

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015 Progress Report for Turkey

European Commission launched the 2015 Regular Progress Report for Turkey on November 2015. The report covers the period from October 2014 to September 2015. It is based on input from a variety of sources, including contributions from the government of Turkey, the EU Member States, European Parliament reports and information from various international and non-governmental organizations. Please [click here](#) to download the report.

NEWS FROM TUSEV



Members Meeting: Syrian Refugees in Turkey

TUSEV organized a members meeting on 24 November with an aim to provide information on the situation of Syrian refugees in Turkey. In the first session of the meeting, Prof. Dr. Ahmet İçduygu from Migration Research Center at Koç University, Selen Elif Ay and Damla Taşkın from United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees provided information on the situation of the Syrian refugees and discussed the main problems they encounter in Turkey. In the second session, Alp Biricik from Human Resource Development Foundation, Burcu Kuşu from Support to Life, Erdem Vardar from Yuva Association and Gizem Demirci Al Kadah from Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants shared an overview of the work carried out on the field by their organizations in providing support to refugees. In the final session, participants discussed the role of foundations and philanthropic sector in Turkey with reference to Syrian refugees. Please [click here](#) to download the minutes of the meeting.



Report: Active Participation in Civil Society

Active Participation in Civil Society: International Standards, Obstacles in National Legislation and Proposals Report has been published by TUSEV within the scope of [Strengthening Civil Society and Civil Society Public Sector Dialogue Project](#) that is funded by European Union and Turkish Republic. Authored by Gökçeçek Ayata from Istanbul Bilgi University Human Rights Research Centre and Assistant Professor Ulas Karan from Bilgi University Law School, the report determine the legal obstacles before the enabling environment for civil society in Turkey and introduce proposals for amendments. Please [click here](#) to download the report in English.



WINGS Global Philanthropy Data Charter

Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS), an independent global not-for-profit network that brings together over 150 associations and support organizations serving philanthropy in more than 50 countries, launched Global Philanthropy Data Charter in 2014 at the WINGS Forum in Istanbul. The Global Philanthropy Data Charter is intended as a framework to guide organizations in the sector as they set out to improve philanthropy data. As a member of WINGS, TUSEV contributes to the development of the Data Charter and has attended the second meeting in November, 2015 in Cape Town to improve collaboration and data sharing among members. The Data Charter proposes a code of good practices and will help to provide a better picture of global philanthropy. For more information on the Global Philanthropy Data Charter, please click [here](#).



TUSEV Atölye Info Note: Volunteerism Legislation and Practices

TUSEV launched a new platform called "TUSEV Atölye" to share its knowledge and experience through periodically published Info Notes. The purpose of TUSEV Atölye is to offer a comprehensive analysis of civil society in Turkey with reference to legal and fiscal environment as well as providing comparisons to the international standards on freedom of association and freedom of assembly, and civil society-public sector cooperation. The Info Note "Volunteerism: Legislation and Practices", discusses the current legal situation and new policy initiatives with regards to volunteering in Turkey and the Western Balkans. Please [click here](#) to read the Info Note.



The Second WINGS & DAFNE Meeting on the 4Cs Took Place in Istanbul

TUSEV hosted the second meeting of the 4Cs Framework in Istanbul on 14-15 December 2015. The 4Cs Framework, a joint initiative of Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS) and Donors and Foundations Networks in Europe (DAFNE) aims to develop an assessment framework for philanthropy support organizations. The 4Cs stand for capability, capacity, credibility and connection, the main benefits of the philanthropy support organizations that were identified by the report ["Infrastructure in Focus: A Global Picture of Organizations Serving Philanthropy"](#). These main benefits are taken as a starting point to develop an evaluative framework that would enable the field of infrastructure support to measure effectiveness, strengths and weaknesses. The framework will be launched at the WINGS Forum in 2017. For more information on the framework please click [here](#).



TUSEV Hosted CIVICUS - Affinity Group of National Associations Meeting

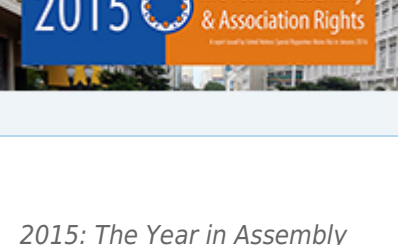
TUSEV hosted the CIVICUS - Affinity Group of National Associations (AGNA) meeting entitled "Towards New Social Contracts: renewed activism for to promote social change" in Istanbul on 23-25 November 2015. The three days meeting brought together representatives from 11 national associations from around the world to discuss and share their efforts towards multi-stakeholder engagement processes in promoting social change. Participants also shared their experiences on communications and advocacy. Please click [here](#) to access the CIVICUS toolkit on new social contracts.

NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



27th EFC AGA and Conference: Imagining and Investing in our Future

The European Foundation Centre, which is an association of foundations and corporate funders with members from across Europe and the globe, will organize its Annual General Assembly (AGA) on 26-28 May 2016 in Amsterdam. The 2016 EFC AGA and Conference will focus on the following questions: How can philanthropy stage an effective dialogue with society clarifying expectations and boundaries to make the right choices? What partnerships, technologies, methods and tools are most apt to broaden philanthropy's scope and raise its effectiveness? What may serve philanthropy to substantially improve capacity in areas such as innovation, repositioning, talent development and organizational change? Please [click here](#) for more information.



2015: The Year in Assembly and Association Rights

UN Special Rapporteur on Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association Maina Kiai announced the release of his mandate's second annual report, "2015: The Year in Assembly & Association Rights." The report tells the story of 2015 from the perspective of assembly and association rights and recaps the Special Rapporteur mandate's work during the year. The report also mentions the situation in Turkey with a focus on examples such as the New Security Law, Gezi Park protests, May Day protests in Taksim Square and peace march in Ankara. Please [click here](#) to download.



Registration for International Civil Society Week 2016 is Now Open

CIVICUS and Confederación Colombiana de ONG (CCONG) organize one of the largest gatherings of civil society organizations, the International Civil Society Week (ICSW) 2016 in Bogotá, Colombia from 25 to 28 April. Under the banner of "Active Citizens, Accountable Actions", ICSW 2016 will feature more than 20 events organized by civil society organizations and will cover 4 crucial themes: peace, inclusion, enabling environment and participation. The week long activities will also include the [CIVICUS World Assembly](#) and the awarding of this year's [Nelson Mandela-Graça Machel Innovation Awards](#). Please [click here](#) for the program and registration.



Report on Turkish Asylum System

On 28 December 2015, Refugee Rights Turkey/ECRE published a comprehensive report on the Turkish asylum system within the framework of the Asylum Information Database (AIDA) Project, which provides a comparative analysis of national asylum systems in 18 European countries. The report entails an extended General Introduction to the Asylum Context in Turkey, specifically elaborating on the key characteristics of both the "temporary protection" regime in place for refugees from Syria and the new "international protection" procedure that applies to all the other nationalities of individually arriving asylum seekers. Please [click here](#) to download the report.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



Dr. Nejat F. Eczacıbaşı Foundation Presents İzzet Keribar's World of Colors and Forms

The sixth volume of the Eczacıbaşı Photographers Series, which features a retrospective of İzzet Keribar, is now available in bookstores. Published by the Dr. Nejat F. Eczacıbaşı Foundation, these annual retrospectives of Turkey's foremost photographers continue as an Eczacıbaşı Group tradition of photography publications that started more than 40 years ago. The book brings together a selection of photographs by İzzet Keribar, one of Turkey's best-known photographers, whose exquisite images from around the world and masterful approach to colour and form have left an indelible mark on our collective memory. Conceived and designed by Bülent Erkmén and edited by Merih Akoğlu, the book also includes a special interview with İzzet Keribar. As in previous volumes, the entire text of the İzzet Keribar retrospective is presented in Turkish and English.

The 28th Enka Culture and the Arts Meeting Starts at February 1st

In celebration of its 28th year, ENKA Culture and Art will host 14 different theatre plays which will take place at İbrahim Bitel Auditorium. The events will start off with Genco Erkal's Bir Delinin Hatıra Defteri (Diary of a Madman) and will continue with Ferhan Şensoy's Ferhangi Şeyler, Deep Blue Ideas's Çingene Boksör (Gypsy Boxer), İstanbul State Theatre's Yaşamak Denen Bu Zahmetli İş (This Troublesome Thing Called Living), Semaver Kumpanya's Cimri (The Miser), Mam'art'ın Özel Kadınlar Listesi (Some Girl(s)), Craft's Personel (Personnel), Moda Sahnesi's En Kısa Geçen Rüyası (A Midsummer Night's Dream), Tiyatro 2000's Haldun Kabare Dün Bugün, Galata Perform's Kabuk. For detailed information, please visit [facebook.com/enkakultur](#) or [twitter.com/enkakultur](#).

Changemarkers Program by the Sabancı Foundation Continues with its Seventh Season

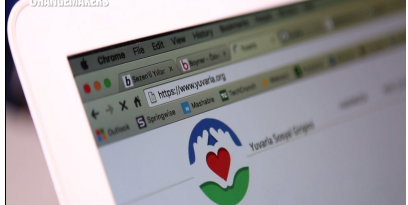
The Changemarkers program by the Sabancı Foundation continues in its 7th season to share "the unique stories of extraordinary people" who contribute to social development. The seventh Changemaker of the season has been a social initiative called Yuvarla. Yuvarla aims to make civil society organizations more visible by providing an easy to use donation tool. Yuvarla.org was founded by two former CSO volunteers in order to promote the culture of giving in Turkey and to support CSOs working on social and environmental issues. With an aim to provide a solution to CSOs financial needs, the platform is designed to provide an option for rounding up the payments in online shopping to donate this amount to selected CSOs. For detailed information, please click [here](#).

Special Olympics Turkey - Unified Sports

Special Olympics Turkey aims to create opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities to discover their abilities, skills and success through the power of sports. The athletes find joy, confidence and fulfilment on the playing field and in life. Special Olympics, which is globally providing year-round training and competitions to more than 4.5 million athletes in 170 countries, have pioneered the concept of "Unified Sports", bringing together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities as team mates in order to initiate mutual understanding and friendships between them. Unified Sports concept is adapted to team sports like football, volleyball and basketball. Here's a [video](#) showing the full spectrum of Dilek Sabancı Unified Football Project that is starting in Turkey. For more information please visit [www.soturkiye.org.tr](#)

TEGV: Volunteers of Turkey Came Together

Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV) celebrated the International Volunteers Day on 5th of December. Hundreds of volunteers working in different fields came together to celebrate this special day. ACEV, TEGV, TEMA, TOG and ÖSGD organized activities in 43 locations on 30 cities to reach out to new volunteers. Representative from different civil society organizations got together at Kadir Has University Cibali Congress Center for the "Sustainable Development Goals and Volunteering" panel.



OUR PROJECTS

