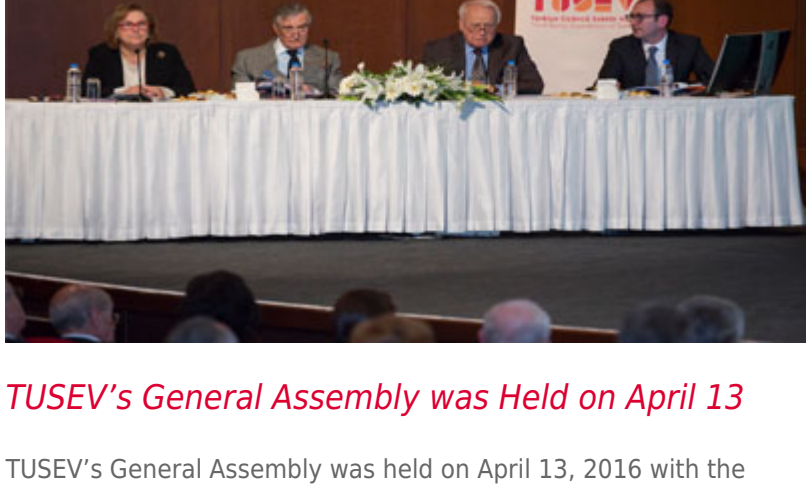


NEWS FROM TUSEV



TUSEV's General Assembly was Held on April 13

TUSEV's General Assembly was held on April 13, 2016 with the participation of member foundations and associations. Meeting was hosted by Sabancı Foundation, in Sabancı Center, Hacı Ömer Sabancı Conference Room. Members were informed about the activities and financial status of TUSEV in 2015 and the estimated budget and the work plan for 2016 were approved by the Board of Trustees.



The fourth Destekle Degistir (Giving Circle) event took place in Istanbul

The fourth Destekle Degistir (Giving Circle) event took place in Istanbul, Pera Museum on the 24th of March, 2016. Three civil society organizations presented their projects. The CSOs and their projects presented were "Sweeter than Honey" project by Hisar Anatolian Support Society, "Animal Rights and Welfare Education for Children" by the Association for the Protection and Promoting of Animal Rights, and "Kindergarten Care for Children of the Incarcerated" by the Youth Re-Autonomy Foundation of Turkey. The fourth event reached by far the highest level of donations with 50,100 TRY pledged in total, bringing all three projects above the goal of 15,000 TRY each.



Başak Ersen, the Secretary General of TUSEV was elected as a board member of WINGS

Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS) is a network of almost 100 philanthropy associations and support organizations in 38 countries around the world whose purpose is to strengthen, promote and provide leadership on the development of philanthropy and social investment. Başak Ersen, the Secretary General of TUSEV, will serve as the Board Member of WINGS between 2016 and 2019. For more information on WINGS, please click [here](#).



Economic Value of the Non-Profit Sector in the Western Balkans and Turkey Report is published

For the first time in 2015, Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) and its members, including TUSEV compiled information on the economic value of the non-profit sector in Western Balkans and Turkey. The report entitled "Economic Value of the Non-Profit Sector in the Countries of the Western Balkans & Turkey" presents the comparable data across the region on the financial capacities, size, outputs and value of civil society organizations. The full study is available for download [here](#) and the infographics prepared by BCSDN Executive Office can be seen [here](#).



International Civil Society Week took place in Bogota, Colombia

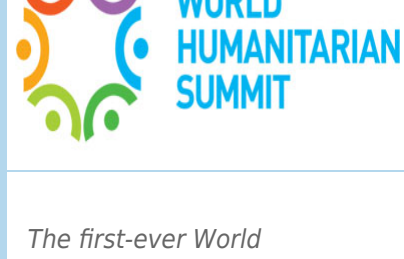
900 civil society representatives and activists from more than 100 countries came together for one of the most important civil society gatherings, [International Civil Society Week](#), which revolved around the theme "Active Citizens, Accountable Actions" on 25-28 April, 2016. More than 20 events focusing on peace, inclusiveness, enabling environment and participation were held during the week which was organized by CIVICUS and Confederación Colombiana de ONG (CCONG). Within the scope of the events held during the week, [Affinity Group of National Associations](#)' (AGNA) and [CIVICUS](#)' board elections were held. TUSEV's Deputy Secretary General Liana Varon was elected as the Deputy Chair of the AGNA Steering Committee.



The Regional Conference "Monitoring of the EU Guidelines for the Support to Civil Society in the Enlargement Countries, 2014-2020"

The Technical Assistance for Civil Society Organisations (TACSO) held the regional conference on "Monitoring of the EU Guidelines for the Support to Civil Society in the Enlargement Countries, 2014-2020 - Year 2" in Skopje, Macedonia. The conference gathered more than 80 participants including representatives of European Union, public institutions and CSOs. During the Conference, participants gained insight and discussed the situation in the Western Balkans and Turkey in comparison to the Results Framework of [the EU Guidelines](#) that is the key monitoring, reporting and programming European Union (EU) orientation/streamlining document for matters related to the civil society organizations located in these countries. National working groups also had the opportunity to discuss possible inputs for the country Progress Reports for 2016 in relation to the findings for 2015-2016 against the indicators of the EU Guidelines.

NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



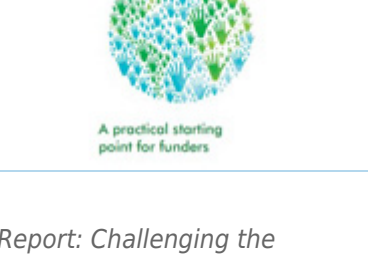
The first-ever World Humanitarian Summit will be held in Istanbul

The first-ever World Humanitarian Summit, set to take place in Istanbul on 23-24 May 2016, is a global call to action by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The Summit will be held at the highest political level possible, including Heads of States or Government. The Summit will include approximately 5,000 participants representing global leaders from government, business, aid organizations, civil society, affected communities and youth, among others. At the Summit, global leaders will discuss how to effectively respond to major humanitarian challenges, and how to be better prepared to meet challenges of the future. For more detailed information on the World Humanitarian Summit, please click [here](#).



Technology for Social Good Conference will be held in Brussels

Hosted by the European Economic and Social Committee and organized by TechSoup Europe in partnership with Assifero, DAFNE, Reves and the Iris Network, Technology for Social Good Conference is going to take place in Brussels on 13 June, 2016. The conference will provide a unique opportunity to define the ways in which policy-makers, donors, non-profit organizations and corporations can work together on technology solutions for increased social impact across Europe. During the conference, different social technology trends will be discussed, examples of successful projects will be showcased and possibilities for future collaborations will be explored. You can find the detailed information about Technology for Social Good Conference [here](#).



Report: Challenging the Closing Space for Civil Society: A practical starting point for funders has been published

Challenging the Closing Space for Civil Society: A practical starting point for funders report by European Foundation Centre (EFC), International Human Rights Funders Group, ARIADNE has been published. The report aims to give funders and members of civil society a practical starting point for thinking about possible approaches for working together to contest the closing space for civil society. The report shares the perspectives of numerous donors, civil society representatives, and experts engaged with this issue and offers ways of aligning work moving forward. The full report can be downloaded from [here](#).



Philanthropic Leadership Platform Europe-China will be held in Brussels

Funded by Stiftung Mercator and led by the EFC in partnership with the China Global Philanthropy Institute, Philanthropic Leadership Platform Europe-China which aims to enhance senior-level philanthropic practitioners' leadership skills will take place in Brussels, Belgium on 4-14 September 2016. The theme of the programme is social innovation and the deadline for application is 10 June 2016. For more detailed information about the programme and registration, please click [here](#).

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



Darüşşafaka joined the United Nations Global Compact

Darüşşafaka Society participated in the United Nations Global Compact - the world's largest corporate citizenship initiative, with thousands of participants and other stakeholders from civil society, business and government located in 160 countries. At the heart of the Global Compact is a conviction that organizational practices rooted in universal principles help the global marketplace to be more socially and economically inclusive, thus advancing collective goals of international cooperation, peace and development. Companies and other organizations participating in the Global Compact are working diligently to give concrete meaning to this principle-based change approach.



Sabancı Foundation Has Been Supporting International Ankara Music Festival for 9 Years as an Honorary Member

Believing that culture and art activities play a leading role in social development, Sabancı Foundation has been supporting International Ankara Music Festival for nine years. The art lovers meet with more than 400 artists from 19 countries in 11 activities in the festival, a classic Ankara event of which the Foundation has been an honorary member since 2008. In the 33rd Ankara International Music Festival, the inhabitants of Ankara enjoyed a music feast with various activities ranging from symphonic music to ethnic music, from contemporary music to world music, from flamenco to dance and to classic music with an element of humor. For detailed information, please click [here](#).



TEMA Foundation Published the Map of Threats to Water Resources in Turkey

On World Water Day (March 22), TEMA Foundation published "The Map of Threats to Water Resources in Turkey" which has been prepared with the contributions of its volunteer representatives around Turkey. The research was conducted in the last two months and has followed a bottom up participatory method. The issues and problems with water resources in Turkey were identified with the help of an online form, ensuring a systematic information flow from the volunteer representatives. Up until now, 81 threats to water resources in 39 cities have been identified. You can find the TEMA Map of Threats to Water Resources [here](#).



Professor Kamil Uğurbil receives the 15th Vehbi Koç Award

Vehbi Koç Foundation gives out the annual Vehbi Koç Award for culture, education and healthcare, respectively; and this year's winner is Professor Kamil Uğurbil for his contributions to research on human brain. Professor Uğurbil's studies on the development of groundbreaking new technologies using magnetic resonance imaging to understand how the brain functions have made it possible to analyze the causes for several diseases such as Alzheimer's and depression, and to generate solutions. The technologies developed through Professor Uğurbil's research have become essential in diagnosis of diseases, planning their treatment, and monitoring responses to treatment.

"Women First in Soma" named a Success Story by United Nations

"Women First in Soma" Project is implemented jointly by Vodafone Turkey Foundation, Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey (KAGIDER) and Soma District Municipality. Within the first ten months of the Project, a cooperative offering source of income to 370 women in the region was established. The project was presented as a success story in the "Women Empowerment for Sustainable Rural Development" category in the 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women.



OUR PROJECTS

