

## NEWS FROM TUSEV

**TUSEV's General Assembly was held on 20 April, 2017**

TUSEV's General Assembly was held on April 20, 2017 with the participation of member foundations and associations. In the assembly, which was hosted by ENKA Foundation, members were informed about the activities and financial status of TUSEV in 2016. In addition, the estimated budget and the work plan for 2017 were approved by the Board of Trustees.

**TUSEV Attended Dialogue and Cooperation With Civil Society For Better Public Administration Results Conference**

TUSEV participated in the regional conference, "Dialogue and Cooperation with Civil Society for Better Public Administration Results", organized by TACSO Regional Office in cooperation with Transparency International Bosnia and Herzegovina on 13-14 March, 2017 in Sarajevo. The conference created an opportunity for experience and knowledge sharing between CSOs and representatives from public institutions on the crucial role CSOs have in the design, implementation and monitoring of public administration reform in Western Balkans and Turkey.

**TUSEV Launches Philanthropy Talks**

TUSEV launched Philanthropy Talks in order to bring together the Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Program alumna group and civil society professionals who will share their knowledge and experiences on issues related to the development of philanthropy. The first gathering of the Philanthropy Talks titled "Effective Methods in Civil Society-Private Sector Cooperation" will be held on May 16, 2017. Participants will discuss different models of cooperation such as corporate social responsibility, cause marketing and employee volunteering.

**TUSEV Members Meeting: Foundations in Turkey**

On 20 March 2017, TUSEV organized a members meeting with the participation of Dr. Adnan Ertem, General Director of Foundations. Focusing on the current situation of foundations in Turkey, Dr. Ertem gave information about the implementation of the Law on Foundations and shared his comments on overcoming common challenges faced by Turkish foundations.

**TUSEV Attended The WINGSForum 2017**

TUSEV attended the WINGSForum 2017 which was held in Mexico City on 20-24 February, 2017. In the forum which was themed "Critical Philanthropy: Addressing Complexity, Challenging Ourselves", topics such as providing social change, assessment of the current philanthropy models and applications and creating the suitable conditions for philanthropy to thrive were covered. TUSEV's Secretary General Başak Erten was one of the panelists in the session named "Connecting the Dots: Working Together for More Effective Civil Society Resourcing", which focused on strategies for linking up disparate actors to enhance support for and understanding of civil society organizations, while challenging existing prejudices and distrust. For more information, please click [here](#).

**Panel: Why Private Sector and Civil Society Cooperation Matters?**

On April 28, TUSEV and TAYSAD (Association of Automotive Parts and Components Manufacturers) organized a panel titled "Why Private Sector and Civil Society Cooperation Matters?" to discuss the role of private sector - civil society cooperation and learn from best practices. Başak Güçlü Elbir, General Coordinator at the Corporate Volunteer Association, Betül Selcen Özer, General Manager at Tohum Turkey Autism Early Diagnosis and Education Foundation, Mete Meleksoy, General Manager at Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey, and Şule Yücebiyık, Head of Corporate Communication at Borusan Holding shared their experiences on the subject.

## NEWS FROM THE SECTOR

**Shrinking Space for Civil Society: the EU Response Report is Published**

Shrinking Space for Civil Society: the EU Response Report, prepared by the EU Directorate-General for External Policies, Policy Department is published. The study advocates a number of strategic guidelines that could help make the EU's responses more proactive; better able to tackle the broad structural elements of the shrinking space; fully balanced between political and development approaches; and geared towards building more inclusive alliances against new restrictions on civil society. You can reach the report [here](#).

**International Civil Society Week 2017 will be held in Suva, Fiji**

International Civil Society Week (ICSW) 2017 will be held in Suva, Fiji on 4-8 December 2017. Organized by CIVICUS & Pacific Island Association of NGOs (PIANGO) with the theme "Our Planet. Our Struggles. Our Future", ICSW 2017 will provide a forum for civil society to meet and discuss climate and social justice. Please click [here](#) to reach the call for event partners which is extended till 31 May and [here](#) for more information about the ICSW 2017.

**Community Building Through Inclusive Education Report is Published**

In a recently republished report entitled Community Building Through Inclusive Education, Education Reform Initiative (ERI) constructs and promotes a holistic paradigm for inclusive education in Turkey. In addition to recapitulating the scope and complexity of the challenge that refugees and their host communities throughout Turkey face in education, the report delineates the concrete steps that must be taken in order to ensure that refugee children become long-term members of Turkish society. You can reach the report [here](#).

**Infrastructure in Focus: A New Global Picture of Organizations Serving Philanthropy Report is Published**

WINGS (World Wide Initiatives for Grantmaking Support) published the Infrastructure in Focus: A New Global Picture of Organizations Serving Philanthropy Report. The report presents a new global picture of philanthropy infrastructure and includes suggestions on growing and strengthening philanthropy infrastructure worldwide. Please click here to reach the [report](#).

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

**34th Aydın Doğan International Cartoon Competition Entries Is Now Open For Applicants**

The Aydın Doğan International Cartoon Competition is organized every year in Turkey by the Aydın Doğan Foundation. The 34th Aydın Doğan International Cartoon Competition, which will be celebrated with an award ceremony in November 2017 in Istanbul, is now open for applicants from professional and amateur cartoonists from all over the world. Please click [here](#) for more information.

**Darüşşafaka Society's Corporate Governance Compliance Rating Grade Increased to 9,43**

Darüşşafaka Society increased its Corporate Governance Principles Compliance Rating, which is based on how equality, transparency and accountability principles are adopted in the Society, to 9,43 in 2017. The increase shows that Darüşşafaka Society has achieved a considerable level of compliance with Corporate Governance Principles issued by the Capital Markets Board (CPM) and it has a well-established sense and culture of accountability to its members, donors, beneficiaries and all other stakeholders as well as the public. For more information, please click [here](#).

**The Pavilion of Turkey to Present ÇİN by Cevdet Erek at the 57th International Art Exhibiton - La Biennale di Venezia**

ÇİN, a new work by Cevdet Erek, will be presented in the Pavilion of Turkey at the 57th International Art Exhibition - La Biennale di Venezia to be held from 13 May through 26 November 2017. Organised by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts, the Pavilion of Turkey is located at Sale d'Armi, Arsenale, in the main venue of the biennale. Please click [here](#) for more information.

**Curtains Go Up For the 19th Time at International Adana Theater Festival**

Organized with the cooperation of Sabancı Foundation, The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and the State Theaters, Sabancı International Adana Theater Festival opened its curtains on March 27, World Theater Day. The longest-running theater festival of Turkey lasting for a month, the International Adana Theater Festival hosted a total of 21 plays, 12 from Turkey and 9 from abroad. For more detail, please click [here](#).

**Forced Migration Resource Center Database is Launched**

Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc) and Vehbi Koç Foundation, launched the Forced Migration Resource Center (FMRC), new online database, which provides a source of information on forced migration with a specific emphasis on the displacement of Syrians since 2011. The FMRC search engine allows browsing through the complete content of the database in academic publications, assessments published by national and international civil society organizations, reports published by intergovernmental organizations and government institutions, and documents on legislation categories. You can reach the database [here](#).

## OUR PROJECTS

