

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### European Commission Published the 2016 Progress Report for Turkey

European Commission published the 2016 Progress Report for Turkey on November 2016. The report describes the relations between Turkey and the European Union; analyses the situation in Turkey in terms of the political and economic criteria for membership; and reviews Turkey's capacity to take on the obligations of membership. Please click [here](#) to access the full report.

TUSEV compiled the content relevant to civil society in the 2016 Progress Report for Turkey. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## NEWS FROM TUSEV

### INDIVIDUAL GIVING AND PHILANTHROPY IN TURKEY

#### New Report: Individual Giving and Philanthropy in Turkey

TUSEV published the Individual Giving and Philanthropy in Turkey report which presents comprehensive and up to date data on perception on philanthropy, trends and motivations in individual giving in Turkey. The report also provides a comparison on the change in the understanding of philanthropy and giving practices in the last decade.

Supported by the Anadolu Foundation, the Aydın Doğan Foundation, the ENKA Foundation, the Hüsnü M. Özyeğin Foundation, the Sabancı Foundation and the Vehbi Koç Foundation, the research was carried out by Prof. Ali Çarkoğlu and Assoc. Prof Selim Erdem Aytaç from Koç University. You can reach the full report, executive summary prepared by TUSEV and the infographics [here](#).



#### An Overview of Turkish Philanthropy on Alliance Magazine by TUSEV

TUSEV's Deputy Secretary General Liana Varon's opinion piece titled "Turkish Philanthropy Straddling the Old and the New" is published on Alliance Magazine's September 2016 issue. The piece which focuses on the current situation of Turkish philanthropy under the influence of traditional understanding and new approaches as well with an analysis on the changing roles of foundations can be reached [here](#).



#### TUSEV Contribution to ICNL Civic Freedom Monitor

The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law's (ICNL) Civic Freedom Monitor provides up-to-date information on legal issues affecting not-for-profit, non-governmental organizations on 50 countries and 8 multilateral organizations around the world. As part of this initiative, TUSEV provides an overview of key issues relating to the freedom of association and legal framework, with a focus on legal barriers affecting civil society in Turkey. Please click [here](#) to reach ICNL Civic Freedom Monitor Turkey page that was last updated on June 2016.



#### TUSEV Participated in the Study Visit to Serbia with Key Government and CSO Stakeholders

TUSEV participated in the study visit to Serbia, organized by TACSO on 24-27 October 2016. During the visit, members of Turkish delegation made up of government officials from Ministry for EU Affairs and CSO representatives met with key government stakeholders from Serbia to discuss about enabling environment and public sector-CSO cooperation. For detailed information, please click [here](#).



#### Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development Regional Report 2015

After one year long monitoring cycle in 2015, Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) and its members, including TUSEV, have published the regional report in partnership with European Center for Non-profit Law (ECNL). The report summarizes key findings from country reports while identifying common issues across the Western Balkan countries and Turkey on enabling environment for civil society. The report also includes key recommendations directed towards national governments and relevant EU institutions in order to highlight the priorities for intervention in the creation of a more conducive environment for civil society. You can reach the full report [here](#).



#### TUSEV Attended Open Door Festival in Nicosia

On October 6, TUSEV participated in the Open Door Festival organized by Civic Space project on Nicosia, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. A special event was organized by TUSEV to introduce the Destekle Değiştir (Giving Circle) model and discuss about TUSEV's experiences in adapting the model. The event was followed by a discussion session on the implementation of Destekle Değiştir in Northern Cyprus.

## NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



#### 21st Grantmakers East Forum will be Held in Hamburg

21st annual Grantmakers East Forum (GEF) will be held in Hamburg, Germany on 30 November-2 December 2016. The conference titled "Philanthropic response to refugee challenges: from emergency to policy" will be dedicated to the refugee crisis to find out how funders across Europe and beyond, respecting the different subsets of issues in Central-Eastern and Western Europe, can work together and in cooperation with others to respond to the needs of refugees. In addition to plenaries and breakout sessions, the 2016 Forum will offer participants a revised programme with plenty of networking time and lots of opportunities to learn, reflect and connect with peers and experts. For participation requirements and more information please click [here](#).



#### CIVICUS Monitor is Launched

CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation has launched its next generation tool CIVICUS Monitor: Tracing Civic Space. Designed in reaction to the lack of reliable information on civic space on a global level, the tool is intentionally narrow and focused on an assessment of the three basic elements that provide the necessary space for civil society development – freedom of association, freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of expression. Not only does the tool allow for global comparisons, but it also triangulates multiple and different sources of data on civic space, while prioritizing voices of local civil society groups and actors. More so, the tool captures trends in real time over civic space as it provides continual updates that are as near to real time as possible so as to convey an accurate picture of the dynamic changing conditions on the ground. For more information please click [here](#).



#### European Foundation Sector Report 2016 is Published

Donors and Foundations Networks in Europe (DAFNE) published the European Foundation Sector Report in 2016. New data compiled by DAFNE from 24 European countries and analyzed by Foundation Center indicates that there are more than 147,000 registered public benefit foundations in Europe, with combined annual expenditures of nearly 60 billion Euros. The full report is available [here](#).



#### Outcome of the World Humanitarian Summit is Published

Outcome of the World Humanitarian Summit which was held on 23-24 May 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey is published. The report provides an analysis of the priority themes that emerged from the Summit and concludes with recommendations for advancing the initiatives launched and commitments made at the Summit and, more broadly in the Agenda for Humanity. For more detailed information please click [here](#).

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



#### Aydın Doğan Foundation Hosted the International Day of the Girl Child Conference in Istanbul

Hosted by the Aydın Doğan Foundation, the second International Day of the Girl Child Conference was held in Istanbul on October 11 in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA), UN Women, and UNICEF. Focusing on the theme "Empowered Girls, Empowered Future: Inclusive and quality education, an end to child marriages," this year's conference aimed to raise awareness on empowering girls while providing a platform for discussion on preventing child marriage and removing obstacles to achieving gender equality in education. Speaking at the opening ceremony of the conference, President of the Aydın Doğan Foundation Hanzade Doğan Boyner drew attention to woman literacy and underage marriages, urging communities to protect girls, stop violence against them, and prevent the deprivation of their fundamental right to education. For more information, please click [here](#).



#### Darüşşafaka Schools MUN Club held the Model United Nations Conference

The Model United Nations Conference organized by Darüşşafaka Schools MUN Club was held on October 13-16, 2016 for the fourth time. Focusing on the theme "Terrorism: Examining Its Effects on Governments' Policies and Humanitarianism", this year's conference was attended by 7 different committees and more than 350 participants. For more information, please click [here](#).



#### Sabancı Foundation Chair of the Board of Trustees Güler Sabancı: "For CSOs, Power is not Only About Money; It is About Working Effectively."

On October 13, the Sabancı Foundation brought together CSOs, supported within the Grant Programs, in "Sowing Season Experience Sharing Meeting" in Istanbul. In the meeting held at the Sabancı Center, 8 CSOs who received grants from the Sabancı Foundation in the 2015-2016 period shared their experiences. Receiving support in the form of knowledge and experience as well as financial support from the Sabancı Foundation within the scope of the Grant Programs, the CSOs shared the stories of their projects on women, youth, and people with disabilities, which they realized across Turkey, to inspire new stories. The Sabancı Foundation has offered grants worth more than 12.5 million Turkish Liras to 126 projects over 11 years. For detailed information please click [here](#).



#### Special Olympics Turkey held the First Regional Games of the Season

The First Regional Games of the Season, organized by Special Olympics Turkey in collaboration with Çukurova University, was held in Adana, Turkey on 20-21 October 2016. In addition to athletes from 11 provinces of Turkey, athletes from Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus participated in the games for the first time. A total number of 257 athletes and partners took part in the games which were held in five branches including athletics, swimming, unified football, unified basketball and table tennis.



#### UNESCO Chair in the Name of Professor Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı Established

UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Sustainable Development has been established at Koç University in the name of Prof. Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı. KOÇ-KAMU Gender Studies Center Director and professor of the psychology at Koç University, Opening ceremony for the UNESCO Chair took place with the attendance of Semahat Arsel, Koç Holding Board Member, Professor Umran İnan, Koç University President, and Ambassador Gürcan Türkoğlu, Vice President of Turkish National Commission for UNESCO. The chair will focus on gender equality and sustainable development studies. For more information, please click [here](#).

## OUR PROJECTS

