

NEWS FROM TUSEV



Fifth Destekle Değiştir Event was Held on October 10

TUSEV has been organizing Destekle Değiştir events (Giving Circle), adapted with technical assistance and expertise from The Funding Network, since 2014. 5th Destekle Değiştir took place at Pera Museum in Istanbul on 10 October. Three civil society organizations presented their projects focusing on increasing the number of guide dogs in Turkey to be delivered to visually impaired individuals free of charge, organizing workshops with socioeconomically disadvantaged children on human rights, gender equality and inclusion, and encouraging the production of electricity using renewable resources in a village in the Çanakkale Province. 90 donors pledged a total of approximately €11,000 Euros to three projects. You can read more about Destekle Değiştir and its implementation process by TUSEV on blog post titled '[Reflecting on TUSEV's 5th Turkish Destekle Değiştir gathering](#)', published on Alliance Magazine Blog.



The Second Philanthropy Talks Meeting Was Held on October 31

TUSEV launched Philanthropy Talks in May 2017 in order to bring together the Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Program alumna group and civil society professionals to share their knowledge and experiences on issues related to the development of philanthropy. The second edition of the meetings, "The Relationship Between the Philanthropy and Arts & Culture: Creating Spaces Together" took place on October 31, 2017 in collaboration with the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSÜ). Görgün Taner, General Director of the İKSÜ, Erdal Yıldırım, General Manager of [Vehbi Koç Foundation](#), and Merve Çağlar, Director of [SAHA Association](#) shared their knowledge and experiences related to philanthropic practices in the field of arts and culture in Turkey and different models of fundraising and grantmaking in a panel session moderated by TUSEV's Secretary General Başak Ersen.



TUSEV Attended the International City and Civil Society Organizations Summit

TUSEV organized a panel named "Individual Giving and Philanthropy in Turkey" in the International City and Civil Society Organizations Summit which was held by Esenler Municipality on 20-22 October in Istanbul. In the session moderated by TUSEV's Secretary General Başak Ersen, Associate Professor Selim Erdem Aytaç from Koç University presented the key findings of the [Individual Giving and Philanthropy in Turkey Report](#), published by TUSEV. The presentation was followed by a discussion on individual giving and philanthropy in Turkey with Tohum Autism Foundation's General Manager Betül Selcen Özer and the co-founder of Adım Adım and Açık Açık Renay Onur.



Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development in Western Balkans and Turkey- Regional Report for 2016 is Published

After one year of a full monitoring cycle in 2016, Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) with its members, including TUSEV, published the regional report in partnership with European Center for Non-profit Law (ECNL). The report summarizes the key findings from country reports including [Turkey 2016 Report](#) prepared by using the Monitoring Matrix methodology. The report identifies common issues across the Western Balkan countries and Turkey and brings key recommendations directed towards national governments and relevant European Union institutions to highlight the priorities for intervention in the creation of a more enabling environment for civil society. You can reach the full report [here](#).



TUSEV Attended TACSO Regional Conference: EU & Civil Society: Quo Vadis?

TUSEV attended the second four-year term closing event of the Technical Assistance for Civil Society Organizations (TACSO), Regional Conference: EU & Civil Society: Quo Vadis? The conference which took place on 9-12 October in Belgrade, brought together representatives from CSOs, governments and EU institutions to talk about the current situation of the civil society in the region.



TUSEV Attended the Grantmakers East Forum

TUSEV attended the 22nd annual Grantmakers East Forum (GEF), a thematic network of the European Foundation Center (EFC) which helps sustaining steady development of philanthropy and civil society in communities and states in wider Europe, and facilitating collaborative efforts of the philanthropic sector to fully integrate into European and global philanthropic initiatives and institutions. Held in Vienna, Austria from 27 to 29 September 2017 with the theme "Reclaiming civic spaces: Imagination, expression and creation for social change", the forum created an opportunity to explore the role of institutional philanthropy in seeking innovative approaches to reclaiming and reasserting civic spaces. Please click [here](#) for more information.

NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



Why Shrinking Civil Society Space Matters in International Development and Humanitarian Action Report is Published

The European Foundation Centre (EFC) and the Funders' Initiative for Civil Society have recently published the report Why Shrinking Civil Society Space Matters in International Development and Humanitarian Action. The report aims to develop better insight into topics such as the things funders do to engage around re-opening space for civil society, the adaptation process and the impacts of the development community's approach to civil society as a whole. The report, which also intends to increase awareness of the threats to civil society can be reached [here](#).



Black Sea NGO Forum will be Held Between 4-6 December 2017

The 10th edition of the Black Sea NGO Forum will be held in Kishinev-Chisinau, Republic of Moldova between 4-6 December 2017. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the Forum aims to reassess its strategic positioning in the region and how it can adapt and further develop the opportunities it provides for the CSOs in the Black Sea Region to enable sustainable regional cooperation. You can read more about the forum whose aims include but not limited to reflecting on the achievements accomplished so far and the lessons learned and debating on the current regional and international context and how can CSOs address the main challenges by identifying opportunities for further regional cooperation and synergies [here](#).



Nominations for the 5th Olga Alexeeva Memorial Prize is Open

Alliance Magazine announced the launch of the 5th Olga Alexeeva Memorial Prize, which was established in memory of Olga Alexeeva, founder of Philanthropy Bridge Foundation, by former PBF trustees in honour of her memory and beliefs. The nominations for the prize, which will be awarded for developing philanthropy for progressive social change in emerging market countries can be submitted until 19th of December. Please click [here](#) for more information.



Global Social Venture Competition Applications is Now Open

The applications for the Global Social Venture Competition (GSVC), which is a global competition that empowers the next generation of social entrepreneurs by providing them with mentoring, exposure, and prize money to transform their ideas into fundable, scalable ventures that address the world's most pressing challenges, is now open. You can read more about the competition that leads entrant teams through an experiential learning process to develop innovative, scalable solutions to the world's greatest challenges [here](#).

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



International Day of the Girl Child Conference Took Place on 11th of October

The third edition of the International Day of the Girl Child Conference held with the partnership of the Aydın Doğan Foundation, UN, UNFPA, UNICEF, and UN Women was held on October 11, 2017. Celebrated every year, to stress the social gender inequality that girls are facing everywhere across the world, the theme of the conference was "Strong Girls, A Strong Future: Social Change Actors of the 21st Century". The common consensus among the conference participants was that investments towards the empowerment of girls, including education, were of great significance in terms of access to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Please click [here](#) for more information.



The 21st Istanbul Theatre Festival Raised the Curtain on 13 November

Organized by Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSÜ) the 21st edition of the Istanbul Theatre Festival will take place between 13 and 26 November 2017. The festival offers theatregoers an extensive programme, featuring a range of plays, dance shows and performances from Turkey and abroad, as well as side events. Presenting a total of 55 performances by 19 theatre and dance ensembles – 6 from abroad and 13 from Turkey – in 18 different venues, the festival programme also features many events including panels, film screenings, master classes and workshops with the participation of international guests and experts. Click [here](#) for more information.



Turkey's Second Largest National Games Staged in Denizli

Special Olympics Turkey in collaboration with Pamukkale University organized Turkey's second largest National Games between 11-13 October 2017. In the games which were attended by 780 athletes from different cities of Turkey, games including athletics, table tennis, swimming, mixed football, basketball and volleyball as well with bocce were held. Supported by 250 coaches and 400 volunteers, the games also served as an opportunity for athletes to be health-screened in five different disciplines by clinical directors.



Sabancı Foundation Gives Grants Worth 16 Million Turkish Liras to 137 projects in 10 Years

Sabancı Foundation brought together civil society organizations that it supports as a part of the Grant Programs in the Sowing Season Experience Sharing meeting. In the meeting hosted by the Sabancı Foundation Chair of the Board of Trustees Güler Sabancı on October 25, the 6 civil society organizations that received a grant from Sabancı Foundation in the 2016-2017 period shared the stories of their projects. As the first foundation to have grant programs in Turkey, Sabancı Foundation has offered grants worth 16 million Turkish liras to 137 projects over 10 years. The Foundation provides not only grants but also knowledge and experience support to CSOs that realize projects as a solution to social problems that women, youth, and people with disabilities face. For detailed information please click [here](#).



Vehbi Koç Foundation Contributed to the 15th Istanbul Biennial with Two Publications

Vehbi Koç Foundation contributed to the 15th Istanbul Biennial – 'A Good Neighbor', organized by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSÜ), with two publications. A book, titled A Good Neighbor, includes a foreword by the Istanbul Biennial Director Bige Örer, an introduction by curators Elmgreen & Dragset, an essay by Kaelen Wilson-Goldie and descriptions of every artist's work by Pablo Larrios and a supplementing story book which gathers a wide variety of personal stories and memories about homes, neighbours and neighbourhoods together were published by İKSÜ and Yapı Kredi Publications with the contributions of Vehbi Koç Foundation. For detailed information, please click [here](#).

OUR PROJECTS

