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News from TUSEV



WINGS FORUM 2014 The Power of Networks: Building Connected Global Philanthropy

WINGS is a global network of grantmaker associations and philanthropic support organisations representing a

network of 145 organizations from 54 countries. TUSEV co-hosted the WINGS Forum 2014 in Istanbul on March, 27-29 with the support of Anadolu Foundation, Aydın Doğan Foundation, Sabancı Foundation and Vodafone Turkey Foundation. The Forum brought together more than 150 representatives from grantmaker associations and philanthropic support organisations under the “The Power of Networks: Building Connected Global Philanthropy” theme.

TUSEV moderated a session entitled “Adapting to Change: Turkish Foundations Moving into the 21st Century” where Anadolu Foundation, Aydın Doğan Foundation and Sabancı Foundation discussed their changing nature and work in adaptation to the 21st Century. For presentations and session materials from the WINGS Forum 2014 please click [here](#).



CIVICUS: Preview of the 2014 State of Civil Society Report and Panel Discussion

CIVICUS Public Event on 2014 State of Civil Society Report and Panel Discussion took place in Istanbul on March 29. Initial findings from the CIVICUS State of Civil Society Report 2014 themed “Transforming Global Governance” was presented by Danny Sriskandarajah. Presentation was followed by a panel discussion on social movements in Turkey, Brazil and Venezuela given

by leading civil society activists and experts. TUSEV presented the state of civil society in Turkey and recent developments regarding citizen participation.



Civil Society-Public Sector Dialogue National Conference

Civil Society-Public Sector Dialogue National Conference within the scope of the “Development of Civil Society and Civil Society-Public Sector Dialogue Strengthening Project” was held on February 26th, 2014 in Ankara. Speakers were from EU Delegation of Turkey, General Directorate of Foundations, Ministry of Development, Ministry of EU Affairs and Ministry of Internal Affairs. 82

participants from public institutions, the EUD and CoE, civil society and the media were present in the conference.

Following the conference, The Drafting Meeting on Code of Conduct for civil society- government cooperation was held. There were three major parts in the meeting in which the participants discussed general principles, specific objectives and methodology that must be included in the preparation process of the Code of Conduct. At the end, all participants have reached a consensus on several principles, aims and objectives, responsibilities and undertakings, fields of cooperation and finally tools for cooperation for both CSOs and public institutions for the development of the cooperation.

First Giving Circle Event in Istanbul

The 13th of May will mark the very first Giving Circle event in Istanbul. TUSEV, under its Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project, has formed a working group to facilitate the adaptation and implementation of the Giving Circle model in Turkey. The Funding Network has provided its expertise and guidance to the working group during the planning process of the first pilot event which will take place on May 13th, 2014 in Istanbul. You can find details of the event here.



TUSEV Conversation on Venture Philanthropy

TUSEV, Anadolu Foundation, Endeavor Turkey Association and European Venture Philanthropy Association (EVPA) conducted a Venture Philanthropy and Social Investment Roundtable on March 28th with influential leaders of the Turkish civil society and representatives of the EVPA and Social Venture Partners. The objectives of this roundtable were to introduce the concept of

venture philanthropy to a selected group of Turkish social entrepreneurs, investors and grant makers, to hear from organizations specialized in venture philanthropy and to discuss how this concept can be developed in Turkey.

Social Innovation Forum

The Social Innovation Forum, which aimed at bringing together participants from the Western Balkans and Turkey to discuss developments in the social entrepreneurship field, took place on March 14,2014 in Belgrade.

TUSEV was among the panelists for the Forum which was organized by the Coalition for the Development of Social Entrepreneurship of Serbia, Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit Team, British Council, Business Leaders Forum and AIESEC. The Belgrade Declaration, which draws the framework for the advocacy efforts that countries will pursue to further enhance the social entrepreneurship field in the region, was signed during the Conference. You can access the declaration through [here](#).

Strasbourg Social Entrepreneurship Conferences

Organized by the Euclid Network, “Chartering into the Future” Conference took place on January 15th in Strasbourg with the aim to analyze the challenges that social entrepreneurs endure throughout the region. Under the framework of People – to – People Program coordinated by TACSO, participants from Turkey (including TUSEV) had the chance to participate in different workshops and panels. Following the event, TUSEV also attended the “Social Entrepreneurs: Have Your Say!” Conference organized by the European Commission on January 16-17 which aimed at bringing together social entrepreneurs and EU officials to create a more enabling environment for social enterprises.



Monitoring the Enabling Environment for Civil Society in the Western Balkans and Turkey

6th Annual Council Meeting of Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) in which TUSEV is a member of, took place on 17th April in Prishtina, Kosovo. In the annual gathering of all members the achievements of the past year such as launch of the Monitoring Matrix and the country reports were discussed. For more information, see Annual Report 2013.



New Website Launched

Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) has launched a new website dedicated to monitoring the enabling environment for civil society development in the Western Balkans and Turkey. The new website is based on the Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development (CSDev) which is a tool that has been developed for measuring the health of the legal, regulatory, and financial environment in which civil society organizations (CSOs) operate. It has been the collective effort of CSO experts and practitioners from the BCSDN network of members and partners. In coming weeks BCSDN together with European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL) will also provide a regional analysis on the enabling environment for CSDev in the Western Balkans and Turkey.

News from our Members

Alliance Magazine Featured Sabancı Foundation in its March 2014 Edition

Alliance Magazine, a publication closely followed by grantmaking foundations all over the world, featured an article called “Achieving Social Change: What Role for Grantmaking?” in its March 2014 issue, where Rana Kotan, the Director of Programs and International Relations of Sabanci Foundation also shared her remarks. You can reach the article [here](#)



Young Scientists Supported by the Vehbi Koç Foundation

The 2014 Awards ceremony of the Science Academy Young Scientist (under 40) Award Program supported by The Vehbi Koç Foundation took place on March 27th at the Middle East Technical University.

The Science Academy initiated the award program in 2013 to reward and incentivise new research by young and talented scientists.

In 2013, 20 awards were handed out. With the increase of the contributions to the program, in 2014 the Science Academy was able to reward 43 scientists

chosen among 284 applicants from 100 universities and research centers. Out of the 43 scientists rewarded, 31 conduct researches in the field of Engineering and Science, 9 in Social Sciences and 3 in Medicine.

The Vehbi Koç Foundation supported the new science and research in 2013 and 2014 by funding 20 awards in total.

For more information on BAGEP and for the award results, please visit <http://bilimakademisi.org>

News from the Sector

SOCIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Join the Growing Social Impact Community in Turkey and Around the World

Sabancı University with support by the JP Morgan Chase Foundation launched the Social Investment Program (SIP). The objectives of the program targeting both entrepreneurs and social investors are to: inspire - stimulate ideas for new forms of social change action, build capacity - equip

participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to successfully turn their ideas into reality, create community - build a diverse and strong social investing eco-system in Turkey and connect the SIP participants, mentors and partners with their peers in the global social investing community, attract impact capital - encourage social investing pioneers to design successful social investment vehicles and programs that facilitate the deployment of capital for societal impact in Turkey. Base training is on May 23-24. Candidates for all course modules should apply online. Application form is available, [here](#).



The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report Launched

Climate Net, with the participation of IPCC editor, Prof. Dr. John Morton, from the University of Greenwich and Assistant. Prof. Barış Karapınar from Boğaziçi University, Department of Economics, jointly evaluated the report in the meeting held at the Boğaziçi University on 11th of April. Report is related with

the effects of global climate change on various sectors and areas, adaptation policies to the climate change and vulnerability of countries related to the climate change. IPCC report does not only show the decrease in the food production, water and food deficit, rising sea water levels and its effects on human health. At the same time reveals the extent of the vulnerability of countries related to the effects of climate change, in the global scale. It also contains warnings on the effects of climate change, on global and national security policies.

New Self Regulation Guide from CIVICUS

CIVICUS is the only global alliance dedicated to enhancing the rights, freedoms, health and vitality of civil society as a whole. CIVICUS works for strengthening civic action and civil society throughout the world.

The new guide Accountability for Civil Society by civil Society is now available on here.

