

NEWS FROM TUSEV



Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society 2019 Turkey Report is Published

TUSEV published the Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society 2019 Turkey Report prepared within the scope of Monitoring and Enabling Environment for Civil Society Project financed by the European Union. Prepared with the criterion set under the Monitoring Matrix Methodology, the report presents the state of civil society in terms of Basic Legal Guarantees of Freedoms, CSO Financial Viability and Sustainability, and Public Sector-CSO Relationship. While analysing the current state of affairs and practices vis-a-vis the existing legislation, the report also presents policy recommendations for CSOs, governments, international community and donors in an effort to provide guidance on the identification of reform priorities. Please click [here](#) to reach the report.



Rana Kotan, the Secretary General of TUSEV joins the Board of Balkan Civil Society Development Network

TUSEV's Secretary General Rana Kotan was elected as a board member of Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) which aims to empower the civil society and influence European and national policies towards more enabling environment for civil society development in order to ensure sustainable and functioning democracies in the Balkans. Kotan will serve as a board member between 2020 and 2023 and will contribute to the work of BCSDN to help reach its objectives for an enabling environment for civil society. Please click [here](#) for more information about BCSDN.

Civil Society Public Sector Cooperation

Monitoring and Enhancing the Enabling Environment for Civil Society Project is Completed

Financed by the European Union, Monitoring and Enhancing the Enabling Environment for Civil Society Project is completed as of June 2020. Within the scope of the project which aimed to contribute to the enhancement of an enabling legal and fiscal environment for civil society and to increase civil society organizations' (CSO) participation in policy and decision-making processes, 12 meetings, with the participation of 350 people, were organized, 16 written documents, which is 800 pages in total, were prepared with the help of 8 different experts, and 20 different institutions were visited by the project team. You can reach more information about the project [here](#).



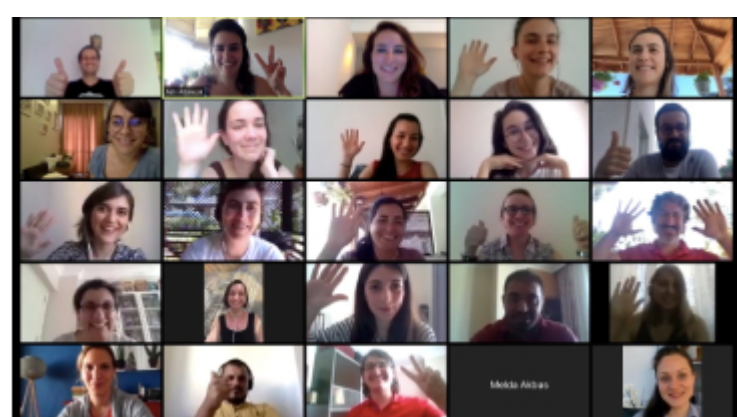
Standards and Good Practices for Public Funding of Civil Society Organisations Report is Published

Prepared within the scope of Monitoring and Enhancing the Enabling Environment for Civil Society Project financed by the European Union, Standards and Good Practices for Public Funding of Civil Society Organisations Report is published. Authored by Vanja Skoric, Program Director at European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL), the report presents public funding for CSOs including government implemented measures to support CSO development, CSOs' sustainability or their ability to fulfil their vision and mission, through a variety of financial or in-kind mechanisms. The report also includes analysis of public funding models of five countries; Croatia, Germany, Czech Republic, Ireland and Estonia. Please click [here](#) to reach the report.



TUSEV Attended DAFNE Summer Meeting

TUSEV attended the Donors and Foundations Networks in Europe's (DAFNE) Summer Meeting which took place online, on May 19. Attended by more 70 participants, the meeting created an opportunity for participants to discuss and reflect on philanthropy's role during the pandemic as well with the opportunities and the challenges. You can read TUSEV's Communications Coordinator Birce Altay's piece on DAFNE blog that summarizes the reflections of the meeting [here](#).



The Seventh 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. 23 civil society professionals participated in the seventh term of the program, which took place between January and July 2020. 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.

NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



Grantmakers East Forum will Take Place Digitally

Grantmakers East Forum (GEF), which is a thematic network functioning under EFC with the purpose of improving civil society and philanthropy, will take place digitally in October with the theme of Embracing Complexity: Interconnectedness in times of crisis. The annual gathering of GEF offers an open space and stimulus for debate and new ideas. During the forum, grantmakers, academics, civil society actors, and representatives from EU and international organisations will have opportunity to discuss topics such as new normal, building community resilience, role of the technology, philanthropic actors and networks. For more information please click [here](#).



State of Civil Society Report 2020 is Published

CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation has published the annual State of Civil Society Report 2020 which indicates the major events that involve and affect civil society around the world. The ninth edition of the report focuses on five key areas; civil society action climate crisis, collective action triggered by economic injustice, challenging exclusion and claiming rights, the state of democratic freedoms, civil society at the international level. Please click [here](#) to reach report that includes 50 interviews civil society activists, leaders and experts and CIVICUS's ongoing research, analysis and advocacy programmes.



Hrnt Dink Foundation Calls for Abstracts: International Conference on Hate Speech and Discrimination

Hrnt Dink Foundation calls for abstracts for the International Hate Speech and Discrimination Conference that will take place on December 11-12 2020 online in collaboration with Friedrich Naumann Foundation. The conference aims to create a space where the problems caused by hate speech and discriminatory discourse can be revealed and analyzed; moreover, country-specific experiences, strategies, and academic studies for countering these problems could be exchanged, and potential collaborations developed. Abstracts can be submitted until September 7th, 2020. For more information and submission form please click [here](#).



CAF Charity Coronavirus Briefing is Published

Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) published Coronavirus Briefing Report which consists of the insights of series of short surveys that has been conducted since the 17th March to understand how the COVID-19 crisis has impacted the sector. Findings in the report help to keep on top of what crisis means for people, organisations and the sector, including: three things charities need most from the government to help see them through, the changes that charities have made in response to the crisis, the lockdown-easing measures that would most benefit charities. For more information and to reach the report please click [here](#).

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



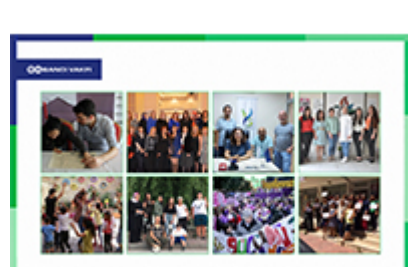
IKSV to Receive UNESCO's International Fund for Cultural Diversity

Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (IKSV) become entitled to receive International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD) with its project of Thread of Culture: Empowering Turkey's Local Cultural Professionals. One of the nine eligible projects to receive funding among 480 projects from 60 countries, Thread of Culture is also the first project to receive the fund from Turkey. Within the project, a platform for professionals working on every level of the cultural field across Turkey will establish to offer a wide variety of capacity building trainings, and to set new standards for cultural production, policies and management. For more information please click [here](#).



Mother Child Education Foundation Support to Families During Pandemic

With the collaboration of the GAP Administration and UNICEF, Mother Child Education Foundation (AÇEV) has been implementing the program to prevent of early, forced, and child marriages in Gaziantep, Hatay, Kilis, Mardin, Siirt and Şanlıurfa. Within the program hygiene and psycho-social support kits were distributed and aimed to support 2900 families during the Coronavirus pandemic. While hygiene kits provide support to families with limited access to essential hygiene supplies, psycho-social support kits target children who spend more time at home during the pandemic. Along with hygiene and psychosocial support kits, AÇEV's Guide to Protecting Wellbeing at Home During the COVID 19 Pandemic were distributed. For more information please click [here](#).



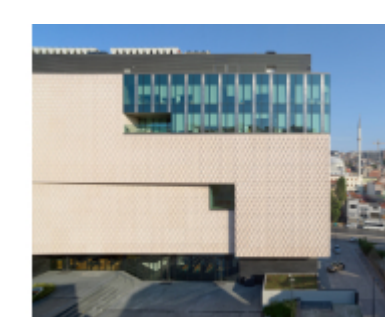
8 Projects Approved for Sabancı Foundation Funding

The Sabancı Foundation has been running the Grant Programs with the goal of contributing to the empowerment of civil society and social development since 2007 and this year's non-governmental organizations (NGOs) qualified to receive support under the Grant Programs have been announced. The Foundation supports non-governmental organizations that develop solutions to the problems encountered by women, young people and individuals with disabilities, envisioning a society in which all individuals enjoy their rights equally, and it is going to fund 8 projects this year. Being the very first foundation to fund non-governmental organizations in Turkey, the Sabancı Foundation has supported 173 projects with a total donation reaching 28.5 million TL within the scope of the Grant Programs in 14 Years. This year, the Grant Programs of the Sabancı Foundation received 254 project applications from 58 provinces all across Turkey. The Grant Programs support those NGOs that implement projects in "supporting high-quality education", "ensuring access to education and attendance" and "supporting rights-based non-formal training efforts" to solve certain social problems faced by women, young people, and individuals with disabilities by offering knowledge and experience as well as grants ranging from 50 thousand TL to 250 thousand TL. Click [here](#) to learn more.



Spastic Children's Foundation of Turkey-Cerebral Palsy Turkey Starts the September Project

September Project, of which The Spastic Children's Foundation of Turkey-Cerebral Palsy Turkey has been the country representative for the past seven years, will be start on September 1 simultaneously in seven countries worldwide in 2020. The participants will have the chance to participate as an individual, team or organisation and will take 10.000 steps daily and collect donations by mobilizing their networks. Donations collected through the project will be used to early intervention, rehabilitation, special education schools, family consultancy, psychosocial support, educational programs. Please click [here](#) to reach information about the project, click [here](#) to reach foundation's website.



Vehbi Koç Foundation's Cultural Institutions Reopened its Doors

Vehbi Koç Foundation's Cultural Institutions, which were shut down during the isolation period due to the pandemic, started welcoming visitors by taking the necessary precautions. Arter met art followers on June 16, and Sadberk Hanım Museum on June 30. The opening date of Meşher is September 1. The new exhibition, Cevdet Ereğ's "Bergama Stereotip" and one of the Arter's opening exhibitions, Altan Gürman retrospective exhibition, can now be seen at the Arter. Sadberk Hanım Museum welcomed its' visitors with the museum's permanent collections.

OUR PROJECTS

