

NEWS FROM TUSEV



**TUSEV Attended EFC Annual General Assembly and Conference and DAFNE Summer Meeting**

TUSEV attended European Foundation Center (EFC) Annual General Assembly and Conference and Donors and Foundations Network in Europe (DAFNE) Summer Meeting on 22-24 May in Paris. EFC Annual General Assembly and Conference which was held with "Liberté, égalité, philanthropie" theme focused on participation, communication and digitalization, decision-making processes of funding organizations. At the DAFNE Summer Meeting, developments regarding the state of philanthropy in member countries were evaluated and ideas of philanthropy infrastructure development in Europe were shared. For more information please click [here](#).



**Study Visit on Philanthropy to London**

TUSEV made a study visit to London between May 15-17th, in accordance with TUSEV's activities that aim to strengthen the philanthropy infrastructure in Turkey. Philanthropy infrastructure organizations and institutions that contribute to the development of philanthropy were visited, including the Mott Foundation, the Funding Network, Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), Association of Charitable Foundations, Turkey Mozaik Foundation, Global Giving and London Community Foundation. As part of the visit, a meeting was held with the directors of CAF Global Alliance Network and a roundtable discussion was attended, which was entitled International Giving and What It's Telling Us and was co-organized by CAF and the Alliance Magazine. Please click [here](#) to read the notes from the roundtable, where the findings of CAF's World Giving Index were discussed.



**The 6th Term of Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Program Ended**

TUSEV has been conducting Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Program under the Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project with the aim of enhancing dialogue among philanthropy professionals. 21 civil society professionals participated in the sixth term of the program, which took place between January and June 2019. The program covered various topics related to philanthropy, such as individual giving, donor relations and management, and legal and fiscal legislation concerning civil society organizations. Throughout the modules, the participants had the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience with each other and learn from experts.



**Destekle Değiştir İzmir Event was Held on June 13th**

Since 2014, TUSEV has been organizing Destekle Değiştir (Giving Circle) events and providing technical assistance to groups and organizations that are interested in implementing the model. As part of these efforts, Tülay Aktaş Gonüllü Kuruluşlar Güç Birliği hosted the second Destekle Değiştir event in İzmir on June 13th with the technical assistance of TUSEV. Three civil society organizations presented their projects on organizing workshops that bring together local and refugee women, offering a cooking workshop for those with the celiac disease, and establishing a solidarity network for the visually impaired university students. 87 donors pledged a total of approximately 9,200 Euros for the three projects.



**TUSEV Contributed 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 that was last updated in July 2019.



**Workshop on Public Sector-CSO Cooperation was Organized in Ankara**

Workshop on Public Sector-CSO Cooperation, organized as a part of the activities TUSEV carries out under Monitoring and Enhancing Enabling Environment for Civil Society Project financed by the European Union (EU), was held on 2 May 2019 in Ankara, with the participation of 22 representatives from different public institutions. The workshop started with opening speeches by Başak Ersen, Secretary General of TUSEV, by Paolo Scialla, Deputy Head of Civil Society, Fundamental Rights, Judiciary and Home Affairs Section at Delegation of the EU to Turkey, by Ahmet Hakan Atik, Head of Directorate of Project Implementation at Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate of EU Affairs. After the opening speeches, preliminary findings of the survey focusing on international standards on freedom of association, the legislation regarding associations and necessary conditions for enabling environment for Public Sector-CSO cooperation were presented. For more information please click [here](#).

NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



**International Civil Society Week 2019 Report is Published**

The report of International Civil Society Week 2019 (ICSW 2019) which brought together over 700 human rights campaigners, civil society leaders and engaged citizens from 93 countries in Belgrade in April, is now published. The report includes a foreword by Lysa John, Secretary General of CIVICUS, learnings and events at and prior to ICSW 2019, an overview of major topics, learnings and events at and prior to ICSW 2019, details on agenda design and co-creation process, summary of media coverage during and after ICSW 2019 as well with next steps and ways to engage with CIVICUS. Please click [here](#) to reach the report.



**Impact Case Studies: Promoting an Enabling Environment for Philanthropy and Civil Society by WINGS is Published**

Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS) published the case study titled Promoting an Enabling Environment for Philanthropy and Civil Society that illustrates how Philanthropy Support Organizations (PSOs) have implemented successful strategies to promote an enabling environment for civil society and philanthropy to thrive. The publication also features specialized articles from the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), Forus and CIVICUS. Despite the challenges of shrinking space or lack of conducive fiscal environment, PSOs are creative and have tremendous positive impact on the field in response to these challenges. For more information please click [here](#).



**The State of Social Enterprise of Turkey Report is Published**

Prepared as a part of the activities carried out within the framework of the Social Enterprise Program by the British Council, the State of Social Enterprise of Turkey Report is published. The report, prepared by Social Enterprise UK and a local consortium including TED University and Istasyon TEDU in partnership with Ashoka Turkey, İstanbul Bilgi University, Koç University Social Impact Forum, Mikado and Middle East Technical University, aims to define the current size, scope of the sector and its future potential in Turkey. Please click here to reach [more](#).



**United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Launches Call for Applications for the Youth Solidarity Fund**

Applications for the Youth Solidarity Fund, established in 2008 and responds to calls for action made by young civil society leaders around the world on the importance of establishing funding mechanisms for youth-led organizations, is now open. Through the fund, projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to intercultural or interfaith dialogue and advance the mission of UNAOC will be supported and the deadline for applications is Friday, 30 August. Please click [here](#) to read more about the details.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

**Public Programme of the 16th İstanbul Biennial Brings Together Various Disciplines**



The 16th İstanbul Biennial, organised by the İstanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSIV) and sponsored by Koç Holding, is going to take place between 14 September-10 November 2019. Curated by Nicolas Bourriaud, the 16th İstanbul Biennial entitled The Seventh Continent, will feature the work of more than 60 artists in different locations in İstanbul and host various talks, film screenings, concerts and food performances as a part of its admission-free public programme. Among the participants of the public programme, to take the relation between the fields of art, ecology and anthropology as its focal point, are prominent philosophers, scientists and artists who will present different approaches to these fields. Please click [here](#) for more information.

**The Turkish National Youth Philharmonic Orchestra Supported by the Sabancı Foundation Starts this Year's Tour with İstanbul Concerts**



With the Sabancı Foundation as its Main Supporter, the Turkish National Youth Philharmonic Orchestra met with the audience at İş Sanat on July 21-22 before the European Tour. TUGFO, composed of 76 young musician selected from the most successful conservatories across Turkey got the thumbs up from music lovers. The orchestra, which started its European tour with the Berlin Young Euro Classic Festival concert on July 24th, completed the tour with six concerts in Sicily between 26 July and 4 August. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**Turkish Education Association Continues Our Teachers: Insurance of Education Project Activities**



Turkish Education Association continues activities of Our Teachers: Insurance of Education Project which is supported by Ministry of National Education and Zurich Insurance Volunteers. The main purpose of the project is to support the female teachers appointed to villages and counties in the first year of their occupation, allowing them to make a better start to the working life as well as both improving the occupational lives of teachers' and raising hope for their students. You can read more about the project [here](#) which also aims to minimize the environmental, physical and professional problems experienced by teachers, increase their knowledge and reinforce their beliefs and motivations to their profession and to themselves.

**Applications for Umut Foundation's 24th International Cartoon Contest Open**



Working with the aim of raising awareness about "Individual Disarmament" by drawing attention to worldwide individual armament without any legal justification, which is increasing worldwide and in Turkey, irresponsible possession of guns, and personal and social pains experienced as a result, the applications for Umut Foundation's 24th International Cartoon Contest open. Submissions to the contest themed "Give Life a Chance" can be made until 23rd of August. For more information and details, please click [here](#).

**Turkey's First Social Entrepreneurship Trainer Education was Organized**



Turkey Social Entrepreneurship Network launched by Vehbi Koç Foundation in collaboration with the Koç University Social Impact Forum (KUSIF), Ashoka Foundation Turkey, Association for Innovative Solutions in Sustainable Development, TED University, the Social Innovation Initiative Association, Social Enterprise UK, and the Mozaik Foundation, organized the first social entrepreneurship trainer education in Turkey, on July 8 - 13, at the Koç University Rumeli Feneri Campus. 27 participants came from the project cities Van, Gaziantep, Samsun, Kayseri, Bursa and Muğla, and took the education in the fields such as social innovation, social financing and social impact from experts. The aim of the education was to expand the information to project cities and to enable founding new social entrepreneurs in these regions. After the education, participants will conduct social entrepreneurship dissemination trainings which aims to raise 396 possible social entrepreneurs overall the country. Social entrepreneurship dissemination trainings will be organized between September-December 2019. You can follow the announcements regarding the trainings from the project's website [sosyalgirisimcilikagi.org](#) and from the social media account @SosyalGirisimTR. For more information please click [here](#).

OUR PROJECTS

