

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### European Commission Published the 2018 Turkey Report

European Commission published the 2018 Turkey Report in April. 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 2018 Turkey Report. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## NEWS FROM TUSEV



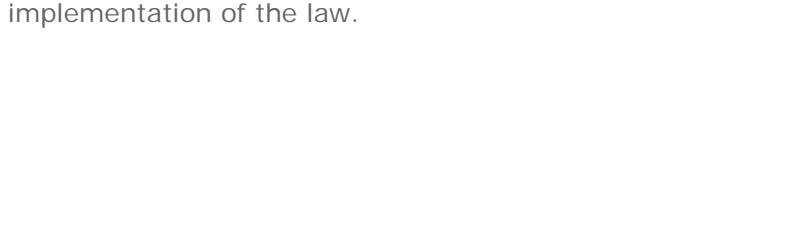
### TUSEV's General Assembly was held on 24 April

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, TUSEV's General Assembly in 2018 was held on 24 April with the participation of member organizations. In the meeting hosted by Sabancı Foundation, TUSEV's activities and financial situation in 2017 and 2018 work program were presented. Deniz Ataç was elected as the Chairperson of the Board, Alparslan Tansuğ, Bahadır Kaleağası, Candan Fetvacı, Erdal Yıldırım, Gün Han Başık, Hasan Süel, Mine Yıldız Günay, Prof. Dr. Öner Günçavdı, Selim Güven and Zerrin Koyunsağan were elected as Board Members and Altan Edis, Canan Ercan Çelik and Sait Tosyalı were elected as Auditing Committee Members.



### TUSEV Members Meeting: How Will Personal Data Protection Law Affect Civil Society Organizations?

TUSEV organized the members meeting titled How Will Personal Data Protection Law Affect Civil Society Organizations? on 5 April 2018. Lawyers Sadife Karataş Kural and Gözde Aracı presented the Personal Data Protection Law and introduced its applications and possible effects for civil society organizations. The meeting continued with an Q&A section where TUSEV members asked their questions and shared their experiences regarding the implementation of the law.



### TUSEV Attended the Strategic Planning Meeting at The Council of Europe

TUSEV participated in a strategic planning meeting on the Guidelines for Civil Participation in Political Decision Making adopted by the Council of Europe on 11 April 2018. In the meeting which gathered experts on the civil society field in the Western Balkans and the EU's neighboring countries, objectives and actions related to the implementation and dissemination of the Participation Principles in the upcoming period were discussed.



### TUSEV's Contribution to International Reports on Philanthropy

TUSEV contributed to [The Global Landscape of Philanthropy](#) report published by Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS), which focuses on current trends and challenges regarding philanthropy. Another publication TUSEV contributed is [The Global Philanthropy Environment Index 2018](#) by the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, which is the only known research report that provides comprehensive information about the philanthropic environment in 79 countries and economies around the world using a standard instrument completed by country-based experts. [The Global Philanthropy Report](#) by the Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government is another publication TUSEV contributed and it explores organizations that provide philanthropic assets to advance the public good in four sections, including scale, age, and classification, financial resources and expenditures, priorities and purposes and operational strategies and approaches.



### TUSEV Attended Dasra Philanthropy Forum

TUSEV's Secretary General Başak Ersen attended the Dasra Philanthropy Forum, which was organized as part of Dasra Philanthropy Week, on 24 February 2018. In the forum focusing on advancing and strengthening philanthropy, trends in philanthropy were discussed and topics such as priorities and collaborations in the field, use of technology, grantmaking organizations and future reflections in philanthropy were covered and [India Philanthropy Report 2018](#) by Bain & Company was presented. Please click [here](#) for more information.



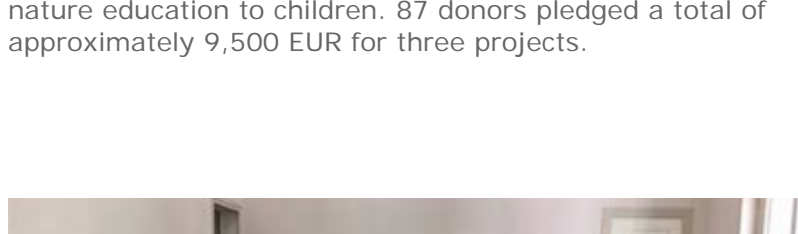
### Tax Legislation Related to Foundations and Associations in Turkey and Public Benefit Status: Current Situation and Recommendations Report is Published

Tax Legislation Related to Foundations and Associations in Turkey and Public Benefit Status: Current Situation and Recommendations Report is published. The report analyses the current situation of the fiscal legislation and Public Benefit Status in Turkey and offers recommendations for improvements in the tax regime. The report will be available in English in the upcoming months.



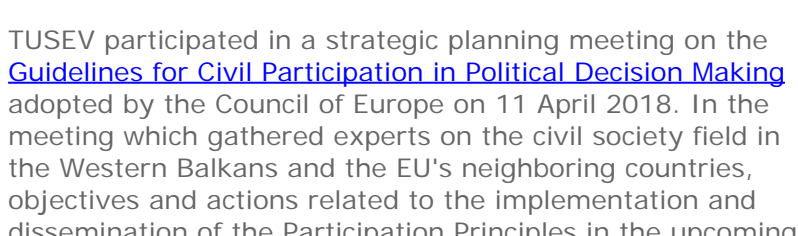
### Destekle Değiştir İzmir Event was Held on February 10

Since 2014, TUSEV has been organizing Destekle Değiştir events (Giving Circle) and providing technical assistance to groups and organizations that are willing to implement the model. As part of these efforts, Tülay Aktaş Gönüllü Kuruluşlar Güç Birliği hosted the first Destekle Değiştir event in İzmir on February 10 with the technical assistance of TUSEV. Three civil society organizations presented their projects focusing on sustaining a symphony orchestra of socioeconomically disadvantaged children, promoting the use of tandem by visually impaired individuals, and offering nature education to children. 87 donors pledged a total of approximately 9,500 EUR for three projects.



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### TUSEV's 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 civil society in 54 countries and 8 multilateral organizations. As part of this initiative, TUSEV provides an overview of key legal issues relating to civic freedom, with a focus on legal barriers to civil society activity in Turkey. Please click [here](#) to reach ICNL Civic Freedom Monitor Turkey page that was last updated in March 2018.

## NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



### The EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation is Launched

In recognition of cross-border and transnational cooperation's being key driver to find shared solutions to Europe's common challenges, the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation targets projects strengthening cross-border and transnational cooperation between the donor countries, the beneficiary countries and ten non-EU Member States. Through the grants fund projects on innovation, research, education and competitiveness; social inclusion, youth employment and poverty reduction; environment, energy, climate change and low carbon economy; culture, civil society, good governance and fundamental rights and freedoms as well with justice and home affairs will be supported. Deadline for the first step of the application process is 1 July 2018. Please click [here](#) for more information.



### The Future Evolution of Civil Society in the European Union by 2030 Report is Published

The Future Evolution of Civil Society in the European Union by 2030 report, which is prepared by European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), is published. The report provides an analysis of the main challenges faced by CSOs of the trends and drivers of change and of the prospects for relations between policy-makers at the national and European level and CSOs. The report also examines the future of European civil society in the upcoming 13 years, based on a comprehensive research of recent analyses and studies as well as a series of interviews with representatives of academia, European CSO platforms and members of EESC. The study identifies major societal trends that have been affecting European CSOs the most in the last five years and foresees to do so until 2030 (and further) as: demographic changes, economic crisis, digitalization, populism and shrinking of civic space and brings recommendations on tackling these challenges. Please click [here](#) to reach the report.



### How Community Philanthropy Shifts Power: What Donors Can Do to Help Make That Happen Paper is Published

How Community Philanthropy Shifts Power: What Donors Can Do to Help Make That Happen is published by the GrantCraft. The paper which recognizes that much of the decision making about philanthropy and development aid still happens by stakeholders outside of affected communities and focuses on how funders around the globe are challenging this norm by sharing and shifting power into the hands of local leadership is formed of two primary sections. First, it introduces the community philanthropy idea and other associated concepts. Second, it shows how different donors used the community philanthropy approach to deflect power away from themselves and focus instead on dynamics, relationships and resources at the community level. Please click [here](#) to reach the paper.



### Human Rights Watch World Report 2018 is Published

World Report 2018 by Human Rights Watch is published. The report summarizes key human rights issues in more than 90 countries and territories worldwide, drawing on events from late 2016 through November 2017. The full report can be reached [here](#). Please click [here](#) for the Turkey section.

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



### Involved Fatherhood and its Determinants in Turkey Report is Published

The Mother Child Education Foundation (AÇEV) has been working with fathers to create an attitude change and increase involvement of fathers in child development and care. To this end, AÇEV started the Understanding Fatherhood in Turkey Series, aiming to produce scientific data on fathers' behavior in Turkey. As a part of the series, Involved Fatherhood and its Determinants in Turkey Report, whose field study was conducted in 2016 with the participation of deliberately chosen fathers from all ages and socioeconomic status groups with children aged 0 to 10 is published. Through the participants' answers the fathers' engagement in their children's life as well as their affection with them was analyzed. Additionally, Involved Fatherhood concept is explained and the variables that effect a father's approach to fatherhood are determined. Lastly, the study also offers a set of recommendations for strengthening and spreading involved fatherhood. Please click [here](#) to reach the executive summary of the report in English.



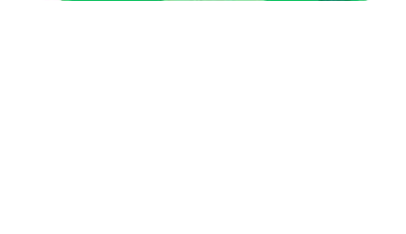
### Arif Sağ Recieves the 22nd Aydın Doğan Award

Since 1996, Aydın Doğan Foundation has been annually rewarding individuals and institutions who have excelled in, or contributed significantly to, fields such as novel writing, social sciences and the humanities, visual arts, poetry, history, music, archaeology and architecture. The 22nd Aydın Doğan Award was presented to Turkish folk musician Arif Sağ in an event in İstanbul on April 5. Arif Sağ is known for his authentic works with bağlama (a traditional stringed instrument) as well as for introducing the Turkish folk music in international platforms and contributing to education of a new generation of folk music artists. Please click [here](#) for more information.



### Fazıl Say Performed for Darüşşafaka Society

Fazıl Say, the worldwide famous Turkish pianist and composer, performed for the benefit of the Darüşşafaka Society on Friday, April 6, 2018 in İstanbul. In the sold-out concert, Say played his own compositions as well with works of outstanding artists. The sold-out concert will help to cover the annual education expenses of 48 Darüşşafaka students. Please click [here](#) for more information.



### Art Anywhere Association is the 9th of Turkey's Changemakers Program of Sabancı Foundation

Turkey's Changemakers program of Sabancı Foundation, which tells the 'extraordinary stories of exceptional people' providing solutions to social problems, returns with its ninth season. Turkey's Changemakers program aims to increase the visibility of the projects and provide its audience with inspiration by making short videos of the works that make a change and broadcasting them on the Internet and on the television, and through this; aims to increase active participation toward social development. Established to bring children from different languages, religions and cultures living in Mardin together in an environment free from discrimination, the Art Anywhere Association was founded in 2012 by Pinar Demiral and her friends to carry out works that are sustainable for children and young people and can touch their lives. The association, which was firstly initiated as a one-time festival in Mardin, provides a fun living space bringing Turkish and Syrian children and young people together where the only common language is art. Detailed information can be found [here](#).



### Technology Development Foundation of Turkey Continues to Support Technology Projects

Technology Development Foundation of Turkey launched Ideanest, a crowdfunding platform that enables technology-based early-stage projects to collect financial support. Through the platform which was launched at the end of 2017, 3 projects reached their target budgets. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## OUR PROJECTS

