will gather change makers from around the world at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg for International Civil Society Week from 19-25 November

#### 2014.

International Civil Society Week 2015 will involve a diverse, multi-stakeholder partnership that seeks to tackle the world's most pressing challenges. Under the banner of Citizen Action, People Power, the weeklong series events will be the premiere global gathering of inspired thinkers, innovation leaders and influential organisations. More information is available <a href="https://example.com/here-example.com/

### Civil Society Facility Operating Grants to IPA CSO Associations

European Commission's Directorate General for Enlargement set up the Civil Society Facility Operating Grants to IPA CSO Associations to support regional thematic associations from Western Balkans



and Turkey. The global objective of the Call for Proposals is to achieve: 'A more dynamic civil society actively participating in public debate on democracy, human rights, social inclusion and the rule of law and with capacity to influence policy and decision making processes.' The deadline for applications is September 22, 2014. More information is available <a href="here">here</a>.



### Conference on International Development Cooperation was Held in Istanbul

The Conference on "International Development Cooperation: Trends and emerging opportunities-perspectives of the new actors" co-hosted by UNDP and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) was

held in Istanbul on 19-20 June 2014.

The Conference brought together various actors active in development cooperation and created a space for open discussion. Discussion from the Conference will contribute to the UN Development Cooperation Forum in July 2014, building on the Mexico HLM. Please find the details <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Anna Lindh Foundation is Looking for a New Executive Director

The Anna Lindh Euro-Med Foundation (ALF) focuses on bringing people together from across the Mediterranean to improve mutual respect between cultures and to support civil society working for a common future for the region. It is co-financed by the 42 countries



of the Union for the Mediterranean and the European Commission. Applications for the Executive

Director position will be accepted until 28th August 2014. For more information please click <u>here</u>.









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