

## NEWS FROM TUSEV



### Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society 2018 Turkey Report is Published

TUSEV published the Monitoring Matrix on Enabling Environment for Civil Society 2018 Turkey Report prepared within the scope of Monitoring and Enhancing 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 Government-CSO Relationship. Within the research, to include the observations and suggestions of representatives from more CSOs on these issues, an online survey was conducted, and the findings is compiled in a separate report to complement the Monitoring Matrix 2018 Turkey Report. You can click [here](#) to reach both reports.



### Destekle Değiştir İstanbul Event was Held on October 16

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, Sivil Toplum için Destek Vakfı (Support Foundation for Civil Society) hosted its first Destekle Değiştir event in İstanbul on October 16 at Kolektif House Maslak with TUSEV's technical assistance. Three civil society organizations presented their projects on implementing a science project for girls aged between 6-10, updating and disseminating an informative box game on HIV/AIDS and reproductive health, and supporting the relationship between foster families and their children through game-based workshops. In the event 145 donors pledged a total of approximately 45,600 Euros for the three projects.



### TUSEV & Charities Aid Foundation Meeting

Charities Aid Foundation America represented by Ted Hart, President and CEO of CAF America and President of CAF Canada visited TUSEV on 6 September. Within the scope of the visit, state of civil society and philanthropy in Turkey was discussed. The accomplished activities of Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project were introduced and the collaboration opportunities between TUSEV and CAF America were explored.



### TUSEV Attended Grantmakers East Forum

TUSEV attended 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 Tbilisi, Georgia on 23-25 October 2019, with the theme "Common Actions for Social Change: Mobilising People, Creating Spaces, Using Technologies" the forum created to opportunity to discuss topics such as how philanthropic foundations can support the resilience of civil society actors and the alternative ways of mobilising people and building communities and constituencies for human rights and social change. Please click [here](#) to reach plenary write-ups.



### TUSEV Contributed to Social Enterprise and Their Ecosystems in Europe-Turkey Fiche

Social Enterprise and Their Ecosystems in Europe-Turkey Fiche prepared by The European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation Programme is published. TUSEV's Secretary General Başak Ersen contributed to the fiche which describes the roots and drivers of social enterprises in the country as well as their conceptual and legal evolution and includes an estimate of the number of organizations and outlines the policy framework as well as some perspectives for the future of social enterprises in the country. Please click [here](#) to reach the report.



### Grantmaking Organizations Working Group Roundtable Discussion was Held

Established as part of TUSEV's Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project and constituted by the principal grantmaking institutions in Turkey, Grantmaking Organizations Working Group convened at a roundtable discussion joined by Dr. Catherine Herrold, Assistant Professor at Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy on October 30. During the discussion, Ms. Herrold shared her insights and projections on the responsibilities, opportunities and constraints regarding the grantmaking organizations in the context of shrinking civic space.

## NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



### CAF World Giving Index 10th Edition is Published

Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) published the 10th edition of World Giving Index which analyses charitable behaviour around the globe in a study which has surveyed more than 1.3 million people to find out how they give. World Giving Index 10th Edition provides a decade's worth of combined insight into the scope and nature of giving around the world through helping a stranger, donating money to a charity and volunteering for an organization. The report also showcases 10 highest scoring countries, 10 lowest scoring countries and the biggest risers and fallers over that time. Please click [here](#) for more information.



### ECNL Published the Right to Free Assembly in the Balkans Report

European Center for not-for-Profit Law (ECNL) published The Right to Free Assembly in the Balkans Report which was prepared as part of the Monitoring the Right to Free Assembly Project. Written by Neil Jarman, the report identifies areas of concern that will need further attention in the region such as the areas where the legislation needs to be further amended, an over bureaucratisation of the administrative procedures, high levels of responsibilities for organizers of assemblies, concerns about the levels of penalties for offences related to assemblies, and the limited scope of effective public accountability. Please click [here](#) to reach report and more information.



### Applications to International Trans Fund is now Open

The International Trans Fund (ITF), which is a participatory grantmaking fund made up of trans activists and donors, announced its fourth grant cycle is now open. Applications from trans-led organizations with budgets below \$150,000 USD based in any region of the world are welcome to the fund which aims to increase the capacity of the trans movement to self-organize and advocate for trans people's rights, self-determination, and wellbeing. The deadline to apply is December 2, 2019. Please click [here](#) for more information.



### New Report from Balkan Civil Society Development Network

Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) published a regional report titled Growing Pressure on Civil Society and What to Do About it? The report aims to fill the information gap regarding the developments in the civil society environment in the Western Balkan countries and Turkey during 2017 and 2018. The report also reflects the information submitted by BCSDN members participating in the third Monitoring Round within the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation. Please click [here](#) to reach full report.

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



### The International Day of the Girl Child Conference was Held

Aydın Doğan Foundation organized the 5th annual International Day of the Girl Child Conference on October 11, in cooperation with UNICEF, UN Women and UNFPA, with the title "Success Stories in Girls' Empowerment: Overcoming Invisible Challenges" The conference focused on revealing the full potential of girls to shape the future of societies, eliminate obstacles they face and create social awareness on gender equality. During the sessions national and international role models to girls shared their own success stories with participants from public and private sectors, civil society, academia, media and children themselves. Please click [here](#) for more information.



### Culture Professionals from Anatolia came together for the Capacity Building in Arts Programme

As a part of the Spaces of Culture project, İstanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSV) has hosted cultural actors and artists from Diyarbakır, Gaziantep and İzmir at the Capacity Building in Arts Programme which was held for the second time between September 23 and 28. The programme, organised by İKSV to share the foundation's 46 years of experience in the field of culture and arts with Anatolia, took place at İKSV Alt Kat and the Dutch Palace. During the programme, participants found opportunities to share information and reinforce their networks in culture management sessions focusing on various themes. For more information, please click [here](#).



### Maya Foundation Published New Report on Trauma Informed Schools in Turkey

Maya Foundation has released its flagship report on the results of Trauma Informed Schools program which has been carried out in public schools in Turkey with the cooperation of Ministry of National Education and the General Directorate of Lifelong Learning. The report focuses on the model which emphasises on the well-being of Syrian refugee children at schools, and support provided to school authorities educating refugee communities to help create safer and more nurturing environments. The report also offers possible solutions and suggestions to scale up and implement the model using existing infrastructure. Please click [here](#) to reach the report.



### Sabancı Foundation Has Supported 159 Projects with a Total Donation Above 23 Million TL within The Scope of The Grant Programs in 12 Years

Sabancı Foundation gathered the non-governmental organizations supported under the Grant Programs together in the meeting of "Sowing Season". The meeting was hosted by Güler Sabancı, Chairperson of Board of Trustees of the Sabancı Foundation, on October 16 to share the project stories of 10 non-governmental organizations that received a grant from the Sabancı Foundation in 2018 to 2019. The Sabancı Foundation, the first foundation in Turkey to implement Grant Programs, has supported 159 projects in 12 years with a total donation above 23 million TL. The Foundation supports those NGOs that implement projects to solve certain social problems faced by women, young people, and individuals with disabilities by offering knowledge and experience as well as grants. The title of this year's meeting was "Ekim Zamanı Buluşma Zamanı" and for the first time after the meeting, a number of workshops were conducted on disability rights in education, gender equality, wellbeing of children, and empowerment of teachers. Please click [here](#) for more information.



### The Koç University Center for Civil Society and Philanthropy Research Established

The Koç University Center for Civil Society and Philanthropy Research (KÜSİTHAM) was established to conduct interdisciplinary research, teaching and professional training activities on civil society in Turkey and within its region, marking the 50th anniversary of the Vehbi Koç Foundation. The center's primary aims are to contribute to the development of the civil society, non-profit organizations and foundations, and to improve the perception of philanthropy in the region. To mark the opening of the center, a conference and a workshop titled "Trends in Philanthropy: A Look from Turkey" was organized on October 1 and 2 at the Rumelifeneri Campus of Koç University with the participation of international scholars and civil society experts. On the first day of the conference the findings of the "Philanthropy in Turkey" survey results were shared and discussed. The conference also included topics such as philanthropy trends in the world and in the region, current situation of the research on philanthropy and needs from the field. On the second day of the event a workshop was held to shape a future agenda on research, training and collaborations for the newly established center, in the guidance of the participants. To watch the conference video, please click [here](#).

## OUR PROJECTS

