

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TUSEV's Secretary General Başak Ersen is Elected as a Member of Foundations Council

The 4th term elections of the Foundations Council, which is the highest decision-making body within the General Directorate of Foundations in Turkey, was held on December 24, 2017. TUSEV's Secretary General Başak Ersen was elected as a member of the Foundations Council and he will be representing the new foundations during the term covering 2018-2020.

## NEWS FROM TUSEV

### Report: State of Play on CSOs Data in Turkey

November 2017

#### State of Play on CSOs Data in Turkey Report is Published

TACSO Turkey Office published the "State of Play on CSOs Data in Turkey" Report which is prepared in cooperation with the TUSEV and Civil Society Development Centre (STGM) with contributions from Ministry for EU Affairs. The report indicates sources of available official civil society data collected, managed and disclosed by relevant public authorities. The report also reviews the reliability and the quality of the available data and accordingly outlines policy recommendations for the improvement of the civil society data collection environment and procedures in Turkey. You can reach the full report [here](#).



#### Fourth Phase of the Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project Has Started

The fourth phase of Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project, launched in 2011 by TUSEV and financially supported by Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, started in December 2017. In the fourth phase, covering the period between 2017 and 2019, TUSEV will continue to raise awareness about philanthropy and strategic giving, produce research and publications, promote capacity building that supports the development of philanthropy, and build networks and coalitions of people and organizations to improve philanthropy infrastructure development.



#### TUSEV Contributed to the 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 51 countries and 8 multilateral organizations around the world. 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 and civic freedom in Turkey. Please click [here](#) to reach ICNL Civic Freedom Monitor Turkey page that was last updated on January 2018.



#### 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 27 September 2017. The meeting which took place on 4-5 December, gathered experts on the civil society field in the Western Balkans and the EU's neighboring countries. During the two-day sessions, participants discussed the current situation in terms of the development and monitoring of civil society participation in the relevant countries and a road map was developed in terms of objectives and actions related to the implementation and dissemination of the Participation Principles in the upcoming period. For more information on the adoption of guidelines and other upcoming agenda, please click [here](#).

## NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



#### 29th EFC AGA and Conference will be held in Brussels

The 29th EFC AGA and Conference will be held in Brussels on 29-31 May 2018 with the theme "Culture Matters: Connecting Citizens & Uniting Communities". Taking place during the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage, the conference will be a cornerstone of Philanthropy Week—a series of exciting exhibitions, topical sessions and thought-provoking site visits. Please click [here](#) for more information and registration.



#### Enlarging the Space for European Philanthropy Study is Published

"Enlarging the Space for European Philanthropy" study, commissioned to Oonagh Breen, Professor of Law at UCD Sutherland School of Law, Ireland by both Donors and Foundations Networks in Europe (DAFNE) and the European Foundation Centre (EFC) is published. The study, which is the starting point of the development and implementation of a joint DAFNE/EFC advocacy roadmap, undertakes a scanning of the horizon of philanthropy's operating space. Please click [here](#) to reach the report.



#### Challenges Facing Civil Society Organisations Working on Human Rights in the EU Report is Published

"Challenges Facing Civil Society Organisations Working on Human Rights in the EU" Report prepared by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights is published. The report which represents the agency's look at the different types and patterns of challenges faced by civil society organisations also highlights promising practices that can counteract these worrying patterns. You can reach the report that aims to encourage policymakers to intensify their support for civil society efforts to protect, promote and fulfil human rights within the EU [here](#).



#### The Biannual Conference of ISTR will be held in Amsterdam in 2018

The Biannual Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) will be held in Amsterdam on 10-13 July 2018, with the theme "Democracy and Legitimacy: The Role of the Third Sector in a Globalizing World". The conference, which will gather researchers from all over the world, will be an opportunity to showcase the relevance of research in the field of philanthropy, while contributing to the rise of modern philanthropy at the societal, political and policy agenda's in the Netherlands. Please click [here](#) for more information and registration details.

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



#### The 6th Aydın Gün Encouragement Award Goes to Violinist Veriko Tchumburidze

Awarded every year since 2012 by Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSVA) to promising young classical musicians, the Aydın Gün Encouragement Award of 15,000 TL is granted to the 21-year-old violinist Veriko Tchumburidze. Tchumburidze, who performed at the opening concert of the 41st Istanbul Music Festival and was invited to participate in the Seiji Ozawa Academy Masterclass and the Verbier Festival in Switzerland, also performed at the 44th Istanbul Music Festival as a member of Trio Arte ensemble and she was awarded the first prize with this ensemble in chamber music category at Pietro Argento International Music Competition. Please click [here](#) for more information.



#### Short Films Best Depicting the Child Labor Issue Awarded in the Sabancı Foundation Short Film Competition

Awards were presented to the winners of the second annual Short Film Competition -with a duration of no more than 5 minutes films-organized by Sabancı Foundation, with this year's theme "Child Labor". Güler Sabancı, Chairman of The Board of Trustees of the Sabancı Foundation, and Zerrin Koyunsağan, General Manager of the Sabancı Foundation, hosted the award ceremony for the competition titled "Short Film Long Impact", which was organized with an aim of raising awareness about social issues by utilizing the power of art. Drawing a huge interest in its second year, the competition received 395 applications for short films addressing the issue of child labor. The ones granted with an award among the shortlisted 15 short films were determined by the jury consisting of Ai Weiwei, Antonio Saura, Bergüzar Korel, Calin Peter Netzer, and Gürcan Keltek. For more information, please click [here](#).



#### Spastic Children's Foundation of Turkey has Started a New Project

Spastic Children's Foundation of Turkey has started the project titled "Vocational Training for Physiotherapists About Family Centered and Play Based Approaches in Early Childhood Intervention" in partnership with the Ministry of Family and Social Policies and Gazi University, as well with partners from Luxembourg, United Kingdom and Portugal. Within the scope of the 24-months project, it is planned to prepare vocational education curriculum about family centered and play based early intervention approaches for physiotherapists. The final version of the curriculum will be available online for all physiotherapists across Europe.



#### Special Olympics Turkey Athlete Became a Member of Galatasaray Sports Club

Special Olympic Turkey Athlete Dostum Durduran Nevruz became a member of the Galatasaray Sports Club, with the support of Special Olympics Turkey Vice Chairperson Ebru Köksal. Nevruz, who is an exemplary swimmer with various awards from many competitions, received his acknowledgement of membership from the Galatasaray Sports Club President Dursun Özbek. Please click [here](#) for more information.

#### Vehbi Koç Foundation Celebrates 49th Anniversary

The Vehbi Koç Foundation, founded on January 17, 1969 by Vehbi Koç, is celebrating its 49th anniversary in 2018. As the first private foundation established in Turkey, the Vehbi Koç Foundation aims to contribute to faster development of the country through institutions that it manages, projects it supports and regular programs in the fields of education, healthcare and culture as essentials of life, and to serve the public with sustainable and reproducible models by setting an example of being the "best" in all its activities. For more information, please click [here](#).



## OUR PROJECTS

