

## NEWS FROM TUSEV



### *The State of Global Philanthropy: Trends, Opportunities and Challenges Panel was Held on November 28*

As part of its 25th anniversary activities, TUSEV organized a panel on November 28 titled, The State of Global Philanthropy: Trends, Opportunities and Challenges in with the participation of Dr. Atallah Kuttab, Chairman and Founder of SAANED for Philanthropy Advisory in the Arab Region and Chairman Emeritus of [Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support](#) (WINGS), of which TUSEV is also a member. During the panel, current trends and new models in philanthropy, different actors' approaches, developing a culture of philanthropy, and the effects of shrinking civic space on philanthropy were discussed.



### *The Sixth Term of the Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Program Has Started*

The sixth term of the Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Program which TUSEV implements under Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project with an aim to enhance the dialogue among professionals working in areas related to philanthropy has started with participation of 22 civil society professionals in January 2019. In the first module of the program, the participants were informed about TUSEV, Philanthropy Infrastructure Development in Turkey Project and concepts on philanthropy and giving as well with philanthropy trends in Turkey and in the world were discussed.

## Civil Society Public Sector Cooperation

### *Activities within the Scope of Monitoring and Enhancing Environment for Civil Society Project Continue*

TUSEV continues carrying out activities under Monitoring and Enhancing the Enabling Environment for Civil Society Project financed by the European Union. Within the scope of the project, which TUSEV implements under its Civil Society Law Reform program area, a group of lawyers meeting was held on 9 November 2018 with the aim of contributing to the enhancement of an enabling legal and fiscal environment for civil society and to increase CSOs' participation in policy and decision-making processes. In addition, two workshops on legal and fiscal legislation for associations were held in Istanbul and Ankara, in which participants were informed about the international standards on freedom of association and national legal and fiscal legislation regarding associations. You can follow the updates from the project [here](#).



### *TUSEV's Second General Assembly of 2018 was held on December 5*

TUSEV's second General Assembly was held on December 5, 2018 with the participation of member foundations and associations. In the assembly, estimated budget and work plan for 2019 were approved by the Board of Trustees.



### *TUSEV Attended International Volunteer Day: Volunteers Build Resilient Communities*

TUSEV attended International Volunteer Day: Volunteers Build Resilient Communities which was organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and United Nations Development Program on December 7, 2018 in Ankara. TUSEV's Secretary General Başak Ersen was one of the panelists in the event which was held with the participation of Minister of Youth and Sports Mehmet Muharrem Kasapoğlu, Minister of Family, Labour and Social Services Zehra Zümrüt Selçuk and UNFPA Representative in Turkey, Karl Kulesa. In the event, volunteerism's contribution in building resilient communities, contributions of volunteers to Sustainable Development Goals were discussed and the State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2018 which was prepared by the United Nations Volunteers was presented.



### *TUSEV Contribution to ICNL Civic Freedom Monitor*

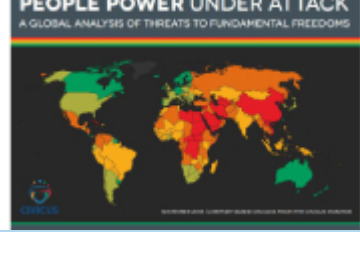
The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law's (ICNL) Civic Freedom Monitor provides up-to-date information on legal issues affecting civil society in 54 countries and 8 multilateral organizations. As part of this initiative, TUSEV provides an overview of key legal issues relating to civic freedom, with a focus on legal barriers to civil society activity in Turkey. Please click [here](#) to reach ICNL Civic Freedom Monitor Turkey that was last updated in January 2019.

## NEWS FROM THE SECTOR



### *30th EFC AGA and Conference will be held in Paris*

The 30th EFC AGA and Conference will be held in Paris on 22-24 May 2019 with the theme "Liberte, Egalite, Philanthropie". The conference will be cornerstone of Philanthropy Week - a series of exciting exhibitions, topical sessions and thought-provoking site visits. Please click [here](#) for more information and registration.



### *People Power Under Attack 2018 is Published*

CIVICUS published the People Power Under Attack: A Global Analysis of Threats to Fundamental Freedoms Report, which provides analysis of the kinds of violations most frequently recorded on the CIVICUS Monitor, over the past two years. Please click [here](#) to reach the report that shows nearly six in ten countries are seriously restricting people's fundamental freedoms of association, peaceful assembly and expression.



### *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](#).



### *Human Rights Watch World Report 2019 is Published*

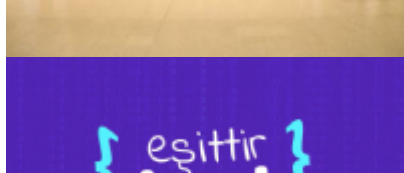
Human Rights Watch's annual review of human rights around the globe is published. The report summarizes key human rights issues in more than 90 countries and territories worldwide, drawing on events from late 2017 through November 2018. Turkey section of the report can be reached [here](#). Click [here](#) for the full report.

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



### *Darüşşafaka Society was introduced in Turkey's Faces: Civil Society Exhibition at the European Parliament*

Darüşşafaka Society participated in Turkey's Faces: Civil Society Exhibition at the European Parliament on January 8, 2019. The exhibition which was organized by the Member of the European Parliament and Vice-Chair of the Delegation to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee Miltiadis Kyrkos, brought 11 NGOs from Turkey together. For more information, please click [here](#).



### *Genç Hayat Foundation Published Eşittir Kod Project's Video*

Genç Hayat Foundation published the promo video of the Eşittir Kod Project, which is implemented with the support of the Empower Foundation and with the partnership of Kodluyoruz Association. As stated in its motto "Code, Equalize, Change!"; the project aims to eliminate gender-based prejudices through technology education and to create a freer choice of profession students. You can watch the video [here](#) and get more information about the project [here](#).



### *The Aydın Gün Encouragement Award is Granted to Can Çakmur*

Awarded every year since 2012 by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSİV) to promising young classical musicians, the Aydın Gün Encouragement Award is granted to the 22-year-old pianist Can Çakmur in its seventh edition. The first prize winner of the 10th Hamamatsu International Piano Competition in 2018 and the Scottish International Piano Competition in 2017, Can Çakmur appeared in the 43rd Istanbul Music Festival, where he headlined the opening concert with Borusan Istanbul Philharmonic Orchestra (BIPO) under Sascha Goetzel and performed at the 46th Istanbul Music Festival's Festival Encounter series. Please click [here](#) for more information.



### *Sabancı Foundation Short Film Competition Awarded the Films That Best Portrayed Its Theme of "Discrimination"*

Sabancı Foundation has organised its third Short Film Competition this year with the theme "Discrimination" and the winners have received their awards. The awards ceremony for the competition, which is called "Short Film, Long Impact" and organized to raise awareness of social issues using the power of arts, was hosted by Güler Sabancı, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Sabancı Foundation, and Nevgül Bilsel Safkan, General Manager of the Sabancı Foundation, on 16 January 2019. For more information, please click [here](#).



### *Vehbi Koç Foundation Celebrates Its' 50th Anniversary*

Vehbi Koç Foundation, established on January 17, 1969 as Turkey's first private foundation is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The founder of the Koç Holding, Vehbi Koç pushed for 16 years, starting in 1951, for the 'New Foundations Law' to be passed in order to institutionalize his charities. As a result of his success, Vehbi Koç Foundation led to the establishments of other private foundations in Turkey. For 50 years Vehbi Koç Foundation has sustained activities in the fields of education, culture and healthcare for the development of the society by saying "The onus is on us". The foundation is celebrating this important milestone with a series of activities around the theme of 'philanthropy'. In this context, Vehbi Koç Foundation and its institutions aim to show that there is always an area where anyone can make a difference by taking voluntary action. Click [here](#) to watch the movie.

## OUR PROJECTS

