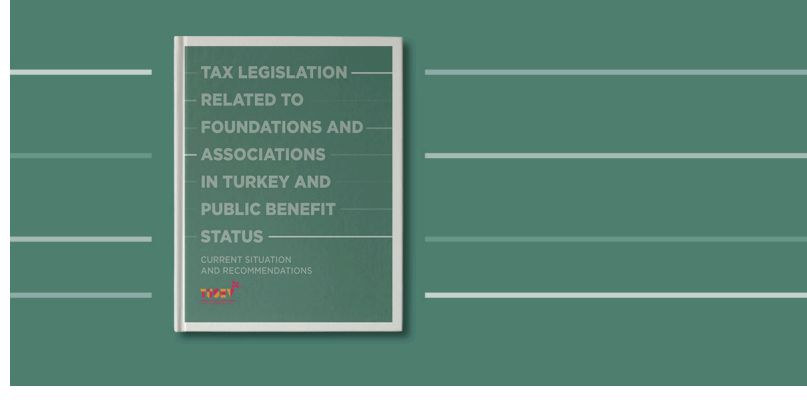


NEWS FROM TUSEV



Tax Legislation Related to Foundations and Associations in Turkey and Public Benefit Status: Current Situation and Recommendations Report is Published in English

TUSEV published the Tax Legislation Related to Foundations and Associations in Turkey and Public Benefit Status: Current Situation and Recommendations Report. Prepared as part of TUSEV's work for developing a better fiscal regime for civil society organizations (CSO) in Turkey, the report is the most comprehensive study on fiscal environment up to date. The report analyses the current situation of the fiscal legislation and Public Benefit Status in Turkey and offers recommendations for improvements in the tax regime under Fiscal and Tax Regulations for the Foundations and Associations in Turkey and the Tax Exemption Status for Foundations and Public Benefit Status for Associations parts. You can reach the report [here](#) and the detailed review of the report, published on Alliance Magazine [here](#).



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 page that was last updated in September 2018.



Philanthropy Talks: The Role of Philanthropy in Promoting Coexistence

TUSEV hosted the fourth Philanthropy Talks, launched in order to bring together the Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Program alumni group and civil society professionals to share their knowledge and experiences on issues related to the development of philanthropy, on 31 October 2018. In the meeting held with the title "The Role of Philanthropy in Promoting Coexistence", Yörük Kurtaran, Trustee of the Support Foundation for Civil Society, Aytül Özcan, Project Coordinator at Sulukule Volunteers Association and Evren Ergeç, Founding Member of Karakutu Association shared their knowledge and experiences related to the ways in which civil society organizations working to promote peace building and peaceful coexistence should be supported by individual and institutional donors.



Philanthropy Professionals Alumni Meeting was Held on September 12

TUSEV organized the Philanthropy Professionals Program Alumni Meeting on September 12, 2018 in order to bring together the Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Program alumni group and foster discussion about news and developments within the sector. Participants who graduated from five terms of the program since 2014 shared their experiences and suggestions about what can be done to strengthen philanthropy and giving in Turkey.



TUSEV Attended the Grantmakers East Forum 2018

TUSEV attended the 23rd 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 Budapest, Hungary on 15-17 October 2018, with the theme "Reframing Civil Society: Actors, Values, Tools" the forum created an opportunity to talk and share experience on shrinking civic space and the roles of grantmaking organizations on facing these challenges. You can reach TUSEV's Deputy Secretary General Liana Varon's reflections on the forum, published on Alliance Blog, [here](#).

Civil Society Public Sector Cooperation

www.siviltoplum-kamu.org is Launched

The website of Monitoring and Enhancing the Enabling Environment for Civil Society Project is launched. The project, which is funded by European Union and carried out by TUSEV under Civil Society Law Reform Program Area, aims to contribute to the enhancement of an enabling legal and fiscal environment for civil society organizations (CSO) and to increase CSO participation in policy and decision-making processes. You can follow the updates from the project, which also aims to strengthen capacities of CSOs and public institutions on international standards for enabling legal and financial environment and participation in policy and decision-making processes [here](#).

NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



International Civil Society Week 2019 will be Held in Belgrade

International Civil Society Week (ICSW) 2019, organized by CIVICUS in partnership with Civic Initiatives as a local host and Balkan Civil Society Development Network as a partner will be held in Belgrade, Serbia on 8-12 April 2019. Organized with the theme "The Power of Togetherness", ICSW 2019 will provide a forum for civil society to meet and discuss the current global challenges and come up with solutions. For more information please click [here](#).



World Giving Index 2018 is Published

World Giving Index 2018, an annual report that analyses charitable behaviour around the world and shares insights into the nature of giving and trends in global generosity, is published by Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). The report ranks countries in terms of helping a stranger, donating money and volunteering time. Indonesia ranked in the first place, followed by Australia and New Zealand. Turkey is ranked 131 out of 146 countries with an overall giving score of 20%. Click [here](#) for more information.



The Global Philanthropy Environment Index 2018 European Edition is Published

The Global Philanthropy Environment Index 2018 European Edition is published by Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy in collaboration with the Donors and Foundations Networks in Europe (DAFNE). The index provides information about the philanthropic landscape of 30 European countries and evaluate their regulatory, political, and socio-cultural environments via a standardized instrument completed by country-based experts. The index examines the incentives and barriers facing individuals and organizations involved in philanthropy. You can click [here](#) to view the index, which TUSEV contributed to section on Turkey.



European Foundation Centre's Annual General Assembly and Conference will be Held in Paris

European Foundation Centre's (EFC) 30th Annual General Assembly and Conference will be held in Paris on 22-24 May 2019, with the theme "Liberté, Égalité, Philanthropie". This year's conference sessions aim to discuss the ways in which philanthropy can help turn the vision of a free, democratic and equitable society into a reality, with a focus on current global challenges such as; migration crisis in relation to inequalities and brotherhood, freedom of speech and freedom of the press, inequalities in access to education, culture and health, ways to promote human rights and encourage new forms of solidarity and inclusion. You can follow the updates of the General Assembly and the Conference from [here](#).

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



The International Day of the Girl Child Conference was Held

Aydın Doğan Foundation organized the 4th annual International Day of the Girl Child Conference on October 11, in cooperation with UNICEF, UN Women and UNFPA. The title of this year's conference was "Leave no one behind! Girls' Empowerment through Science, Arts and Sports" and it 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 500 participants from public and private sectors, civil society, academia, media and children themselves. Please click [here](#) for more information.



The 22nd Istanbul Theatre Festival Will Raise the Curtain on 17 November

Organized by Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSU) the 22nd edition of the Istanbul Theatre Festival will take place between 17 November and 4 December 2018. The festival offers theatre-goers an extensive program, featuring a range of plays, dance shows and performances from Turkey and abroad, as well as side events. Presenting 12 international and 12 local productions, in 18 different venues, the festival program 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.



Ancient City of Metropolis Welcomes Back Seat of Honor with Griffins

"The Seat of Honor with Griffins", which was found well-preserved during the excavations in Metropolis, the City of Mother Goddess, which have been carried out with support of the Sabancı Foundation, has been reproduced to be installed in its original two-thousand-year-old location in the Ancient Theater. The replica, carved by sculptor Sinan İlhan by using the pantography technique, was installed in the seat's original place in the Ancient Theater in a ceremony hosted by Nevgöl Bilsel Saffan, General Manager of the Sabancı Foundation, and Prof. Dr. Serdar Aybek, Head of Department of Archeology, Manisa Celal Bayar University. The original Seat of Honor with Griffins, which was found in 1995 in the Ancient Theater, one of the most remarkable artifacts of the Ancient City of Metropolis, is displayed in Izmir Archeology Museum. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Vehbi Koç Tells - A Compilation is Published

The book titled "Vehbi Koç Anlatıyor - Bir Derleme" (Vehbi Koç Tells - A Compilation) about the life experiences of Vehbi Koç, founder of Turkey's largest conglomerate Koç Holding and the first private foundation of the country, has been published as a timeless guide for all generations to benefit. The book is told in Koç's sincere, inspiring and guiding style, offering young people, employees, entrepreneurs and philanthropists inspiration, and encouraging them to produce relentlessly, learn from failures and experiences of others, constantly question, take ownership of one's country and do better for Turkey. Click [here](#) for more information.

Dreams Academy Project is Ten Years Old



Dreams Academy, launched with the participation of Vodafone Turkey Foundation, UNDP and Alternative Life Association, has been promoting projects for the social inclusion of socially disadvantaged and disabled people for ten years. Playing an important role in the spread of volunteerism, especially among the young people in Turkey, Dreams Academy, has helped over 6,000 disabled young people to overcome obstacles with the contribution of approximately 20,000 volunteers, up until September 2018. For more information, please click [here](#).

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