

NEWS FROM TUSEV



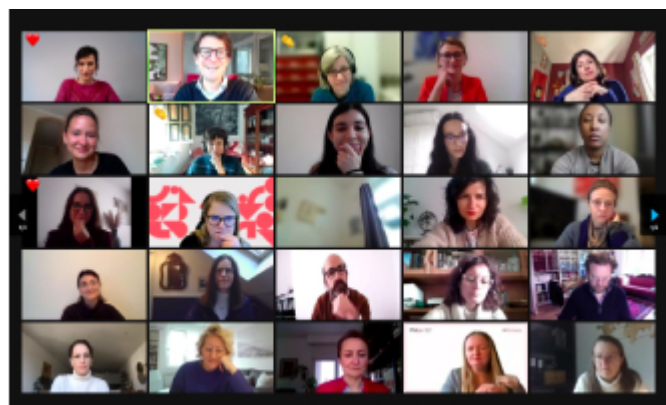
Monitoring Freedom of Association Project Has Started

The Monitoring of Freedom of Association Project, funded by the European Union has started on 15 October 2021, and will be implemented in cooperation with the Civil Society Development Center Association (STGM). Within the scope of the project, which will last until October 2024, TUSEV and STGM will work on producing data to contribute to the development of an enabling civil society in Turkey, preparing reports that will facilitate dialogue between public institutions and civil society organizations, and developing concrete proposals to improve the quality of regulations regarding CSOs in line with the international standards. The project kick-off meeting was held at the STGM office in Ankara in January 2022. We started working by planning the details of the activities we will implement within the scope of the project. You can follow <https://www.katilimhaki.org> and <https://siviltoplum-kamu.org/tr/> to be informed about the work to be carried out within the scope of the project.



We Attended the PurposeNow Event As a Speaker

Our Secretary General Rana Kotan attended the PurposeNow event organized by Istanbul-based consultancy company HMD in cooperation with the Business of Purpose and TrendWatching on December 6-7. In the session titled Partnering in Purpose, Kotan shared her experiences in the field of civil society, her views on private sector-civil society collaborations and transformation opportunities. To get detailed information about the event, which took place with the participation of more than 30 speakers from different sectors, please click [here](#).



We Attended Philea Winter Meeting

TUSEV Secretary General Rana Kotan attended the winter meeting organized by the Philanthropy Europe Association (Philea). At the meeting held online on January 26, ideas and experiences were shared on the following topics: Collaborations for advocating together to strengthen the philanthropy infrastructure, giving culture, public-private sector cooperation practices, purpose-oriented transformation within the scope of education and institutional philanthropy to bring together foundations and other relevant stakeholders. At the meeting, presentations were also made on the topics of creating data-driven insights for the interaction of Philea member institutions, impact communication and measurement. Click [here](#) for detailed information about Philea.



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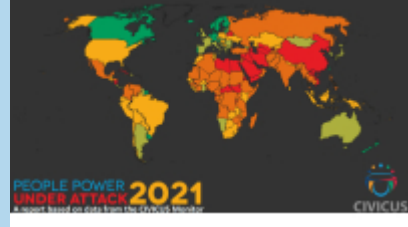
We contributed to the monthly e-bulletin prepared by the Philanthropy Europe Association with the article titled "Reflections on 2021 and Hopes for 2022", written by TUSEV Secretary General Rana Kotan together with Suzana Djordjevic from Hemofarm Foundation and Serbian Philanthropy Forum. The article puts forward the rising inequalities – including vaccine inequality –, worsening consequences of climate change, COVID-19 implications for mental health and well-being, democratic backsliding, and shrinking space for civil society while highlighting the unique and needed role of philanthropy and civil society in addressing these pressing issues and amplifying collective impact, despite this challenging environment. Please click [here](#) to read the article.



We Celebrated #GivingTuesday-#PaylasmaGunu

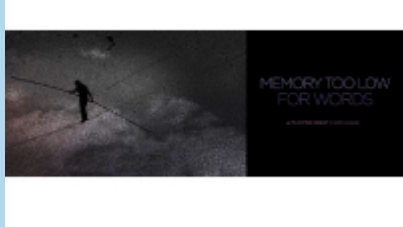
#PaylaşmaGünü, the Turkish version of #GivingTuesday campaign, of which TUSEV is the country coordinator, was celebrated with the participation of hundreds of CSOs, corporates, educational institutions and individuals on 30th of November 2021. In its second year in Turkey, #PaylaşmaGünü once again cultivated the giving culture in Turkey, served as an amplifying voice for solidarity and acts of kindness. This year, #PaylaşmaGünü reached a record number of sharings, with an estimate number of +45 million reach on social media. TUSEV team is currently working with an independent consultant firm to analyze the impact of #PaylaşmaGünü and write a report covering the outcomes of the past 2 years which will be published in the first quarter of 2022, both in Turkish and English.

NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



CIVICUS People Power Under Attack 2021 Report is Published

CIVICUS, of which we are a member as TUSEV, has published the new People Power 2021 report. The report shows where civil society conditions are improving and getting worse. According to the report, 9 out of 10 people live in countries where civic rights are severely restricted, and 13 countries are downgraded in new ratings as civic rights deteriorate globally. It is also stated that detention of protesters is the top violation of civic freedoms in 2021 and COVID-19 continues to be used as a pretext to restrict rights across the globe. For more information on the report, please click [here](#).



Hrant Dink Foundation Released 'System Memory Too Low For Words'

The film "System Memory Too Low For Words", prepared for the 15th anniversary of the murder of Hrant Dink, the Editor-in-Chief of Agos Newspaper, was released on the Hrant Dink Foundation website. The film, devised and produced by Ümit Kivanc, which transforms Hrant Dink's words to colour, shape and sound, lays before us the 'errors' in the 'system' which did not allow space for Hrant Dink and his words. To watch the film and to witness Hrant Dink's passion which made him a target, and to hear from his own voice his dreams for Turkey and the world in these tumultuous days please click [here](#).



Giving Circle Review Released

A study has been released by the Global Fund Community Foundations (GFCF) on the 'Giving Circle' model, which we, as TUSEV, are also implementing and trying to develop in Turkey. In the study named "Sister, brother – or just someone who cares": How Giving Circles celebrate the power of giving and reclaim what it means to be a donor", it is mentioned that how a simple idea, which involves bringing people together with the sole purpose of giving – and giving together – has been shaped and adapted to fit in different countries and cultures. Despite the diversity of contexts, of communities, of the specific strategies and purposes behind them, the study shows how, regardless of their location, Giving Circles are about building connections, trust and understanding between people. Please click [here](#) to read the review.



Human Rights Watch World Report 2022 is Published

The World Report 2022, annual review of human rights around the globe, is published by Human Rights Watch. World Report 2022, Human Rights Watch's 32nd annual review of human rights trends around the globe, reviews developments in more than 100 countries. In the report, it is mentioned that autocratic leaders faced significant backlash in 2021, but democracy will flourish in the contest with autocracy only if democratic leaders do a better job of addressing global problems. To reach the detailed information on the report, please click [here](#).

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



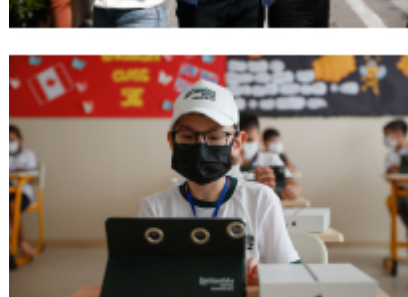
25th Aydın Doğan Award was Presented to Dr. Özlem Türeci and Prof. Dr. Uğur Şahin

The Aydın Doğan Foundation announced Özlem Türeci and Uğur Şahin as the recipients of the 25th Aydın Doğan Award, one of the most prestigious awards in Turkey presented annually since 1996 to a successful individual or institution to recognize and honour their contribution to developments in culture, art, literature, and science. At the ceremony held in Mainz, Germany on November 30 2021, the award was presented to the Türeci and Şahin by Sema Doğan, Honorary Vice President of the Aydın Doğan Foundation. Aydın Doğan Foundation underlined that the Board unanimously decided to award Özlem Türeci and Uğur Şahin for their ground-breaking work in biotechnology leading to the development of COVID-19 vaccine and for their extraordinary and unmatched contribution to human health and mankind. For more information about the ceremony, please click [here](#).



Çelikel Education Foundation Celebrates Its 15th Anniversary

Çelikel Education Foundation, which set out in 2007 to develop and implement programs to increase the quality of education, is celebrating its 15th anniversary. Çelikel Education Foundation has contributed to more than 28 thousand people with 18 different applications including Alev Topları, Eğitimde Geniş Açık and Yönderlik Programs, which aim at the development of high school and university youth, on this path that they set out with the slogan "Yarını Yaratacaklar (They Will Create Tomorrow)". To watch the short video prepared by Çelikel Education Foundation for its 15th anniversary please click [here](#).



Darüşşafaka Society Maintains Its First Place in Corporate Rating Among NGOs

Darüşşafaka Society maintains its first place in corporate rating among NGOs that assess the related institutions' corporate governance ratings over ten due to analysis of 302 criteria through assessments. Darüşşafaka Society upgraded its rating to 9.74 with the projects and applications implemented in transparency, accountability, and sustainability fields in corporate governance. Darüşşafaka once more succeeded in getting the highest score among non-governmental organizations. Please click [here](#) to get more information.

IKSV Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary



Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (IKSV), which started its activities in 1972 with the realization of Dr. Nejat F. Eczacıbaşı's dream of a festival for Istanbul, is preparing to strengthen the cultural and artistic life of Istanbul for the 50th time in 2022. In the past 50 years, the foundation has hosted more than 12 million viewers in thousands of events it has organized in the fields of contemporary and classical music, cinema, performing arts, contemporary art and design. For more information about the celebration events and to watch the 50th Anniversary celebration film, please click [here](#).

"Philanthropy's Moment For a Better World..."



Chair, Board of Trustees of the Sabancı Foundation Güler Sabancı's letter is published. The letter, which mentioned the increasing inequalities during the pandemic period, has highlighted these topics: "The core of philanthropy is humanity which renders its definition very straight forward. It means taking steps to overcome inequalities that exist in the world, supporting people who have limited resources and opportunities and extending a hand to those left behind.", "Women and girls are among the most affected by these inequalities.", "We cannot head off the climate emergency without providing the necessary means and resources to developing countries, as an act of philanthropy. We should be aware of it. We know our world is only as strong as the weakest link.", "It is encouraging to see increased awareness of the climate emergency and inequalities in our country, particularly its young people." Please, click [here](#) to read the message from Güler Sabancı, and click [here](#) to watch the video.

OUR PROJECTS

