Civil Society Dialogue between EU & Turkey
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Foreword by Egemen Bağış, Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator

Turkey is going through a socio-economic transformation. In the last 7 years we have reached a more democratic and prosperous country. The European Union [EU] accession process, which Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan defines as the most important modernization process following the proclamation of the Turkish Republic, has been a strong driving force in this respect.

Turkey-EU relations rise on three pillars; besides the work on the political criteria and the technical negotiation process, a strong cultural and social dialogue is to be established between people of Turkey and the EU. The project of “Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey” is one of the most significant and extensive projects that have the objective of establishing long-lasting ties between the two.

In all, 119 projects have taken place under the Civil Society Dialogue initiative, with activities realized at locations all over Turkey and EU involving more than 200 partner organisations from Member States and Turkey. Thus, a civil dialogue has been promoted which is independent of, but parallel to, the official dialogue between Turkey and the Member States.

This commitment to supporting dialogue is celebrated in the pages of this book. Here you will find examples of projects which are a testimony of the enthusiasm both in Turkey and in the EU for a larger, stronger and more prosperous Europe. Some of the projects have supported dialogue to further the technical know-how in Turkey on implementing EU rules and practices. Some of the projects are supporting dialogue to improve the delivery of services at the local level. Some of the projects have enabled Turkish youth groups to join EU networks and other projects have used the process of dialogue to open up opportunities for economic growth. What all of the projects have in common is that they bring together different parts of Turkish civil society with counterparts in the EU.

There is much to be learnt from this experience and much which reflects our desire to support the empowerment of all citizens. At the end of the day, democratisation is a long term process, and the dialogue of citizens on the accession to the EU is a significant part of this process.

I would like to thank all the organisations from both Turkey and the EU who have worked so hard to make these projects successful and to thank EUSG and Technical Assistance Team for their effective implementation and CFCU and ECD for facilitating the process and all those who have contributed to the dialogue. And for those readers who have not yet joined the dialogue, I hope that this book is an inspiration to join.

Egemen BAGIŞ
Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator
Introduction

Background to the ‘Promotion of Civil Society Dialogue Between EU & Turkey’

The strategy for accession negotiations between the European Union and Turkey is based on three pillars. The first pillar is designed to support the reform process in Turkey. The second pillar sets out the framework for accession negotiations. The third pillar concerns the strengthening of political and cultural dialogue through civil society in Turkey and the EU. Such dialogue aims at enhancing mutual understanding amongst the societies of Turkey and the EU. The Council of the European Union endorsed the support for this dialogue by stipulating that “parallel to Accession negotiations, the Union will engage with every Candidate Countries in an intensive political and cultural dialogue. The long-term objective of the dialogue is to prepare civil society from the EU and Candidate Countries for future enlargement.”

Thus, in 2005, the European Commission adopted a Communication that establishes objectives and priorities for further development of a civil society dialogue between the EU and Candidate Countries. It aims to bring citizens and different cultures, political and economic systems closer in order to bridge the information gap, achieve better mutual knowledge, thus ensuring a stronger awareness of the opportunities as well as the challenges of future accessions.

In support of this dialogue process the Secretariat General for EU Affairs (EUSG) designed an initiative titled: Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue between European Union and Turkey. The specific objectives of this Dialogue are to:

- Strengthen contacts and mutual exchange of experience between civil society in the EU and Turkey,
- Ensure a better knowledge and understanding Turkey within the EU, including Turkish history and culture, thus allowing for a better awareness of the opportunities and challenges of future enlargement,
- Ensure a better knowledge and understanding of the EU within Turkey, including the values on which it is founded, its functioning and its policies.

For the phase of the initiative implemented between 2008 to 2009, and financed by the EU under Turkey’s 2006 national programme, the EUSG targetted specific sectors of civil society. These were sectors selected either due to their specific importance in the accession process, and/or because of their strong capacity for mobilising further resources to the process, or because to date the sector had not yet fulfilled its potential of contributing to the dialogue. The four sectors targetted were:

i) Towns and Municipalities,
ii) Professional Organizations,
iii) Universities,
iv) Youth Initiatives for Dialogue.
For each of these type of civil society organisation, the EUSG designed a specific Grant Scheme, and between the four sectors a total of 19.3 M EUROS was allocated in grant funds. The specific objectives for each scheme are summarised in the table below:

**Specific Objectives of Each Grant Scheme As Per The Guidelines**

**Towns and Municipalities**
- To establish and strengthen long-term sustainable cooperation and promotion of dialogue between the municipalities in Turkey and in EU Member States and Candidate Countries,
- To foster effective, transparent and participatory local government, delivery of good quality municipal services.

**Professional Organisations**
- To promote mutually beneficial and sustainable relationship and to establish and strengthen long-term sustainable cooperation and promotion of dialogue between professional organisations in Turkey and in EU Member States and Candidate Countries,
- To encourage exchange of knowledge and best practices on planning and implementation of EU policies.

**Universities**
- To establish and strengthen long-term sustainable cooperation and partnerships between universities in Turkey, EU Member States and Candidate Countries; and promote dialogue between the following categories of Turkish and EU counterparts,
- To encourage exchange of knowledge and best practices on planning and implementation of EU policies.

**Youth Initiatives**
- To promote mutually beneficial and sustainable relationship between youth initiatives in Turkey and in EU Member States and Candidate Countries and promote dialogue between the Turkish and EU youth organizations addressing the opportunities and challenges of enlargement,
- To encourage exchange of knowledge and best practices on planning and implementation of EU policies.
In addition to the funding for the Grant Schemes, a further 1.8 MEURS was allocated to provide a Technical Assistance Team to support EUSG and the Central Contracts and Finance Unit (CFCU) in the implementation and monitoring of the schemes. Furthermore, 300,000 EUROS of this amount, was set aside to finance an innovative Interpretation and Translation Facility, which was designed to help civil society organisations in Turkey and the EU to overcome any language barriers they may face in establishing collaboration. A summary of the objectives and mechanism for this Facility can be seen below:

**The Interpretation & Translation Facility**

There are many civil society organisations in Turkey and across the EU that wish to contribute to the dialogue on Turkey’s accession to the EU, but they often face a language barrier in building up relationships with potential partners and with other similar organisations in other countries. The Interpretation and Translation Facility of the CSD Project is a mechanism designed to address this communication hurdle. This Facility provided ‘in kind’ support, of up 10,000 euros in value, to Turkish civil society organisations that successfully made an application, to assist with interpretation services at conferences, seminars, workshops, networking events, meetings, exploratory visits, or joint assessment activities, and, in some cases, to assist with written translations.

**The Four CSD Grant Schemes**

Through a usual competitive procedure, whereby eligible organisations were encouraged to submit proposals for projects to be funded under the four different CSD Grant Schemes, 119 Turkish civil society organisations were successful in being awarded grants valued between 33,000 to 407,000 EUROS. These organisations received their grants and began their project activities during the summer of 2008 and most ended their projects in November 2009.

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The 119 Grant Beneficiaries were from organisations from all across Turkey. The geographical distribution of the projects can be seen in the map below:

Given the objectives of the Grant Schemes, all the 119 Turkish Grant Beneficiaries were obliged to have at least one formal partner civil society organisation from one of the EU Member States or other Candidate Countries. In reality, many of the projects had multiple EU partners, and many also had partners and associates from within Turkey.
Overall, there were a total of 153 EU partners, distributed amongst the Member States and of the Candidate Countries, as per the chart below, as well as a large number of Turkish partners.

Given the four different types of civil society organisation involved in the dialogue projects and that the main common objective was related to strengthening mutual understanding, the actual topics or subjects of the 119 projects covered many fields. The table below attempts to summarise the variety of project themes:
Grant Projects By Theme

- Agriculture, Rural Development
- Culture, Arts
- Education, Science and Research
- Enterprise, Industry
- Environment
- Food Safety, Consumer and Health...
- Information Society, Media
- Justice, Freedom and Security
- Service Provision, Local Development
- Social Policy, Inclusion
- Tourism
What Difference Does Dialogue Make?

The various sectors of Civil Society represented in the four components of CSD have demonstrated that they either have great propensity to contribute to the EU enlargement process or are directly involved in applying standards and following policy in line with the EU acquis, or both. The real impact of their actions can be measured in the long term, but, in the short term, evaluations\(^1\) of the 119 grant projects have helped to identify some of the changes that they were designed to bring about.

Firstly, it is worth noting the scale of these grant projects and the great efforts made by the teams that implemented them. In total it has been estimated that the 119 projects ‘reached’ over 2 million citizens in Turkey and the EU. These citizens represent all the final beneficiaries of the projects’ activities, for example, those benefitting from training, those learning from printed or online material, those joining debates at conferences and symposiums, or those who contributed to research and analysis. Furthermore, the grant projects were able to exceed their expected results, with the evaluation showing that on average the projects achieved 109% against their performance targets.

For 57% of all the organisations involved in the projects it was the first time that they had experienced working collaboratively between partners in the EU and Turkey, and also the first time for 57% of them to be involved in implementing activities with support of EU funds. For the great majority, the experience has been a very positive and fruitful one, with the CSD projects stimulating great interest in continuing further dialogue type projects. 87% of the projects commented that they had put in place measures to ensure continued collaboration between the EU and Turkey. Such measures included signed protocols and partnership agreements, joint project design for future actions, full membership of federations and umbrella groups, and commitments on joint resource mobilisation. The evaluation survey also showed that 79% of all the Turkish Grant Beneficiaries claimed that they had used their CSD project as a springboard to access opportunities offered by other EU associated programmes.

In terms of the immediate objectives of CSD, the outputs listed in the pages of this Compendium are ample evidence that these are likely to be achieved, but additionally the evaluation survey shows that those involved in the projects perceived that they had been successful. When asked if they thought the CSD objectives had been met by their individual grant projects, 90% of the project EU partners rated the answer 4 or 5 on a scale of achievement of 1 to 5. Furthermore, the evaluation survey also seems to suggest that the dialogue approach was applied not only between partners in the EU and Turkey on individual projects, but also by project personnel collaborating with other projects within their CSD component. 38% of all the projects noted that they had benefitted from links or collaboration with organisations implementing other CSD projects.

It is also good to note that the CSD grant projects have made a considerable contribution to not only strengthening the capacity for Civil Society Organisations to work in partnership, but also strengthening their capacity for managing EU funds. When asked about their capacity for implementing EU-assisted projects, only 6% of the Grant Beneficiaries rated their capacity as ‘excellent’ before they had implemented their CSD project, but this figure rose to 42% on completion of the CSD projects. Thus, it is very clear that projects that support dialogue produce multiple benefits, not least a worthy contribution to the EU enlargement process.

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\(^1\) The 119 CSD grant projects have been evaluated at different stages in their implementation, by different stakeholders. Most of the data used in this Compendium is drawn from surveys of the Grant Beneficiaries and their partners administered by the CSD Project Office in September 2009 and analysed in the CSD Evaluation Report November 2009.
The ‘Postcards from a Dialogue’

This collection of ‘postcards’ is designed to a) celebrate some of the more notable successes of the grant projects; and b) to inspire other actors to follow the example of these CSOs and strengthen the dialogue through new initiatives and partnerships.

As the participating organisations represent very diverse aspects of Civil Society, the ‘postcards’ have been divided into sections according to the type of organisation: Local self-government bodies of the Towns and Municipalities; academic and research-based institutions in the Universities and ‘think tank’ section; Professional Organisations, such as Chambers and trade associations; and lastly, NGOs specifically targeting Youth Initiatives.

The CSD Project Team

Comprehensive support was provided to the 119 grant projects through a Project Team made up of EUSG staff and experts from an externally contracted Technical Assistance Team. The Team was also responsible for promoting the objectives and good practices of EU-Turkey CSD.

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CSD Project Implementation Team
Selection of good practices from Towns & Municipalities
Amongst the 119 grant-assisted projects under CSD, there have been 41 projects implemented by local self-governments from municipalities across Turkey. All of these projects have included dialogue with similar local authorities in various EU Member States, and many of them have also encouraged direct contact between individuals and groups from the communities themselves. In particular, three projects have demonstrated how it is possible within one action to both strengthen the capacity of local authorities and to promote dialogue amongst the communities that they serve.

The Fire Department of Kayseri Municipality has built up a highly productive relationship with a similar Department in the German Municipality of Duisberg. With expert assistance from their German colleagues, the fire-fighters of Kayseri have improved their technical skills for dealing with certain emergencies and have been introduced to standards for their profession in the EU. Also, in addition to the comprehensive training programme within the project, some of the most disadvantaged rural community districts within Kayseri have benefitted from fire-prevention awareness-raising activities. These activities have ensured that local schools and the families of the students are now better prepared for fire-prevention. Furthermore, these activities have helped to forge a link between the Kayseri local communities and those in Duisberg. During one of their training visits, the German fire-fighters were able to experience everyday life in central Anatolia and took back wonderful stories from their stay to their community in Duisberg. As one of them remarked: “We have learnt as much from Anatolian hospitality as we have given in our training!”.
A similar bonding between local communities has taken place within the project ‘Improved Integration of Migrants Through Inter-Municipal Dialogue’. This project has brought together the local authorities of Zeytinburnu in Istanbul with counterparts in Berlin, Germany, and Beringen in Belgium. To assist the most vulnerable parts of the migrant population, Zeytinburnu Municipality has established an Integration Centre. This is a unique structure for any Municipality, but in designing the function and services it will provide, Zeytinburnu has drawn upon the experience and advice of their German and Belgian colleagues. These partnerships have not only enabled Zeytinburnu to build up the skills and knowledge of its staff and of the staff of the Istanbul NGOs also participating in the project, but also given members of the communities in Istanbul, Berlin and Beringen the chance to get to know each other. Furthermore, the EU partners are eager to monitor the progress of the Integration Centre, as this is a model which they are learning from.

The project has enabled more than 120 people active on migration issues to receive training and share experiences in seminars, and supported a delegation of 10 activists from Turkey to study community development approaches to integration in Germany and Belgium. As one of the project workers noted “When you see new practices yourself you can really understand how things work and how we might use those approaches in Turkey”. Additionally, this project run by Zeytinburnu Municipality has also forged productive links with other EU-funded initiatives, such as the CSD project implemented by Koç University, which is exploring comparative issues on migration in Turkey and selected EU Member States.
Another CSD project, ‘Learning Organic Life in the Island, implemented by the Aegean Municipality of Gökçeada, has demonstrated how cooperation between local communities can build capacity for effective public-private partnerships. The local authorities of Gökçeada are striving to ensure that the livelihoods of their island inhabitants are both economically secure and environmentally sustainable. To help in doing this they have turned to another European island, that of Sardinia, and are learning how a particular development model is being applied there. The local government in the Sardinian municipality of Mandas act as ‘facilitators’ for eco-tourism and organic farming - by providing training, support with marketing, the provision of infrastructure, and other measures - and local businesses and entrepreneurs generate the financial investments. This partnership has worked well in Mandas and now, through the CSD grant, the know-how and experience is being transferred to Gökçeada through ‘community-to-community’ engagement. What this ‘engagement’ has meant in reality has been a range of specialised training activities for 70 participants from Gökçeada municipality, farmers and local entrepreneurs, study tours between the islands for 40 participants, and more than 500 community members benefitting from awareness-raising activities (which is actually about 5% of the total of the Gökçeada island population !). Furthermore, the Italian partners are keen to expand their links with Turkey and the business opportunities, it opens up to them.
Improved local service provision through the application of EU standards and innovation

Much of the dialogue between local self-governments in Turkey and their counterparts in the EU is focused on how Turkish municipalities can improve the services they provide to their citizens by implementing practices that have been previously piloted in the EU. Similarly, the partnering EU municipalities are learning much about the opportunities offered by links to Turkey. Çine municipality, for example, on the west Turkish coast, is highly dependent on intensive agriculture and consequently, with a growing population, is increasingly facing problems in the demand and supply of water. To assist on this issue, the municipality has collaborated with Sassulo Municipality in Italy and the Hungarian Municipality of Topalca, which together have provided experts and trainers and enabled Çine to dramatically improve its water management. Initial reports from the local authority’s water department suggest that year-on-year the consumption of water has declined by 17% as a result of measures to mitigate water wastage. In addition to increased know-how, the project in Çine is also following an EU example by taking steps to raise awareness amongst future generations by highlighting to school children the importance of effective water resource management.

Similarly, Meram Municipality, in the Turkish city of Konya, is now able to offer its citizens improved waste recycling facilities and has run a successful recycling campaign thanks to its partnership with the Maltese municipality of Rabat. The effect of this dialogue has been a 40 ton increase in the collection of recyclable waste over just a 6 month period, and a significant drop in the overall waste collected from households. This clearly has dual economic benefits, with the municipality generating income from recycled products, yet saving money on a lower volume of waste needing to be disposed of.

Toroslar Municipality, on the Mediterranean coast, has implemented its project on ‘Accessible Tourism’ with partners from the local community of Drama in Greece. This is another project using dialogue with EU partners to explore how local facilities and services can become more ‘inclusive’ in terms of those who might benefit from them. Thus, from delivering a range of trainings, supporting study tours, and holding seminars to share ‘good practices’, Toroslar and Drama have identified what infrastructure, services, and sites, such as museums, public transport, and open spaces, need to be upgraded to meet demands of citizens with disability and other special needs. The work done on this project was especially appreciated by the other CSD municipal project teams, as they voted it as their ‘favourite project’ from amongst all the 41 in the Towns and Municipalities Component.
One of the most unusual projects supported by a CSD grant has been that implemented by the Kula Municipality, assisting the local community to learn lessons from partners involved in establishing ‘GeoParks’ in the German municipality of Lorsch and Greek municipality of Eressos-Antissa. The community in Kula are hosts to a range of geological features and a cultural heritage which both require protection and can, with appropriate management, support many income-generating activities. Thus, the CSD project has assisted Kula with technical trainings on how to form and manage a Geopark, along with various marketing work such as the production of a promotional video, printing of 500,000 tourist brochures, publication of a Kula GeoPark booklet, and seminars that have helped bring together different elements in the community: businesspeople, NGOs, schools and university, and the municipal authorities.
Based on the simple principle that the more ideas on ways to improve local service delivery there are, the better Turkish municipalities can meet the needs of their citizens, the Turkish Union of Municipalities has been running a project that has established a network for the sharing of such ideas. This network has been developed in partnership with the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces and has brought together 10 small-to-medium sized municipalities in Turkey and 10 similar municipalities in Spain. Within the network, the project has supported various training and information sharing activities, so that not only have both the Spanish and Turkish municipalities recognised the mutual benefits of such international cooperation, but on the Turkish side they have strengthened their capacity for designing and implementing projects with EU funds. Of the many outputs, one measure of success of the project has been the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between Turkish and Spanish local communities which provides a framework for the sustainability of the relationships.
Professional Organisations
There are many different types of organisations in Turkey representing professionals, traders, craftsmen, farmers, and all kinds of service providers, and a cross-section of these are to be found amongst the 25 organisations successful in attracting CSD grants to implement dialogue projects under the Professional Organisations Component. Many of these were both inexperienced in managing EU funds and in dialoguing with EU partners, but many have deployed sound, general management techniques to develop strong and productive partnerships, and to ensure that they generated maximum project outputs from their grant funds. One such example is the Bornova Chamber of Auto Repairers and Craftsmen, in the Izmir region of Turkey, which has implemented a vocational training project in conjunction with the Munster Chamber of Craftsmen in Germany. Professional and technical training has been provided for approximately 600 mechanics in 6 different professional fields in the project, and the Chambers and its partners and associates have significantly increased their capacities as certified training providers.

Very positive feedback has been received from the numerous project trainees. They report that they are now able to realize troubleshooting, motor testing processes and other technical methods in their workshops, which they could not do previously, and that they have benefitted from other self-development. For example, in addition to the professional knowledge acquired by the trainees, both the training documents and the video visuals provided by the European partner are strengthening the notion of “Thinking and living like a European”.
The local Dokuz Eylül University was so impressed by the project that they have offered collaboration in training to the Chambers and a protocol has been signed between the two institutions. This is a significant step towards improving the employment opportunities in the region, given that the industrial sites of Izmir are generally located within the limits of Bornova Municipality and approximately 2500 workplaces are in business at these sites. This importance is acknowledged by the fact that within a short period after launching the project, the Mayor of Bornova visited the project centre. Much of the success of the project can be attributed to the very practically-orientated partnership agreement with Munster, and the robust management of the project team. Careful attention was paid to the administrative requirements of the funder, the EU, which ensured that no time was wasted on correcting report documentation, and the process of activity planning was given a high priority, thus facilitating the timely implementation of the training programme and its associated materials.
Some of the Professional Organisations participating in the Civil Society Dialogue have managed not only to develop fruitful relationships with EU counterparts to meet the objectives of their projects, but have also succeeded in securing long term partnership agreements and in producing project outputs which can be replicated, thus increasing the impact of the dialogue. One such example of this is the ‘Promoting Civil Dialogue in Bars through Legal Education’ project, implemented by the Union of Turkish Bars.

The Union has a twin approach to sustaining and scaling up the impact of its CSD grant assistance. In collaboration with 3 EU partners (Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe; the French Council of Barristers; and the Law Society of England and Wales) the Union has developed a training programme to allow Turkish lawyers to have a better understanding of jurisprudence in the EU. The programme has included both a Training of Trainers, of which 6 members of the Union have participated, and the production of an Educational DVD, both of which will assist the Union to ‘cascade’ its training out to all 78 local bar associations, thus eventually reaching the 57,000+ practising lawyers all across Turkey. The dialogue project has also enabled the Bar Association to link into networks across the EU and anticipates that such links will result in further joint projects. Naturally, this also means that umbrella groups, such as the Council of Bars of Europe have much better access to their colleagues in Turkey.
In a completely different sector, the CSD grant scheme has also assisted a number of agricultural Chambers and Associations. Two local Turkish Chambers of Agriculture, Kurtalan and Batman, in the South Est of Turkey, are ensuring that their dialogue with EU partners and their project outputs are sustained in the long term through two important strategies. Firstly, the project management and leadership in the Chambers has secured strong 'buy-in' to the project’s objectives from both the regional representation of central Government in Turkey and from elected officials in the project partner’s home country of Hungary. Such support was clear by the participation of Siirt Governor, Necati Şentürk, at the launching of the project. The interest from the Hungarian side to explore opportunities in the Turkish market was shown by the fact that a Hungarian Member of Parliament leading the group of agriculturalists who visited Kurtalan from Hungary. Secondly, the project management placed a strong emphasis on capacity building, with initial training of Chambers members on a study visit to Hungary being filmed and then subsequently shown to farmers in the Kurtalan and Batman districts, and with a signed protocol between all the participating organisations to cooperate further on training activities.
Another project which has not only achieved all its expected outputs, but has also demonstrated an approach which will contribute to the ‘scaling up’ of its results, is the project on ‘Current Applications and Recent Improvements in Cattle Breeding’. This project has been implemented by the Amasya Cattle Breeders Association in partnership with the French national Institute de l’Elevage. Through a comprehensive training programme, which included two study visits to France and a number of EU experts coming to Amasya, more than 200 of the Association’s members have learnt how improved registration systems and action-oriented research can contribute to improving milk production and quality. The training has also enabled the local Turkish cattle farmers to understand the required compatibility for EU standards and how an efficient breeding programme improves their competitiveness in the market. With the encouraging support of their French partners, the Association in Amasya has also undergone a degree of organisational change and is now structured in a way which allows it to offer better services to its members and to run an improved registration system. This re-organisation stands as model which the Association intends to share with other similar Associations in Turkey, and which will also enables it to deliver the technical trainings to other Associations, thus producing a ‘cascade’ effect of the capacity building measures.
In a project aimed at strengthening the Turkish Constructional Steel Association and to increase information and consciousness on laws and policies of the European Union in the steel sector, project beneficiaries have been finding that there are times when they learn more through spontaneous discussion than through formal classroom teaching. Indeed, apart from the scheduled training sessions, of which there have been 10 courses with nearly 200 welders, engineers and other professionals, panel-led ‘question and answer’ sessions have tended to run long into the evenings. Furthermore, the strong bond between the experts from the project’s Romanian partner, Timisoara Technical University, and the Association’s members has been enhanced by this interaction and was the basis of a successful ‘summer camp’ run for students and steel industry experts from Turkey, Romania and other Member States.

To sustain the outputs from the project, the Association has established a permanent Research and Training Centre and from its linkages with institutions in the EU, strengthened through the project, intends to continue to invite European experts to contribute to its training programmes. The Association’s profile within the sector in the EU has also been raised through its increased interaction with the industry umbrella organisation in the EU, the European Constructional Steel Union. Indeed, the degree of integration is well demonstrated by the fact that this Union has just appointed Professor Dr. Nesrin Yardımcı, Chair of the Turkish Association, as its own Chairperson. This is not only a first for Turkey, but Prof. Yardımcı is also the first woman to chair the European Constructional Steel Union.
In a similar vein to the project above, the Turkish Union of Consulting Engineers (TMMB) has also implemented a project which has resulted in its strengthened organisational capacity through a dialogue with counterpart organisations in the EU. The Union supports a membership of approximately 200 organisations in Turkey, but until the CSD project was implemented, the majority of its members were both unaware of the consultancy opportunities offered by the Accession process and poorly informed on the standards followed by their colleagues operating in the EU. As a result of the project, more than 5% of the estimated 5000 consulting engineers in Turkey participated in a wide-ranging technical training programme, with sessions delivered both in Turkey and at the offices of the project’s partner, the Dutch Association of Consulting Engineers, and TMMB established online channels with its membership to distribute information and reference materials on EU procurement practices and procedures. The Union has also taken steps towards fully integrating its own structure and services with those of EU counterparts by joining the European Federation of Consulting Associations.
Universities
Under CSD, 28 Turkish Universities and ‘think tanks’ were successful in receiving grants to support projects that have helped bring together those involved in research and the provision of higher education in Turkey and the Member States. A vital aspect of this dialogue in the academic sector has been the establishment of innovative mechanisms by which the various participants can make their contributions. For example, the ‘Art and the City’ project implemented by Mimar Sinan University in Istanbul, has managed to facilitate engagement in a dialogue on aspects of art education for 12 teaching staff, 120 students, and more than 100,000 members of the public in Turkey, Austria, Sweden, and the UK, by using a mixture of mechanisms. To encourage new contacts within the art academia, the project ran a series of lectures and workshops at the participating Universities and held a 3-day ‘City & the Arts’ Forum. Then, to widen access to the dialogue the project established an online platform, supporting a social networking facility and issues of e-newsletters and e-magazines, and held an international exhibition of artworks, inspired by the dialogue and produced by the participating art students.

The imaginative mix of communication tools enabled Mimar Sinan University to build up strong links with their EU partners, the Vienna Academy of Fine Arts, the Central St Martin’s School of Art (London University), and Malmo University, and used the same tools to facilitate associated universities in Turkey, Marmara and Mersin, to also benefit from the initiative. Patricia Austin, a Course Director at St Martin’s, summarised the impact from the perspective of the art academia in the UK as: “a very positive creative relationship with Turkey that we hope will lead to many more collaborative projects.”
Further good practice in implementing an effective communication strategy to promote Civil Society Dialogue has been demonstrated by the project of Ankara’s Middle East Technical University (METU), SInAN ‘Strengthening and Integrating Academic Networks’. The design of this project took the approach of building success upon success by supporting institutions with proven interest in EU engagement and assisting them to influence wider networks within academia. Thus, the European Studies Centre at METU and partner under the Jean Monnet Chair at the University of Cologne, have been able to draw in teaching staff and students from 6 other Turkish universities to the European Research Area and link them to organisations such as the Trans European Policy Studies Association. The Turkish universities that have benefited from this include Akdeniz (in Antalya), Gaziantep, Yüzüncü Yıl (in Van), Gaziosmanpasa (in Tokat), Ondokuz Mayıs (in Samsun) and Trakya (in Edirne). This has meant that through METU, a widespread representation of Turkish academia and students have been encouraged to join the debate on EU enlargement and have been able to meet up with counterparts from across the EU, thanks to the facilitation of the University of Cologne.

The activities that METU’s network of universities have benefitted from have included two Joint PhD Schools for a total 20 PhD students, at locations in Brussels and in Turkey, visiting fellowships, joint teaching programmes, and a Flagship Conference in Ankara. Academics from the networks have engaged in research initiatives to explore ‘the myths of enlarging the EU’, and the participating universities have embarked on the process of establishing their own centres for European Studies. Progress on all these activities has been communicated through a dedicated network web portal, through which there is access to the Working Papers of the research being supported by the project and information on the various joint activities.

The Jean Monnet Chair at the University of Cologne, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels, neatly summarises the impact of the SInAN project:

“The debate surrounding Turkey’s EU accession process is characterized by a set of shortcomings and an overly narrow focus on the fulfilment of the Copenhagen Criteria and the negotiation process. Furthermore, the existing collaboration between Turkish academic networks and academic networks in the EU is very limited. The results are misperceptions and ‘myths’ surrounding the debate in the EU as well as in Turkey. Within SInAN we are delighted to have begun to address some of these myths and misconceptions, and are happy that the University of Cologne is successfully serving as a ‘gate opener’ and coordinator for CES-METU and its national network of universities’ integration into the European Research and Teaching Area networks.”
The Hamza Polat Vocational School, under Atatürk University, in Erzurum in north-east Turkey, has served the rural community well for many years through provision of training on traditional farming skills and on innovative technologies. However, increasingly, the farmers in the remoter parts of the region have found that they are less able to compete in national markets and have not enough capacity to access the benefits of integrating with European markets. Thus, over a period of 18 months, Atatürk University have developed an effective relationship with the College of Agriculture at Padova University in Italy, and have tapped into areas of expertise which are beginning to add a new dimension to their Vocational School’s curriculum.

The dialogue between the universities in Erzurum and Padova has resulted in an assessment of the needs of the rural communities around Erzurum and the piloting of a range of new vocational courses in Organic Agriculture, Horticulture, Bee-Keeping and Trout Farming. Complementary to these courses, the Vocational School has also developed a programme whereby local producers can apply for certification of the origin of their products as an introduction to some of the EU certification systems such as ‘Traditional Speciality Guaranteed’, which eventually will allow the farmers to add value to what they produce. In all 759 members of the rural communities have undertaken the new trainings and teaching staff of the University and its Vocational School have benefited from a range of seminars and study trips. Dr. Ayhan Yıldırım, the project coordinator, is convinced that the relationship between Erzurum and Padova is having long term, multiple benefits: “The improvements to our Vocational School’s curriculum not only mean that we can better meet the needs of our rural communities, but the process of improvement has allowed our University staff to link with our Italian colleagues and explore other possibilities from integration with the EU education sector. Our cooperation also means that staff from Padova are expanding their research field.”
Another example of how a University has been strengthening its link to the communities it serves, through dialogue with EU partners, is the project run by the Akdeniz University in Antalya. The project has transformed the original European Documentation Centre at the University into a more accessible and functioning EU Information Centre, which now is capable of ensuring that the wider public in the West Mediterranean Region is better informed on the Enlargement process. The Centre is now also better placed to contribute to policy formation, as it has moved from being a simple depository of documents to an interactive institution linking those in the field to those directly involved in aligning Turkey to EU policy and regulations. A valuable partner in this process has been the University of Hamburg, which has not only provided expert inputs into activities in Turkey, but has also facilitated study trips from Turkey to Germany.

Together, Akdeniz and Hamburg universities have strengthened the EU Information Center through training for both academic and non-academic staff, establishing a web-based database, and making the Centre a significant resource in running a joint 2-year EuroMasters programme. One of the keys to the success of the project has been the very practical advice Hamburg has been able to give to Akdeniz to assist in building strong links with the West Mediterranean communities. As a result the Centre has established thematic working groups - on themes of Common Agricultural Policy, Higher Education, Migration, and Intercultural Dialogue - incorporating regional stakeholders such as NGOs, social partners, local government, and business interests. In the long term it is expected that the work of this Centre will greatly contribute to addressing the regional disparities in Turkey in terms of understanding and engagement with the Accession process.
The University Component of CSD was also open to recognised ‘think tanks’ and research institutions in Turkey and as such the Economic Policies Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV) secured a grant to implement a project entitled “Economic Assessment of the REACH Regulation on the Turkish Chemicals Industry”. This has been an extremely technical project, but, in addition to successfully achieving the expected results of the project, TEPAV and its partners have demonstrated how project outputs have a higher chance of being sustained if there is strong and credible participation of all stakeholders from the start.

During the 16 months of the project duration, a series of research activities have taken place, as well as study tours to the EU to understand the impact of REACH and the capacities required to implement it, and all these findings have resulted in the production of a comprehensive ‘roadmap’ of how Turkey can prepare itself to implement REACH and mitigate any negative associations. This roadmap has been drawn up in cooperation with partners at the UK’s Hull University and Lithuania’s Kaunas University of Technology, and with support from local partners, METU and IKV (The Economic Development Foundation), but fundamentally was done so in collaboration with the project’s target group. This group, being the main stakeholders in the process now and in implementation of REACH in the future, is made up of both governmental and non-governmental organisations, as well as interests from the business sector: the Undersecretariats of the Prime Ministry for Foreign Trade and of Customs; the Export Promotion Centre, the Ministries of Industry and Trade and of Environment and Forestry; the Turkish Exporters Assembly; the Turkish Chemical Manufacturers Association; the Turkish Chambers of Commerce and Commodities; and many more.
Another example of good project management contributing to sustaining the outputs of the dialogue activities is the project implemented by Selcuk University in Konya, in partnership with the Freie University in Berlin. The purpose of the project related to the ‘Promotion of Historical and Cultural Dialogue in the EU’, with a particular focus on the dialogue between Turkey and Germany. The Project Coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ramazan ÇALIK, stated at the beginning of the project that “prejudiced approaches of the two societies, despite strong historical and economic ties, have been effective in the emergence of the project and that the project has been elaborated to eliminate these prejudices and contribute to the creation of new bridges between the two countries in both individual and corporate fields”.

Many joint research and dissemination activities have taken place, including, for example, the production of a documentary entitled “Traces of Turks in Germany and Traces of Germans in Turkey” and the organization of an international symposium titled “Turkish-German relations in Historical and Cultural Aspects”. The project has also mobilised the engagement of NGOs in both Turkey and Germany, and more than 1000 NGO members have benefitted from training and accessing the information and publications produced by the project. But, perhaps the most significant output of the project has been the establishment of a Turkish-German Research Centre in Konya. This is a new institution, to be funded by the University, which will ensure that the long term purpose of the project continues to be pursued and that the growing network amongst both academics and culturally oriented NGOs have a supportive hub.
Youth Initiatives for Dialogue
In addition to the new institutional arrangements to sustain the work of Ekolog 33, the network of civil society organisations that has ownership over the project outputs is continuously growing. For example, MEGAID has signed a new protocol with the Mediterranean Exporters Union and with branch offices of the new NGO, establishing representation in other regions in Turkey (Urfa, Bolu, and Ankara). The project team at MEGIAD are also taking other steps to sustain their role in the EU-Turkey CSD and to further strengthen capacities in the region for sustainable development. Evidence of this commitment can be seen in their submission to the Leonardo Mobility Programme of the Turkish National Agency to facilitate 30 ‘ecopreneur’ candidates trained within EKOLOG33 to see the best practices of ecological entrepreneurship in Europe.

Combining improved management of local natural resources and income generation for young people has been the challenging theme bringing together NGOs in the ‘Ekolog 33’ project. The implementation of this project has been led by an NGO based in Mersin, on the Mediterranean coast, known as Mersin Young Businessmen Association (MEGIAD), with partners Festambiente in Italy and the Antigone Information and Documentation Centre in Greece. The aim of the project was to promote ‘ecological entrepreneurship’ amongst young people in the region and to contribute towards building capacity amongst a range of stakeholders for more sustainable development. During the 14 months of the project, 40 unemployed graduates benefitted from eco-business training and nearly 700 youngsters and other stakeholders have participated in networking meetings and related activities. Furthermore, the Ekolog 33 project clearly hit the right target, as a group of the project beneficiaries have found that the training and awareness-raising provided by MEGIAD is exactly what the young people in their community needs and have decided to establish their own NGO to pursue this. The new organisation, called the ‘Foundation for Ecological Life Entrepreneurship and Volunteers’, aims to build on the existing CSD and to use the networks to create a databank on organic agriculture, ecologic tourism and renewable energy.

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In a different part of Turkey, in the western city of Bursa, another group of highly motivated young people have implemented a project with partners in Bulgaria to address urgent youth employment issues. Bursa is a growing ‘powerhouse’ for Turkish industry, accounting for nearly 9% of the added value that international trade brings to the Turkish economy. However, amongst the city’s business community there is still plenty of room for growth, particularly with regard to trading within the EU, but a concern that the emerging entrepreneurs and business managers in the city lack EU-specific knowledge. Indeed, in a poll amongst Bursa’s 1500 SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises), 73% of business owners reported that their staff needed training on EU trade policies and practices. In response to this challenge, the Association of Young Industrialists, Businessmen and Executives (BYIBEA) teamed up with the local Uludağ University and Bursa Chamber of Commerce, and through the EU Information Centre found a partner Association in Bulgaria, ‘Savremie’, which could provide the necessary EU business and youth expertise. With this committed combination of organisations and funding from the EU, BYIBEA has opened the doors to Turkey’s first Young Entrepreneurs Academy.

During its first year of operation, the Academy has selected, on a competitive basis, 100 students from amongst Bursa’s graduates, and is supporting them through a process of intensive training. 10 of the best students are undertaking internships with businesses in Bulgaria and the rest with businesses in Turkey. The immediate benefits are an injection of young entrepreneurs and managers ready to do business within the enlarging single market of the EU. The long term benefit is a model Academy that can be sustained and replicated throughout Turkey, working in partnership with the business community and contributing to that community’s readiness for Accession, and adding to Turkey’s job creation. From the EU side, with cooperation like that of the Bulgarian partners, the internships of the Academy students are an excellent way for businesses to learn more about the Turkish market.
Within the Youth Component of CSD, the 25 Grant Beneficiaries selected The Içel Handicrafts Training Foundation (IÇEV)’s project as their own ‘favourite’ project. The reasons for selection are multiple, but pre-dominantly it is clear that the project has opened up engagement with the EU enlargement process to a wide range of young people both across Turkey and in a number of Member States and has established a sustainable network that will continue to provide these young people with the opportunities they seek. This is obviously a significant achievement.

IÇEV, based in Mersin, implemented their project, ‘Developing a Chain of Rural Youth between Turkey and Europe’ over a 16 month period. In this time they have delivered a series of training courses aimed at two particular target groups: firstly, 20 professional youth workers associated with 5 Turkish NGOs serving rural communities; and secondly, 80 young people from the communities themselves. The project also supported a number of study tours to identify good practices in networking in the EU, has run two large conferences on networking, and has produced an excellent bi-monthly, bi-lingual newsletter. In addition to Turkish partners, the project established and built up a highly effective working relationship with a like-minded NGO which one in Bulgaria. Indeed, the experience of partnering with an EU-based organisation has itself directly contributed to building capacity in Turkey for networking activities. A range of communication tools have been particularly significant in enabling a productive dialogue as noted by Miroslav Nikolov, Chair of the partner organisation:

“The ‘Europartners 2000 Foundation’, based in Sofia, is partner to the IÇEV Foundation and has been delighted to work with them over the last 16 months. We have collaborated very well and actively in the implementation of project activities. For example, we’ve held weekly briefings through skype conferencing and phone calls about the developments, problems or activity delays or difficulties in the planned activities. The preparation of the newsletters and the project website updates have all been intense collaborative affairs and extremely effective. For us it has been a very positive surprise to work with the Turkish partner on such a relevant project topic, and we look forward to it continuing.”
Many of the CSD grant-assisted projects are investing in building networks between the EU Member States and Turkey, and many, like IÇEV above, have achieved their results with strong inputs from their partners both in and outside of Turkey. For example, Youth Culture House Association (GENÇEV) launched the “Gençken – Youth Culture In Action” project in collaboration with, Red Europea de Dialogo Social (REDS), from Spain. The Youth CAN project – Youth Culture in Action – is a result of the need to ensure youth is considered not only as multipliers in the dialogue between countries and cultures but also as leaders. To achieve their project purpose, of establishing a sustainable international network, GENÇEV have facilitated several rounds of networking meetings, while their Spanish partners have contributed with technical training on the formation and management of networks. Without a doubt, the project partnership, team of educators and the stakeholders contribute greatly to the realization of this project. The project partner, REDS is an establishment providing training in the creation of networks, and has organized Network Creation meetings for european-mediterranean youth initiatives in Barcelona three times. According to REDS, “Network creation is a strategic commitment and coordination process that needs to be taken into consideration by the youth sector, as it provides great opportunities to the youth initiatives in terms of self-development, higher productiveness and creating of a deeper social impact”.

The key output from the project has been the establishment of the network, with Youth CAN now registered in Turkey as the country’s first International NGO in the youth sector. Currently there are 15 full members of the network, with NGOs from Turkey joined by those from EU Members such as France, Greece, and Lithuania, along with some other members that are themselves ‘umbrella organisations’, like the South East Europe Youth Network (SEEYN). This firm foundation will serve as an effective platform for GENÇEV and their partners to ensure that the youth voice in the Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey is heard as loudly as any other!
The Interpretation & Translation Facility
The CSD’s ‘Interpretation and Translation Facility’ has been supporting all kinds of different events and activities that help build relationships between civil society organisations in Turkey and counterparts in the EU. The support has been given on an ‘in-kind’ basis, with an average value of around 4,000 euros, to more than 50 organisations for dialoguing activities in Turkey and at locations in the EU.

Most of the support was in the form of simultaneous interpretation, between Turkish and languages of the EU, at events ranging from, for example, a conference for environmentalists with inputs from a German NGO, to a symposium run by NGO ‘Kaos’ to explore gay rights issues in the EU context, to a gathering organised by the Istanbul Textile and Drapery Exporters Union to discuss issues from the textile industry with counterparts from similar organisations in the EU, to a workshop in which Turkey’s Diabetic Nursing Association participated with colleagues from Europe. Activities in Member States made possible with support from the Facility included French-Turkish interpretation for delegates from Turkish CSOs participating in a cultural heritage event in Paris, and Dutch-Turkish interpretation for a group from a disabled organisation in Gaziantep making a partnership visit to Holland. The Facility has also, on a limited basis, helped CSOs improve their contacts and present their mission statements by providing translation of materials for workshops, web pages, and project preparation.
Directory of grant projects

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Alanya Municipality

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‘Alanya and Vidin-Promotion of Business and Investments from a Regional Perspective’
June 2008- September 2009 €162,860,22
Partner: Vidin Municipality
Output[s]: Commercial cooperation was developed between the Balkan countries (Danube 21 Euro-region) and the region through the seminars and investment trade forum that were held under the Project. In order to ensure the sustainability of the project a “cooperation agreement” was signed, a “Municipality Investment Centre” was established and the project web site will continue to be maintained. Business development models between Alanya and Vidin Regions have been identified and discussed, and information and best practices exchanged between both the municipalities and the business sector and local communities.

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www.adapazari-csdproject.net

‘Increasing Environmental Awareness in the Region of Adapazarı’
June 2008 – October 2009 €169,799,56
Output[s]: Awareness was raised in Adapazarı on EU and its Programmes. Under the project, municipality staff, local institutions and the local community were informed on environmental issues, especially on domestic solid waste, through a series of round table discussions and seminars. Experiences were shared between Adapazarı and Bulgarian Shumen Municipality in mutual study visits and during these best practices were identified and documented.

Union of Mediterranean Municipalities

‘A Different Approach to Municipal Services: A Strategic Look’
June 2008 – November 2009 €105,062,23
Partners: Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania arunas.grazulis@lsa.lt
Kepez Municipality, Turkey, deniz_tolga@yahoo.com.tr
Output[s]: The project became a reference to new initiatives and activities aiming to provide a vision for the pilot municipalities and the local authorities in the region and to develop strategies and policies in line with the EU standards. Through the Contact Making Seminar, exchange of information and experience was ensured between the municipalities of UMA and EU, with future partnerships being endorsed and prepared for submitting to new EU funding opportunities. Furthermore, improving institutional capacity of the final beneficiaries, establishing international partnerships, extending the sister cities programme and establishing an internationally active communication network, with NGOs, public institutions and partner municipalities, were important outcomes of the project.
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**‘Sustainable Waste Management for Small and Medium Sized Municipalities’**
May 2008 – November 2009  €223.802,72

**Partners:**
- Esbjerg Municipality, Denmark, jkp@southdenmark.be
- Kozani Local Government Association, Greece, tedk@lga.gr

**Output(s):**
Under this project, which included dissemination and awareness raising activities and observation of good practices on waste management, training and awareness raising seminar was held for the target groups in the region, 4 mutual study visits were organised, and awareness was raised among the municipalities in the region through visibility materials and media tools such as brochures and posters.

**‘Future Sustainable Education in Turkey and Sweden’**
May 2008 – November 2009  €224.622,96

**Partners:**
- City of Malmö, Environment Department, Sweden, asa.hellstrom@malmo.se
- Muğla Municipality, Turkey, muglabelediyesi@superonline.com
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**Output(s):**
Awareness was raised in the region at institutional level on climate change by organising trainings on energy use and environmental pollution in cooperation with Malmö Municipality, Sweden. Thereafter, dissemination activities were carried out for students and general public relating to models based on solar and wind energy. More than 18000 people were reached through the project, including through the innovative use of the publication of a ‘comic’. The municipal staff are also now more aware of EU initiatives in this field and will build their links to partners in the EU.

**‘Armutlu in Ecotourism – EU Dialogue’**
May 2008 – November 2009  €196.602,39

**Partners:**
- Municipality of Madjarovo, Bulgaria, madjarovo@abv.bg
- Termal Municipality, Turkey, termalof@yahoo.com
- Çınarcık Municipality, Turkey, halklailiskiler@cinarcik.bel.tr

**Output(s):**
Under this project a range of activities were implemented to increase capacity for eco-tourism. These included facility-layout and landscaping activities, and communication tools such as a new web site, information booklets and CD. Cultural interaction opportunities between the two communities (Turkish-Bulgarian) increased in the framework of the dialogue, with plans made to implement other such activities in the region.
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‘Generating a Common Logic for a Livable Environment’
May 2008 – Kasım 2009  €213.554,06

Partners:
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Output(s):
Under this Project, visibility materials such as booklets and posters on EU environmental policies and systems were developed, a common data base on environmental protection was created, and a cooperation network between the Municipality, NGOs and the private sector was established by including relevant persons in trainings. Furthermore, awareness on the environment was raised among the local community through communication materials.

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‘Development of Volunteer Environmental Protection Programmes’
June 2008 – August 2009  €132.217,99

Partners:
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Ardanuç Municipality, Turkey, ard_belediye@ttt.net.tr
Murgul Municipality, Turkey, erold-f@hotmail.com

Output(s):
Under the project, 2 environmental protection trainings were held and a total number of 20 people from the partner municipalities participated in the trainings. One workshop was organised in Greece, where environmental protection and urban infrastructure systems were analysed in detail. The study visits and a workshop organised in Italy created an opportunity to learn about the new practices and methods in environmental protection. Systems such as sewers, water treatment and waste treatment - sorting were analysed in detail and ideas were exchanged on the most beneficial and convenient systems for Artvin.

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‘Municipal Services and EU Accession-Building the Capacity of Babaeski Municipality’
May 2008 – November 2009  €100.286,82

Partners:
Harmanlı Municipality-Bulgaria http://www.harmanli.bg

Output(s):
Trainings were provided to the Municipality staff by experts on Municipal Service Provision Concepts in the European Union and Strategic Planning. Research activities were carried out, and institutional capacity of the municipality was improved with practical visits to Harmanlı. Comprehensive information was provided to the local community on the accession process through 15 radio programmes broadcast about the EU.
### Balçova Municipality

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#### Development of Good Governance Continuity in Balcova

- **Dates:** June 2008 – June 2009
- **Budget:** €98,089,04
- **Partners:**
  - Rion Municipality, Greece, dhmrioy@otenet.gr

#### Output(s):

Under the project, a very warm and sustainable dialogue was initiated between Rion Municipality and Balçova Municipality. A Sister City Agreement was signed to reinforce this dialogue. One of the notable outputs of the project is the Balçova City Council and Women and Youth Assemblies, which are wide-based participatory governance mechanisms, in line with EU norms. The creation of these mechanisms contributes to the development of the notion of an efficient, transparent and participatory local administration, with city partners set to play a more active and improved efficiency and capability of local civil society. Furthermore under the project, a Governance Support Centre, which will serve as the meeting and cooperation venue of the city partners was established. This centre especially facilitates NGOs and women and youth assembly to gather and develop joint projects.

### Bucak Municipality

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#### Cooperation and Friendship Bridge between Bucak-Burdur and Krotoszyn-Poland

- **Dates:** June 2008 – August 2009
- **Budget:** €212,609,50
- **Partners:**
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  - Union of Municipalities of Burdur, Turkey, belediye@burdur-bld.gov.tr

#### Output(s):

In the scope of the project, a cooperation protocol was signed between Bucak and Krotoszyn Municipalities. The “Bosfor-Polish-Turkish Cooperation Association” was established in Krotoszyn, which will assist in promoting cooperation between the two sister cities, and various cultural, social and sport activities. The first “Turkish Day” was also organized in Krotoszyn and a total of 1762 people attended 10 conferences organised on various subjects.

### Besni Municipality

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#### All Labor is for Problem-Free Generation

- **Dates:** June 2008 – June 2009
- **Budget:** €227,620,03
- **Partners:**
  - Italy-Comune di Siestri Levante

#### Output(s):

A new understanding of management was developed through the in-service trainings provided for the high level administrators and the staff in the municipality, and with the study visits, information exchange was ensured on both improvement of municipal services and waste management. On the topic of ‘recyclable waste’, visibility materials such as brochures, large and medium size posters were developed and special waste bags distributed. The Municipality was also able to procure 30 special waste containers and thereby 5 tons of sorted waste collected each month.
**Çekerek Municipality**

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‘Project Development Project in Çekerek-Aydıncık-Kadışehri Region’  
June 2008 – August 2009  
€151,886,50  
Partners:  
Röermond Municipality, Netherlands, pesch.f@roermond.nl  
Kazankaya Municipality, Turkey, kazankayaMunicipality@mynet.com  
Halıköy Municipality, Turkey, halikoy@gmail.com  

Output(s):  
Under the project, dissemination and awareness raising activities were carried out among the municipalities in the region on tourism and environment, and steps were taken towards the establishment of a Tourism Promotion Centre and development of cooperation among the municipalities. In cooperation with the project’s EU partners, activities were carried out for highlighting the cultural, historical and touristic values of the region, and an information book and CD were produced.

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**Bursa Municipality**

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‘Household Waste Management for Sustainable Environment’  
May 2008 – November 2009  
€140,357,40  
Partners:  
Torino Municipality, Italy, lorenzo.pessotto@comune.torino.it  

Output(s):  
Household waste management practices of Torino, the Italian partner of the project, were analysed, and a sustainable household waste management plan developed in Bursa by informing and raising awareness of the relevant staff working in environment and waste management. The whole process was facilitated through a series of seminars, workshops and conferences.

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**Bursa Nilüfer Municipality**

Gölyazı Hizmet Binası  
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‘EU Model in Lake Culture, Fishery and Birdwatching Tourism’  
June 2008 – September 2009  
€236,259,59  
Partner:  
Balatonfüred Municipality, Hungary, pal.kiszely@gmail.com  

Output(s):  
The capacity of the community was greatly enhanced by the project’s trainings and seminars provided for Gölyazı municipality staff, assembly members, village headmen, entrepreneurs, fishermen and students. The training topics covered explanation of the EU and its programmes, tourism and the environment, home hostel management, lake tourism, fishery, water resources, environmental protection, and entrepreneurship. Some of the women trained on entrepreneurship and home hostel management, also benefitted from a study visit to Beypazarı on how to find a job/establish a business. In the scope of the project, institutional capacity of the municipality was improved by ensuring technical and cultural cooperation between the municipalities.
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‘Steps from Çine for the World’
August 2008 – November 2009  €179,107,68
Partners:
Tapolca Municipality, Hungary, paratics.tamas@tapolca.hu
Output(s):
This project’s primary aim was to reduce water wastage in the region and build capacity for better water resource management. Through various trainings, involving 355 people, and a series of awareness raising activities, the aim is likely to be met. Already, data shows that in 2008-2009 the water consumption rate decreased by 14%, and that the pilot neighbourhood practise for separate collection of waste was successful.

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‘Municipal Support to Municipalities’
May 2008 – November 2009  €184,265,77
Partners:
Honaz Municipality, Turkey, necipayar@hotmail.com
Viborg Municipality, Denmark, fm@viborg.dk
Cenavoda Municipality, Romania, primeria@primaria- cernavoda.ro
Output(s):
Various common issues of municipalities partnering the project were identified, and as a result, water management services were developed and consensus was reached at the end of the project concerning the continuation of the cooperation between the Municipalities of Denizli and Viborg. Dialogue between partners opens the path for political, cultural and economic developments.

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‘Turkish – Greek Cooperation: Towards Organic Cities’
June 2008 – November 2009  €162,843,45
Partners:
Epanomis Municipality, Greece, tzekos_theo@yahoo.gr
Saraydüzu Municipality, Turkey, sarayduzuMunicipality@mynet.com
Output(s):
International cooperation opportunities were developed in various fields between Turkish and Greek Municipalities, who were project partners. It was made possible to learn about ecologic farming methods adopting the use of modern production techniques, which do not harm the environment and human health in agriculture through the use of trainings, seminars and panels on Local Development, Agricultural Development, Agriculture Industry, Sustainable Farming and Ecologic Farming, and to share relevant experience and information.
Gaziantep Municipality

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‘Increasing Dialogue and Establishing Cooperation between Gaziantep and Karlstad Municipalities’
June 2008 – November 2009 €158.839,86
Partners:
Stadsbyggnadsförvaltningen, Karlstads Kommun, Sweden,
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Output(s):
Through the project, social dialogue and technical cooperation was enhanced between both municipalities. New approaches and policies were developed concerning urban planning and changes in urban environment. An Urban Design Guide was developed, and awareness raising activities were carried out among the urban community and all relevant institutions and organisations in urban planning process. Also, Information Guides were developed consisting of the historical, cultural and touristic richness of both cities, and through the strong link between the municipalities Gaziantep has increased its capacity for applying EU standards and the Swedish partnering community has greatly enhanced their understanding of Turkey.

Gökçeada Municipality

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‘Learning Organic Life in the Island’
June 2008 – November 2009 €143.775,90
Partners:
Mandas Municipality, Italy, comune.mandas@tiscali.it

Output(s):
Training was provided to the potential agro-tourism entrepreneurs in the region, who run agricultural and touristic businesses, regarding investments on organic farming based agro-tourism. Good practices in Sardinia were shared with mutual visits helping Gökçeada become a leader in this field. Gökçeada Agro-Tourism Strategy Report was developed with the contribution of Italian experts and the strategies required for ensuring the social and economic development of Gökçeada in the next 5 years.

İlıca Municipality

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‘Joint Initiatives for Municipal Services at EU Standards’
June 2008 – August 2009 €208.317,23
Partners:
Strumica Municipality, Macedonia, zakigorgiev@yahoo.com
Balatonfüred Municipality, Hungary, muvelodes@balatonfüred.com

Output(s):
In the scope of the project, trainings and seminars were provided for the target group, which consisted of groups such as the municipality staff, local investors and entrepreneurs, on social services, tourism and publicity, development of economy and trade, and their information and awareness level was raised. Study visits were carried out between the municipalities, with information exchanged on subjects such as municipal services and tourism strategies. One touristic facility was activated within the municipality area, and at least 10 woman entrepreneurs established their own businesses after the entrepreneurship and equal opportunities seminars.
‘Share of Experience Related to Municipalities and Municipal Companies in EU and Turkey’
June 2008 – November 2009  €205.600,50

Partners:
City Of Odense, Denmark, hgs@odense.dk

Output(s):
Under the project, strategies were developed for Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and its companies to identify their deficiencies in EU alignment process and increase their alignment capacities in areas relating to competition law, privatisation, transparency, public procurement, and administrative and financial audits. Studies were carried out on the regulation of “Association of Municipality Affiliates of Turkey” so as to assemble municipality affiliates in Turkey under one “association”. 5 screening workshops, 3 study visits to Paris, Odense and Vienne and a “networking” meeting in Brussels were held. Odense Municipality and ISPARK Inc. from the affiliated companies of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality took part as partners in the ELBA Academy - European Wide Regional and Local Bicycle Project in 9 different countries.

‘Urban Regeneration and Development of Kalecik Grapes Project’
June 2008 – September 2009  €144.200,00

Partners:
City of Venice, Italy, international.relations@comune.venezia.it
Lisbon Municipality, Portugal, ana.costa@cm-lisboa.pt
Leeds Municipality, United Kingdom, adrian.strain@leeds.gov.tr

Output(s):
In the project, which aimed to develop the dialogue between Ankara-Kalecik Municipality and Leeds, Lisbon and Venice Municipalities and to ensure long term sustainable cooperation, data were collected and analysed under the title of due diligence including area position, geographical structure, physical environment, environmental resources, current urban area use, urban transportation-technical infrastructure, socio-cultural structure and economic structure. The results of the due diligence and analysis were shared with the foreign partners, and as tangible steps, a joint festival with Leeds Municipality was planned in the mutual study visits, mutual cooperation activities were carried out with Lisbon Municipality on investments and viniculture, and Venice Municipality encouraged investors to cooperate through mutual visits.
Kayseri Metropolitan Municipality
Oramiral Salim Derisoglu cad.
Fuar Yani-Kocaeli
Şeref Üzümcü

‘I Love Environment, in Origin I Sort’
May 2008 – November 2009 €122.598,00
Partners:
Körfez Municipality, Turkey, bilgi@korfez.bel.tr
Die Stadtreiniger Kassel, Germany, o.duygu@stadtreiniger.de
TEMA Foundation (Kocaeli Representation)-associate partner
Output(s):
In the scope of the project, 3 seminars and 3 vis-à-vis dissemination meetings were held. Awareness was raised among the local community through the distribution of 6000 brochures, 5000 pens, 5000 CDs and 91560 bags and 70 containers placed on sites. Sorting activity, which was carried out throughout the project, became a custom and project sustainability was thus ensured, and this practice set an example for various regions.
**Kula Municipality**

Yunus Emre Cad.
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‘Katakekaumene-Burnt Fires’
June 2008 – August 2009  €103,040,61

Partners:
- Salihli Municipality, Turkey, info@salihli.bel.tr
- Municipality of Eressos-Antissa, Greece, lesvospf@otenet.gr
- Stadt Lorsch, Germany, r.diehl@geo-naturpark.de

Output(s):
- Seminars and workshops envisaged under the project for the development of the region around Kula and Salihli, which is deemed to be the first GeoPark of Turkey, were organised and a survey was carried out. A booklet regarding the touristic potential of the region and a pocket map for tourists showing the touristic spots were developed and printed in 2500 copies in each 3 languages of English, German and Greek. Direction signs were put on the roads to the main touristic spots in the districts. Warm approach and cooperation was ensured among all local administrations within the GeoPark area. Cooperation and preparation activities on new projects with EU partners are continuing.

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**Meram Municipality**

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‘Sorted Collection of Packing Wastes and Recycling Project’
June 2008 – June 2009  €98,397,20

Partners:
- Rabat (Gozo) Local Council, Malta, robert.tabone@gov.mt

Output(s):
- In the project, the cooperation between Meram Municipality and partner Gozo Municipality ensured the identification of strategic objectives and targets between the municipalities regarding separate collection of packing wastes and recycling. Seminar on the promotion of dialogue between Turkey and EU in the scope of municipal services and trainings including approximately 700 participants from groups such as students and housewives were organized. 40 tons of recyclable wastes were collected in 6 months with 600 recycling bins distributed to houses. In the scope of the dialogue, steps towards new cooperation activities are being taken with the partner. Sustainability is ensured with the newly established Local Development and EU Relations Coordination Office.

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**Mucur Municipality**

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‘The Formation of Environment Consciousness’
May 2008 – November 2009  €262,417,50

Partners:
- Grieskirchen Municipality, Austria, rathaus@grieskirchen.at

Output(s):
- Dialogue was established between Mucur and Grieskirchen Municipalities, and thanks to the project, local administrators had the opportunity to observe good and model practices on site. Also, environmental awareness of the local community was raised through seminars. Environmental protection activities were carried out with forestation activities and procurement of litter containers. Students were approached by distributing stationary equipment and backpacks.
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"Castle Tourism Network Project – Cross Castles“  
May 2008 – November 2009  €215.337,28  
Partners:  
Ceyhan Municipality  www.ceyhan.bel.tr,  
Yumurtalık Municipality  www.yumurtalik.bel.tr,  
Toprakkale Municipality  www.toprakkale.bel.tr,  
Kurtkulağı Municipality  www.kurtkulagi.bel.tr,  
Turkish Local Authorities, Fiugi Municipality, Anagni Municipality – Italian Authorities, Schwerin  
Municipality German Partner, German Schwerin Project Partner,  
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Italian Fiugi Project Partner - Domenico BELLÌ  
Output(s):  
In the scope of the project, activities were carried out in order to promote the historical heritage and cultural richness in and around Payas more actively and effectively and to raise the recognition of the region in the tourism sector, and the added value that could be provided for the region was assessed. Furthermore, a documentary was produced which explains the historical castles within the region. Under the activities with the partners, meetings were held in Turkey, Germany and Italy, and information was exchanged.
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<td>Monitoring Gas Consumption for Thermo-Rehabilitation of Residential Buildings</td>
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<td>€235,592,60</td>
<td>Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Turkey, <a href="mailto:muhammet.garip@ibb.gov.tr">muhammet.garip@ibb.gov.tr</a> Atelier Parisien Durbanisme, France, <a href="mailto:poul.rouet@apur.org">poul.rouet@apur.org</a></td>
<td>In the project carried out with Sivas Municipality, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and Paris Municipality, awareness was raised on the importance of geographical information system for municipal services, and the harm caused by the amount of gas consumed by the buildings with and without heat insulation to the environment and national economy was identified, thereby attention was raised and the community was enlightened.</td>
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<td>Eskişehir Tepebaşı Municipality</td>
<td>Our City is Our Home</td>
<td>June 2008 – June 2009</td>
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<td>Ghent Municipality, Belgium, <a href="mailto:kcf@gent.be">kcf@gent.be</a> , <a href="mailto:sukran.yoruk@gent.be">sukran.yoruk@gent.be</a> Association for Sustainable Development Brasov, Romania, <a href="mailto:catalin@addbrasov.ro">catalin@addbrasov.ro</a></td>
<td>At the end of the project, urban awareness training was provided for 3000 students. A technical visit was made to Eskişehir with the representative students selected from elementary schools. Thanks to the international conference held at the end of the project, relationships with our partners have improved. Project was promoted through news and announcements on the media.</td>
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<td>Şişli Municipality</td>
<td>A European Approach for Integrated Waste Management</td>
<td>June 2008 – November 2009</td>
<td>€189,859,45</td>
<td>Büyükçekmece Municipality, Arnavutköy Municipality, Landeshauptstadt Hannover, Germany, <a href="mailto:Silvia.Hesse@hannover-stadt.de">Silvia.Hesse@hannover-stadt.de</a></td>
<td>Under the project, with the cooperation of Şişli Municipality and Hannover Municipality, approximately 50 seminars and trainings for adults, municipality staff and especially young people were organized concerning effective protection of the environment and application of an innovative waste management system, and one technical visit and a field study for waste characterisation were carried out. By using these data, Geographical Information System-supported waste management system was created for the first time in Turkey.</td>
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### Yalova Local Administrations Solid Waste Facility Building and Operating Association (YA-KAB)

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### Medra - Mersin Toroslar Municipality and Drama Municipalities’ “Cooperation on Accessible Tourism”

- **Date:** May 2008 – November 2009
- **Budget:** €206.134,24
- **Partners:** Local Union of Communities and Municipalities of Drama District, Greece
  - toumpanos@drama.gr

**Output(s):**
- Under the project, activities were carried out regarding the assessment of Mersin’s touristic potential on accessible tourism / alternative tourism, and the contribution of these to the city economy social life. In this context, 3 meetings and 1 seminar to raise awareness among the community and experts working on this field were held in Mersin and 2 meetings were held in Drama. An international symposium was organized after the final evaluation meeting participated by the project partners. Furthermore, awareness raising and dissemination activities were carried out in the cities on tourism through the visual materials.

### Medra - Mersin Toroslar Municipality and Drama Municipalities’ “Cooperation on Accessible Tourism”

- **Date:** May 2008 – August 2009
- **Budget:** €126.624,16
- **Partners:** Silistre Municipality, Bulgaria
  - nbobcheva@silistra.bg

**Output(s):**
- As a result of the activities carried out within the framework of the project, economical and cultural differences of the two countries were perceived and it was decided that the community based activities on the environment, which is a universal problem, were common. Moreover, with the promotion of this project on the press and in various symposiums, it was ensured for the project to set an example for other municipalities and associations and to be visually conveyed to the society.

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### ‘Promotion of International Partnerships Between Turkish and Spanish Municipalities’

- **Date:** June 2008 – November 2009
- **Budget:** €217.055,78
- **Partners:** Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces, Spain
  - femp@femp.es

**Output(s):**
- A dissemination meeting, project preparation training seminar, international municipal cooperation and sister city training seminar, twinning conference, 10 regional workshops in Turkey for pilot municipalities and 2 study visits to Spain were organised so as to ensure development of sustainable cooperation and sister city relationships between 10 small and medium sized municipalities of Turkey and Spain, and the extension of the joint projects for wider sister city relationships and local administrations, through developing cooperation between UMT and Spanish Federation of Municipalities. 10 pilot municipality assemblies took sister city decisions and cooperation protocols were developed to be signed in the final conference. Furthermore, there were pilot municipalities, which made joint applications for various EU projects. A Sister Cities Guide was prepared and a web site was developed for the municipalities to make online applications for finding sister cities.
### Sincan Municipality

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**‘Sincan Municipality Children’s Traffic and Environment Project’**  
June 2008 – October 2009  
€106.187,58  

**Partners:**  
Botkrka Municipality, Sweden, alf.solander@botkyrka.se

**Output(s):**  
In the scope of the project, by creating dialogue and cooperation between Sincan and Botkyrka, (Stockholm) Municipalities, activities were carried out for developing an innovative traffic education system for children. Information was shared through the study visits regarding the provision of high-quality municipal services with the notion of transparency. Traffic education park was created and plans were developed for the use of this facility.

### Zeytinburnu Municipality

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**‘Municipal Dialogue for Integration of Migrants’**  
June 2008 – October 2009  
€203.051,76  

**Partners:**  
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Bezirksamt Friedrichshain, Germany, tanja.podubin@ba-fk.verwalt-berlin.de  
Bağcılar Municipality, Turkey, kultur@bagcilar.brl.tr  
Union of Municipalities of the Marmara Region, Turkey, info@marmara.gov.tr

**Output(s):**  
The project facilitated the enhancement of dialogue and cooperation between municipalities and enabled sharing of studies and best practices on the integration of migrants through its meetings and visits, and improved the local capacity through its trainings. It broke new grounds in Turkey by establishing the integration centre and publishing the guidelines on providing service for the immigrants.
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‘Current Applications and Recent Improvements in Cattle Breeding’
July 2008 – September 2009 €107.696,13
Partners:
Institut De L’Elevage, France, claude.allo@inst-elevage.asso.fr
Output(s):
During project a 200-hour cattle breeding training was provided for 52 producers who are association’s members, and thereby sectoral and cultural cooperation was enhanced between France and Turkey for the regional projects that may be implemented by the two countries in the upcoming years. Dialogues on the establishment of a cooperative as “CUMA [Farm Machinery Cooperative]” were initiated inspired by the presentation of the project partners in the 2nd one of the 3 panel discussions organised in the region.

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‘News Effectiveness and Objectiveness in Press Services’
July 2008 – November 2009 €139.550,61
Partners:
Annur Formacion Cultura, Spain, annur@annur.org
Output(s):
Professional capacity of the local journalists was enhanced through 4 Professional Training Courses. Awareness was raised in the local community by adding European perspective to press services through 2 National and 2 International Seminars, and a dedicated web site ensured a central source of information. Study visits helped to build up mutual understanding between the media professionals in Spain and Turkey.

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‘Strengthening Farmers Organisation with Cooperation of ACVC’
July 2008 – November 2009 €122.489,86
Partners:
Agricultural Chamber of Veszprem County, Hungary, vemak@agrarkamara.hu
Output(s):
5 seminars and 1 international conference were held and thereby more than 1000 people were directly involved in the project from both the local community in Turkey and from Hungary, indeed 3 activities were organised with our project partner, one in Turkey and two abroad. The Chamber has been significantly strengthened and can offer better services, and a long term protocol signed with our project partner.
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‘Improving Quality of Hairdressing and Personal Care Sector’
July 2008 – October 2009 €186.573,76
Partners:
- Antalya Chamber of Hairdressers and Manicurists, Turkey
  info@antalyakuafilerodasi.com
- Antalya Chamber of Hairdressers, Turkey info@antalyaberberlerodasi.com
- Bulgarian National Association of Hairdressers, Bulgaria gshopov@kapanov.net
Output(s):
Members of the hairdressing and personal care sector improved their skill base and knowledge of EU standards through a range of vocational training courses and a study visit to Bulgaria. Additionally, an international conference and seminar was held and Turkish professionals participated in an international hair and beauty contest. The outputs will be sustained by the Antalya Vocational Education Centre’s new Hairdressing and Skin Care workshops, and the 1000 Vocational Education Handbooks published by the project.

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‘Press Academy Antalya’
July 2008 – November 2009 €156.040,24
Partners:
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- Akdeniz Basin Vakフィ, Turkey
- Centre for Support to EU Studies in Antalya, Turkey,
  bekir@pamfilya.com.tr; antalyaabmerkezi@gmail.com
Output(s):
Recognition and credibility of the profession in the region has increased, largely due to the awareness-raising activities and the improved skills of the journalists. 120 press members, who received training, were presented with “Public Training Certificate” and “Training Certificate of Press Academy”. For sustainability a protocol was signed with Azize Kahraman Public Training Centre and the trainings under the project were recognised by the Directorate of Public Training. A long term relationship has been established with EU partners, kicked off with a delegation of Antalya journalists visiting the Netherlands Press Now Association of Journalism.

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‘Project on Improving EU Relations by Increasing Existing Capacities of Trade Associations’
July 2008 – November 2009 €143.826,00
Partners:
- İzmir Trade Association of Furnacemen and Sanitary Installers, Turkey
  iksto.org.tr berna_saraci@hotmail.com
- Chamber of Crafts and Skilled Trades, Munster, Germany,
  schat.mustafa@hwk-muenster.de
Output(s):
The project has produced three significant results: stronger relationships with local and EU partners; a better understanding of EU standards in our trade; and a large increase in the Chambers capacity to deliver specific vocational training. For example, some particular outputs have included new protocols signed with Dokuz Eylül University İzmir Vocational High School and Bayraklı Governorate; 907 trainees (20% more than planned); 3 study visits; and 1 panel discussion with 400 participants.


**Association of Chambers of Freelance Architects in Istanbul**

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abdullahikiz@gmail.com
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‘Fragments of Living in Architecture’
July 2008 – November 2009 €211.017,91

Partners:
- Bund Deutscher Architekten (BDA), Germany, bahner@bda-bund.de

Output(s):
The project has contributed to integrating the architectural sector in Turkey with that in the EU through conferences were organised in Paris and in Istanbul. Architects Han Tumertekin and Emre Arolat from Turkey attended the first conference in Paris as speakers, with renown architect Stefan Behnisch in Istanbul. The major output is an architectural series of 13 TV films. Shootings and interviews were carried out in Turkey in Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Bodrum, Bursa Kapadokya and Antalya, and abroad in Roma, Barcelona, Madrid, Berlin, Frankfurt, Amsterdam and Rotterdam. The series is broadcast on national TV and a dedicated web site carries further materials (www.folia.org.tr).

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**Association of Ecological Farming Organisation**

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İzmir

Özge Çiçekli
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info@eto.org.tr
www.organikkultur.org
www.organic-culture.org

‘Acting Organic by Thinking Organic’
July 2008 – October 2009 €94.258,24

Partners:
- Italian Association for Organic Agriculture aiab.er@aiab.it
- National Federation of Ecological Agriculture of Romania contact@fnae.ro
- Izmir Chamber of Agriculture sedatkose@hotmail.com

Output(s):
Comprehensive research and analysis of the capacity for organic farming in the Izmir region and particular amongst the Associations 230 members, which in turn informed on the design and delivery of a programme of specialised training. There is now a greater capacity for applying specific techniques and more farmers being accredited for organic produce. There is also an increased understanding of the EU’s CAP, and the Turkish and EU partners have established mechanisms to promote long term exchange of information and collaboration.

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**Eskişehir Chamber of Agriculture**

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‘Sustainable Cooperation and Strengthening Institutional Capacity for Integration to EU’
Duration: July 2008 – November 2009 €128.189,79

Partner:
Council of the Bulgarian Agricultural Organisations, Bulgaria, President of the Bulgarian Agricultural Organisations: Dr. Ludmilla Todorova Phone: 00 359 887 64 94 12 ltodorova@mail.orbitel.bg; Ludmilla.Todorova@eesc.europa.eu

Output(s):
One of the most significant outcomes of the project is strengthening institutional capacity. In this respect, a modern seminar room for 100 people was established. During the project trainings, seminars and international conferences were held with the project partners. In total, project implementation team participated in 5 international conferences with the partners. A cooperation protocol on developing education and trade has been undersigned with the partner in the study visit to Bulgaria.
**İzmir Union of Chambers of Craftsmen and Artisans (IESOB)**

Şehit Fethibey Caddesi No:49/1
Birlik Plaza Konak – İzmir

Emre Koç

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www.iesob.org.tr

‘Staff Accreditation’

July 2008 – July 2009  €135.034,00

Partners:

CNA ECIPA - Ente Confederale di Istruzione Professionale per l’Artigianato e le piccole Imprese, Italia, ecipa@cna.it

Output(s):

Partnership declarations were signed in the projects developed under “Erasmus Networks” and “Grundtvig Multilateral Projects” between IESOB and CNA ECIPA and applications for these projects were submitted. Besides the staff trainings under the project, 4 books have been published entitled Seminar, Workshop, IESOB Case Studies and CNA Case Studies as tangible outputs of the project.

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**Kurtalan Chamber of Agriculture**

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Siirt

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‘Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of Kurtalan Chamber of Agriculture’

July 2008 – November 2009  €155.692,49

Partners:

Agrarian Chamber of Szabolcs, Hungary, szmak@szabolcs.agrarkamara.hu

Batman Chamber of Commerce, Turkey, bzob1@hotmail.com

Output(s):

Chambers of Agriculture in Turkey, particularly those serving the remoter areas, need investment to develop their structure and services that they are able to provide to their members. Thus, this project has greatly helped the Kurtalan Chamber to be institutionally stronger and to significantly raise awareness amongst its members on EU issues and to provide a gateway for them to EU partners. The Project provided for 8 training seminars, study visits in Turkey and Hungary, and the dissemination of information to approximately 1200 farmers.

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**Konya Chamber of Self Employed Accountants and Financial Consultants**

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Orhan Yıldız

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‘Adaptation of Independent Standards on Auditing to Turkey’

July 2008 – October 2009  €140.471,07

Partners:

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), United Kingdom, allen.blewitt@accaglobal.com

Aksaray Chamber of Self Employed Accountants and Financial Consultants, Turkey, bunyaminkose@hotmail.com

Output(s):

The project has significantly strengthened the Chamber, particularly with regard to the Konya Chamber establishing the Independent Standards on Auditing Centre, recognised the Turkish regulator, TÜRMOB. With the UK partner, the Association for Chartered Certified Accountants, the project team undertook an assessment of the ISAs applied in the EU and ran a training programme for 50 accountancy professionals and established a small team of trainers in order to replicate the training to other Turkish Chambers.
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**‘Project on Capacity Development for Trade Associations and Improved Cooperation with EU Associations’**  
July 2008 – November 2009  €110,503,00  
Partners:  
- Gümüşhacı Village Chamber of Village Hardware Tradesmen and Craftsmen, Turkey, gumushaciokymadeni@superposta.com  
- Suluova Chamber of Hardware Tradesmen and Craftsmen, Turkey, suluvoaesnafodasi@superposta.com  
- Innung Für Metall-Und Kunststofftechnik Berlin, Almanya, post@metallinnung.de  

Output(s):  
The Chamber has greatly increased its capacity, such as the establishment of a training centre and capacity of staff to deliver trainings. A total number of 160 people received training on Technical Drawing, utilisation of agricultural tools, Air-Conditioning and Computer.

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July 2008 – November 2009  €131,006,52 |
| Ecehan Balta | Partners:  
Pharmaceutical Group of European Union, Belgium, pharmacy@pgeu.eu |
| [312] 409 81 53 | Output(s):  
Both the Turkish Association and its partners, and other stakeholders, have developed organisationally through the Project’s study visits to Spain and Denmark and the symposiums organised with the support of e-health specialists from various European countries. Particularly these activities facilitated recognition and sharing of work experiences in issues such as inter-sector cooperation and social participation.

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July 2008 – November 2009  €168,456,52 |
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Improving Engineering Consultancy Sector with Civil Society Dialogue
July 2008 – November 2009  €213.774,75
Partners: Dutch Association of Consulting Engineers [ONRI], Holland, info@onri.nl
Output(s): 10 seminars, trainings, conferences and a study visit all contributed to an improved Turkish technical consultancy sector. Participants were informed through these activities and institutional and personal capacities of the sector stakeholders were enhanced. The efforts will be sustained through publication of a range of training materials and online services to the Association’s members.

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Cultural Sharing through Constructional Steel Sector
July 2008 – October 2009  €111.428,46
Partners: Romanian Association for Constructional Steelworks, Romania [APCMR] dan.dubina@ct.upt.ro
Output(s): 1250 people from the industry were reached through 6 seminars and a series of 10 training courses. Our courses were first to be applied in Turkey, and even in Europe according to our records, on the “installation of the constructional steel”, which is significantly important in steel constructions. Collaboration with Romania ANB continues, including the Training and Research Centre for Constructional Steel, established in July 2009 under TUSCA, which has become an Authorised Training Body (ATB).

Union of Turkish Bars
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murat.yaltkin@barobirlik.org.tr

Promoting Civil Dialogue in Bars through Legal Education
July 2008 – November 2009  €230.306,80
Partners: Law Society of England and Wales, United Kingdom, mickael.laurans@law­society.org.uk
Conseil National des Barreaux, France, international@cnb.avocat.fr
Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe, Belgium, dosen@ccbe.eu
Output(s): Six Turkish lawyers visited the Law Society of England and Wales and the Conseil National des Barreaux (CNF) within the project scope and a report examining the criteria related with practice of law in said countries, Law Education at University Level, Apprenticeship Training, Process of Acceptance to the Profession and On-the-job Training was prepared. Experts from three project partners and four participating institutions have examined the Turkish law system under the headings listed above and a joint report was prepared. This Report was disseminated amongst the Union’s members and used as a tool in seminars organized in seven Bars, with 311 lawyers were briefed on the differences and similarities between the Turkish system and the systems of the project partners along with models that can be applied in the Turkish system. Four DVDs were prepared regarding the practice of law in France and provided to 78 bars for use by all bars in the final phase of the project. Project partners and the Union of Turkish Bars have stated their intentions to continue and develop their project partnership with new projects.
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‘Occupational Health and Safety Consciousness Development in Tradesmen and Craftsmen Enterprises’
June 2008 – November 2009 €142,797,02
Partners:
Handwerkskammer (Wiesbaden Chamber of Craftsmen), Germany, holger.jensen@handwerk-hessen.de
Handwerkskammer (Koblenz Chamber of Craftsmen), Germany, kerstin.reek-berghaeuser@hwk-koblenz.de
Handwerkskammer (Dusseldorf Chamber of Craftsmen) Germany, poth@uzh.hwk-duesseldorf.de

Output(s):
Awareness was raised among the target group through 2 conferences and 2 study visits and training materials and brochures helped reinforce such awareness. Cooperation with the partners has opened the path for the future joint studies in other areas as well.

Corporate Social Responsibility Association of Turkey
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‘Accelerating Corporate Social Responsibility in Turkey’
July 2008 – November 2009 €154,406,35
Partners:
Corporate Social Responsibility-Europe, Belgium-Brussels, bbi@csreurope.org

Output(s):
Through corporate social responsibility conferences and trainings, “The Corporate Social Responsibility Academy” Protocol was undersigned for the first time in Turkey between Corporate Social Responsibility Association of Turkey and Kadir Has University, and compulsory corporate social responsibility courses are provided for all students of Kadir Has University. The project has also contributed to a range of awareness-raising activities and delivered various trainings, cementing Turkey’s CSR Association as an equal member of the European umbrella organisation.

Federation of Turkish Vegetable and Fruit Producers and Travelling Market Sellers
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Gönül Akyurt
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gonulaykurt@meksa.org.tr
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‘Strengthening Capacity of TÜSPAF’
July 2008 – November 2009 €168,492,90
Partners:
Handwerkskammer Ulm, Germany, h.stangier@hk-ulm.de

Output(s):
This project has achieved its primary purpose of strengthening the capacity of the Federation, through a dialogue and mutual learning process with its EU partners. Training of the General Secretaries, members of the IDDG Unit and office personnel was realized with the participation of 66 people, and 750 books related with 3 components were printed and distributed. A successful study visit was made to ULM Chamber of Trade and an international symposium introduced 200 people to key issues from the project.
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<td>Cooperation Protocol was signed between the Chairmen of Professional Chambers in Bulgaria and the Chairmen of Chambers of Craftsmen in Turkey through the Professional Chamber Chairmen Summit organised at the end of the Project. This protocol is a significant step towards settlement of problems encountered by the professional organisations in both countries.</td>
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<td>'Building Capacity and Increasing the General Awareness of Phytosanitary in line with the Acquis’</td>
<td>July 2008 – November 2009</td>
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<td>Introduction of EU and EU practices was extremely beneficial for our town. Prejudices against EU in the public eye were overcome and ideas were efficiently exchanged with the Union of Chambers of Agriculture in Hungary in the scope of the civil society dialogue. In addition to the general impact of the cooperation, the members of the Chambers also benefitted from technical capacity building measures.</td>
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<td>Association of Replacement Market Development</td>
<td>'Promoting the Awareness of Block Exemption Regulation in Parts Replacement Market’</td>
<td>July 2008 – August 2009</td>
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<td>Gesamtverband Autoteile- Handel E.V, GVA, <a href="mailto:h.roehl@gva.de">h.roehl@gva.de</a></td>
<td>The project has made a major contribution to Turkey’s integration efforts by increasing awareness to the 'Block Exemption Regulation' and the competition policies of the EU to representatives of the Turkish automotive replacement parts sector. This has been achieved through various seminars and study visits to review best practices of the sector in Germany. The project has also increased the technical capacity of the sector through a training programme. All of this helps to make the industry more competitive and has enabled Turkish and EU links in the industry to be mutually strengthened.</td>
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‘Strengthening Institution Capacity by Comparison of Protection Methods against Zoonose Diseases’
‘Incoming Human Health with EU’
July 2008 – September 2009  €155,549.59

Partners:
Chamber of Agriculture of Lower Saxony, Germany,
hans-georg.hassenpflug@lwk-niedersachsen.de

Output(s):
The Project enabled the Chambers to make a big impact on the communities it serves, by running training courses and awareness-raising activities for more than 900 farmers and farm workers in about 30 different villages. These activities have helped to change attitudes amongst the communities and introduce new techniques. The causes and protection methods related with animal diseases such as brucella and foot and mouth disease, which are rarely seen in most European countries, are now better understood. Information about the EU and accession process was also provided in the trainings, and it has been observed that farmers, who were mostly prejudiced before, had become more moderate especially after said methods of protection against diseases were explained. The project also supported 2 separate study seminars in Germany. During the visits, it has been informed that all kinds of assistance can be provided by both the partner institution and the University of Bremen regarding the Animal Health Centre, planned to be established in Turkey, and that farmers from Turkey could participate in the 3 month apprenticeship courses arranged in Germany. Both the Chambers and partners in Germany are committed to the continued cooperation.
| **Ankara University** | **'Reorganization of Akdeniz University EDCAS EU’**  
May 2008 – November 2009  €240.320,00  
Partners:  
Hamburg University Centre for International Studies,  
Germany, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Voegeli  
Wolfgang.Voegeli@wiso.uni-hamburg.de  
Research Institute of Pomology and Floriculture,  
Skiernewyce, Poland, Dr. Krzysztof Zmarlicki  
Krzysztof.Zmarlicki@insad.pl  
Output(s):  
Approximately 800 persons in Antalya, Burdur, Isparta and Muğla were reached through  
1 symposium, 4 workshops, 8 seminars, 4 conferences; mobility of 12 persons was  
ensured between Poland, Germany and Turkey, approximately 200 persons were reached  
abroad. 5 e-bulletins and 2 books of abstracts were published; Akdeniz University Project  
Development and Coordination Centre was established, preparations were initiated for  
EuroDoc programme. |
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| **Akdeniz University** | **'Reorganising the Business Education Programme under the UK Experience’**  
May 2008 – November 2009  €346.641,00  
Partners:  
Warwick Business School, UK, termi.abimbola@wbs.ac.uk  
Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College, UK, lwatki01@bcuc.ac.uk  
Output(s):  
Series of research and analytical activities completed, resulting in a major publication  
with 108 articles presented in an international conference with participation of 280  
academicians, which will impact on changed curricula. 350 books distributed to  
SMEs and entrepreneurs trained accordingly. Erasmus agreements signed for  
continued cooperation. |
| **Ankara University** | **'Turkey’s Participation in the European Knowledge Economy’**  
May 2008 – November 2009  €406.431,00  
Partners:  
Inholland University, Hollanda, marien.vandenboom@inholland.nl  
Bilkent University, Turkey, jurgens@bilkent.edu.tr  
Koç University, Turkey, kyilmaz@ku.edu.tr  
Bucharest Economy University, Romania, cbratianu@yahoo.com  
Output(s)  
A total of 30 case studies and country reports were researched and prepared  
regarding Use of Intellectual Capital in Turkey. A total of 25 SMEs and 50  
Academicians were trained on the subject of Intellectual Capital. National  
conferences were held in Holland, Romania and Turkey, with more than 300  
participants. |
### 'Rural Development Challenges in the EU and Turkey’
**Atatürk University**
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(533) 427 90 45
ayhanyildirim@yahoo.com
www.ruralispir.net

**May 2008 – November 2009**  €318.062,00

**Partners:**
- College of Agriculture, University of Padova, Italy, edi.defrancesco@unipd.it
- Çukurova University, Turkey, mturemis@mail.cu.edu.tr

**Output(s):**
The project has contributed to increasing the income level of people living in the rural areas of İspir, through the 759 people trained and determination of appropriate marketing methods and alternative products for the region. The teaching staff of the Vocational School have increased their capacities and significantly developed the curriculum, and the University has established strong links with EU universities.

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### 'Towards a Deeper Understanding of Rural Europe’
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**May 2008 - November 2009**  €362,133,00

**Partners:**
- University of Potsdam, Germany, Dieter.Mersch@t-online.de
- University of Applied Sciences Potsdam, Germany, gerling@fh-potsdam.de

**Output(s):**
As a result of the field works performed in a total of six villages in France, Holland and Turkey, six academic articles, six films related to the villages and a film on the project process (making-of) were produced. Erasmus protocol was signed with the partner universities. Application requirements for other programmes of the EU are discussed and searched for the projects planned to be realized in the future. 9 trainings, 3 conferences-seminars and 3 study visits were carried out within the Project.

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### 'European Media and Cultural Studies Masters Programme and Media Awareness’
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**May 2008 – November 2009**  €214.346,00

**Partners:**
- University of Potsdam, Germany, Dieter.Mersch@t-online.de
- University of Applied Sciences Potsdam, Germany, gerling@fh-potsdam.de

**Output(s):**
A major output from the project has been the establishment of a joint MA programme in European Media and Cultural Studies, between Bahçeşehir and Potsdam. This has been established after a range of training and awareness-raising activities for academics and media, including a summer school, workshops, 2 study tours, an international conference.
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**EU and Turkey: Connecting Identities, Bridging Cultures**

June 2008 – September 2009  €293.625,00

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- University of Education Heidelberg, Germany, Prof. Dr. Michael Schallies
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**Output(s):**
- The Project strived to reflect different culture and identities as a richness within the same composition with seminar-workshops carried out in a total of 13 universities - 9 in Turkey, 2 in Germany and 2 in Italy, with nearly 1000 participants. The "International Symposium on Democracy and Democracy Education in Europe" and "Closing Festival", in Çanakkale, were international events. The project has greatly added to this academic field and established sustained relationships between the Turkish, Italian and German universities.

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**Renewable Energy Networks between Turkish and European Universities (RENET)**

May 2008 – November 2009  €370.105,70

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**Output(s):**
- Approximately 60 Turkish and EU academicians, students, authorized persons from private sector and civil servants have been reached through local and international activities, study visits and summer school carried out within the scope of RENET project. During these activities, ideas, information and technology on Renewable Energy have been exchanged culminating with 2 separate conferences in Hamburg and Istanbul.

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‘Problems of Europeanization and European Perceptions ofTurkey as a Future Member State’

May 2008 – November 2009  €367.700,00

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**Output(s):**
- The project has made a significant contribution to research and analysis in this field, including: an Exchange Programme for 6 Academicians/Doctoral students from both Turkey and Spain; Two workshops held with the participation of 8 academicians from Turkey and 7 from Spain and a book publishing the outcomes of the workshops in both Turkish and Spanish. Public opinion research was carried out on approaches to Turkey’s full membership in UK, France, Germany, Poland and Spain, and the findings disseminated through 2 conferences and a publication.

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‘Renewable Energy Networks between Turkish and European Universities (RENET)’

May 2008 – November 2009  €470.370,70

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**Output(s):**
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Training Social Studies and History Educators for Multicultural Europe

May 2008 – November 2009  €221,715,00

Partners:
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Output(s):
- 18 in-service trainings were provided for approximately 80 teachers in Kayseri-Trabzon.
- Course contents on multiculturalism were formulated and taught in ERU and KTU.
- Seminars were held in the UK.
- The research carried out was presented in the international conference.
- Two books – one academic book and a guide – published.

Developing the Cooperation between Universities and SMEs

May 2008 – November 2009  €222,542,00

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Output(s):
- Research was conducted on budget processes and policies through 18 study visits to OECD, Universities, Ministries of Finance, NGOs and Municipalities in UK, Germany, Poland, Italy and France.
- The valuable analysis was debated and made available through publication of a book and a symposium held in Ankara.
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<td>‘Research on Rural Economic and Social Development for Mountain Villages in Thrace’</td>
<td>June 2008 – September 2009</td>
<td>€285,931.00</td>
<td>South East European Research Centre, Greece, Nikos Zaharis</td>
<td>The field research in the implementation process of our Project were the most important tool to determine the priorities of the people living in the area and understand their expectations from law makers and law enforcement officers related to the rural development. Similarly, study tours to partners improved understanding of the EU approach to rural development. A conference on international rural development was held with the participation of the experts from EU and Turkey formed a platform enabling the people working in this field to communicate with each other.</td>
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<td>‘Terminology for Cross-Cultural Dialogue and Specialized Communication’</td>
<td>May 2008 – November 2009</td>
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<td>University of Vienna, Austria, <a href="mailto:gerhard.budin@univie.ac.at">gerhard.budin@univie.ac.at</a></td>
<td>This project has contributed greatly to the terminology works in Turkey. Within its scope, an activity titled Terminology Training had been arranged with 100 participants coming from various institutions and organisations. The Terminology Research Centre has been established in Hacettepe University and national and international opportunities for cooperation have already been established as well.</td>
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<td>‘Interact-EU, France, Turkey University Dialogue’</td>
<td>May 2008 – November 2009</td>
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<td>The project has assisted the partners in strengthening the dialogue between both the academic staff and student populations of the universities, with some significant activities: 13 professors guest lectured and 2 postdoctoral fellows conducted studies in respective institutions; 1 conference and 2 roundtables were held with PhD fellows; 2 workshops with NGO representatives; one piece of joint research was undertaken; and a summer school run in Istanbul.</td>
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’Managing International Urban Migration - Turkey – Italia - Espana (MIUM-TIE)’
May 2008 – November 2009 €304.345,37
Partners:
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  Universita IUAV di Venezia, Italy, marcello.balbo@iuav.it, marcello@iuav.it
Output(s):
MIUM-TIE achieved becoming a platform for state institutions making and implementing policies to collaborate with those who work on international migration, immigrants, and non-governmental organizations both in Turkey and in the countries that are partners of the project (Italy and Spain). The MIUM-TIE also strengthened the University’s status as a renowned source for research and analysis on migration issues, particularly in terms of serving partners and potential partners from the EU.

’University – Local Government Cooperation in the Local Government Education’
July 2008 – September 2009 €206.935,00
Partners:
The Department of Politics and Philosophy Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom, f.carr@mmu.ac.uk
Output(s):
During the project, a series of activities were carried out to develop the relationship between universities and municipalities. A comprehensive research was conducted for identifying to what extent the courses provided at local administrations departments of the universities meet the needs of the local administrations. Expertise support needed by the municipalities from the universities was taken as a focal point and a field study and 3 full-day training programme was organised comprising of 10 pilot municipalities, particularly for them to benefit from the universities especially by developing in-service training programmes. Also, 2 international seminars and 2 conferences were held within the project duration. 4 academicians from UK visited Marmara University for project activities and 14 academicians carried out an academic visit to Manchester Metropolitan University.

’Brigdes of Understanding: Intercultural Europe and Turkey’s Contribution’
May 2008 – November 2009 €298.011,00
Partner:
University of Bremen, Almanya, jmcjur@uni-bremen.de
Output(s):
The project has succeeded in mobilising EU citizens of Turkish origin in academia - academic staff and students - to contribute to improving understanding of Turkey’s Accession process. Particularly this has happened in Germany where, for example, with the project partners, 250 people participated in a conference on EU and Turkey. A result of this, and of activities such as the ‘Turkey in Europe’ summer school, and researchers workshop and publication on new thinking and approaches to the Turkey-EU relations, is a growing fledgling network of researchers, TURNET.
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‘City and Art’
May 2008 – November 2009  €462,116,00
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Output(s):
In the forum, the theory of relationship between City and Art, and its practices and education cases were discussed and the results were published. Art studios and productions were performed in 5 cities with the cooperation of 6 universities, in which 120 young artists and designers participated and the results were exhibited and published. A social network and an e-magazine for art academicians and artists across Europe were created on the internet www.artacademia.net.

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‘Accessibility Network for Turkish – Greek Societies (ACTUS)’
May 2008 – November 2009  €311,547,60
Partners:
- Aristotle University, Greece, naniopou@civil.auth.gr

Output(s):
Main issues constituting the core of ACTUS project idea include the fact that the current physical environment was not designed considering the handicapped and the disadvantaged, and the relevant group comprises 42,5% of the Turkish population, and the knowledge background in Turkey is insufficient for designing accessible spaces. Activities carried out under the project include information and skills exchange between the academicians and students of Mersin University and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Local Administrations, City Planners, Architects, Engineers, Design Experts and NGOs of both cities, and it also included sharing of application processes in Europe. At the end of the project, awareness raising activities were held to facilitate the lives of the handicapped and disadvantaged, relevant experiences of the project partner Aristotle University of Thessaloniki were used and a guide book was developed concerning the legal and physical applications in design and planning for facilitating the lives of the target group. This book will be the road map for all stakeholders in their activities and guide them in achieving the concepts of “Accessible City” and “Accessible Campus”.

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‘Towards Inclusive Universities by Empowering Disabled Students’
July 2008 – November 2009  €282,548,00
Partners:
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- Stichting Handicap + Studie NSS, Netherlands, rogier.vanderwal@handicap-studie.nl

Output(s):
One of the significant outputs of the project has been the strengthened recognition of TIU within the body of DIW (Disability Issues Worldwide). This has been achieved through a range of awareness raising activities, including one which was originally not expected within the project, the establishment of a “Disabled Students’ Platform” established at EU level by disabled students and the poster presentation at EAIE conference. The project also made concrete contributions to empowering students with disability, such as a dedicated English language training course.
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‘Strengthening and Integrating Academic Networks’
May 2008 – November 2009  €393,387,00
Partners: Jean Monnet Centre, Department of Political Science and European Affairs, University of Cologne Germany, wessels@uni-koeln.de
Output(s): Strengthened integration of at least 6 Turkish universities with higher education in the EU, through such outputs as membership of the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) and specific research publications as ‘Turkish Opinion Leaders and Europe: Initial Findings Report on Perceptions’ and the ‘Turkey-Watch: EU Member States’ Perceptions on Turkey’. Cologne University and others in the EU have also benefitted with increased access to potential research partners in Turkey and a better understanding of the Turkish context.

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‘Mapping European Higher Education Models’ (MEHEM)
17 June 2008 – 16 October 2009  €254,908,00
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Output(s): MEHEM project was carried out in order to examine the changes taking place in the higher education systems in Europe. Various research undertakings were discussed in three workshops held in Oxford, Siena and Uppsala and a closing conference held in Istanbul, with approximately 200 academicians and PhD students directly participating.

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‘Promotion of Historical and Cultural Dialogue in European Union: Turkey and Germany Example’
May 2008 – November 2009  €177,789,00
Partners : Karamanoğlu Mehmetbey University, Turkey,
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Freie University, Germany,
Output(s): The project has made a significant contribution to strengthening the cultural dialogue between Turkey and Germany, and the achievements of the project stand clearly as good examples for other initiatives between Turkey and the EU to follow. For instance, the project has established a dedicated Research Centre, which facilitate access to information for all stakeholders, and, in addition to all planned outputs, the signing of a 5 year Erasmus Protocol signed with our project partner.
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**Economic Assessment of the Reach Regulation on the Chemicals Industry of Turkey Project**

June 2008 – November 2009  €362.667,00

Partners:  
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- Economic Development Foundation (IKV), Turkey, cileri@ikv.org.tr  
- University of Hull, United Kingdom, d.calvert@hull.ac.uk  
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Output(s):  
Advisory and Work Committees have been established with the involvement of 3 Ministries (Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade) and approximately 10 CSOs in order to establish effective collaboration between stakeholders. Comprehensive research has been conducted into the potential impacts of REACH Regulation on the domestic industry, and the findings widely disseminated. Moreover, University of Hull from United Kingdom, Kaunas University of Technology from Lithuania and Middle East Technical University from Turkey have contributed as partners to the academic activities of the project.

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**‘Understanding Europeanness and Promoting European Citizenship in Turkey’**

June 2008 – September 2009  €240.796,00

Partners:  
- Dokuz Eylül University, Turkey, canan.balkir@deu.edu.tr  
- University of Leicester, United Kingdom, txl@le.ac.uk

Output(s):  
Partners of UEPECIT Project were able to achieve cooperation between the individuals and institutions that are among the target group. An international symposium in which 80 papers were presented was held and 3 books containing these papers were published, 6 workshops, 2 conferences, 3 scientific publications and 2 exchange programmes for the students and academicians were carried out.
'Promote Education and Reciprocal Understanding through Multicultural Integrated Teaching'
May 2008 – November 2009 €432,230.00

Partners:
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Outputs:
A comparative study was undertaken on cultural values in secondary school systems, with the findings informing both Turkish policy makers and stakeholders in the EU. 3 international trainings and 8 local trainings were carried out, with 125 teaching staff and more than 500 students participating in the project, with the foundations laid to run a joint MA programme. Cooperation was realized with non-governmental organizations through their involvement in the research activities, and a Platform was opened in order to create a common international learning society and to promote its sustainability.
Youth Initiatives for Dialogue
**Output(s):**
The project has achieved a significant increase in the capacity for Youth NGOs and their partners to promote sustainable approaches to development, and in doing so has created a firm foundation for future cooperation between NGOs in Turkey and those in the EU. Stakeholder activities have involved 52 local NGOs, 3 local administrations, 6 SMEs and 5 media organisations. More than 60 youth activities from Turkey were involved in study visits to partners in France, Greece and Macedonia, a training course on approaches to sustainable development delivered, and a conference held on the subject. Awareness was raised on the issue through a TV film, radio spot and various bulletins and other materials.

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'Developing Youth Initiatives for Sustainable Development’
July 2008 – September 2009  €83.738,93

Partners:
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Society for Protection of Nature and Eco-development, Greece, epo@kav.forthnet.gr
Tourist Association of Ohrid City Biljana, Macedonia, biljanatourism@yahoo.com

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'Challenge for Prejudice’
July 2008 – August 2009  €107.614,18

Partners:
Eurogems Associazione di Promozione Sociale, Italy, info@eurogems.eu
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Output(s):
The relationship between the Denizli region and the EU is largely concerned with the textile industry, thus this project has contributed to building up grassroots contacts and facilitating mutual learning through various intercultural activities. In all 280 young people from the target groups have been engaged in the events, including 3 study visits to partners in Poland and Italy.

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'European Cultural Legation of Young Turkish Entrepreneurs’
July 2008 – November 2009  €77.752,62

Partners:
Lithuanian Young Businessmen and Economists Club, Lithuania, mildai@verslininkas.net
Initziativa Regional Youth Committee, Bulgaria, rms.iniciativa@gmail.com

Output(s):
The project has greatly raised awareness to the EU Accession process and opportunities offered by the EU through a series of promotional events, such as TV broadcast, bulletins, and a cultural fair. The Lithuanian partner assisted with technical trainings and a study visit, and has helped to build a potential trade link between Amasya and Vilnius.
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July 2008 – August 2009  €96.631,70
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Output(s):
60 young people, who participated in the meetings we held in Istanbul, Bratislava and Brussels within the scope of our project, had a chance to evaluate the problems and opportunities between Turkey and the European Union from different perspectives. In the Peace Camp, which was the final activity of the project, 80 young people from Turkey, Slovenia, Belgium, Hungary and Holland received trainings on peace education and conflict resolution.

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‘Networking Europe’
July 2008 – July 2009  €37.323,84
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Output(s):
Together the project partners have managed to raise the level of interest and participation amongst young people in the target communities for stronger EU-Turkey integration. A number of students have made application to community programmes as a result and in Kocaeli there is an increase in voluntary contributions from students. This has been achieved through research of 500 students about EU culture and values, various meetings between project partners, dissemination of an information brochure on EU for university students, monthly e-letters for NGOs in Turkey and in partners’ countries, photography exhibition on EU culture, values and citizenship rights, a closure seminar and best practices book developed for young people and NGOs.

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‘Embrace The Other’
June 2008 – June 2009  €101.275,50
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Output(s):
The project was designed to address tendencies for xenophobia and to increase the mutual understanding between the young people of the target communities in Turkey and Germany. This was achieved through a mix of educational activities – for example, 70 people participating in a training programme and 42 youngsters involved in exchange visits – and awareness-raising campaigns.
**Bursa Young Industrialists, Businessmen and Executives Association**  
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’Young Entrepreneurs Academy and Civil Society Dialogue’  
July 2008 – August 2009  €88.758,10

Partners:  
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Output(s):  
The major achievement of the project has been the establishment of Turkey’s first Young Entrepreneurs Academy. In the first year, on a competitive basis, 100 students from amongst Bursa’s graduates were selected to be supported with a process of intensive training. 10 of the best students are undertaking internships with businesses in Bulgaria and the rest with businesses in Turkey. The immediate benefits are an injection of young entrepreneurs and managers ready to do business within the enlarging single market of the EU. The long term benefit is a model Academy that can be sustained and replicated throughout Turkey, and support for EU business links into Turkey.

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’I Have Only The Candles Thus Needing You’  
July 2008 – November 2009  €89.465,03

Partners:  
Çiğli Municipality, Turkey, cigli@cigli.bel.tr  
Kultur Und Art Initiative e.V., info@kultur-art.com

Output(s):  
There are a large number of migrants in the community in Çiğli in Izmir who face difficulties in integration, and likewise, in many German communities there are similar problems with integration. Thus, youth clubs in Çiğli and Berlin have worked together to raise mutual understanding and to pilot social work techniques that help address the integration difficulties. Accordingly, 11 teenage girls from migrant families in Çiğli and 10 German girls have worked together on a piece of drama to explore their issues, and the municipal social department have seen how to use a new technique.

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’Young Steps for Stronger Europe’  
July 2008 – October 2009  €110.463,54

Partners:  
Student Organisation from Faculty of Mechanics Craiova-Romania

Output(s):  
Through this project the Centre and its EU partners have contributed towards an improved environment for stronger youth inclusion in decision-making and policies in the Accession process. 20 activists have been trained as trainers and more than 140 young people benefitted from trainings delivered in 7 cities across Turkey. The project also supported 2 international conferences and a range of awareness-raising activities and publications.
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Output(s):
8 thematic workshops, a study visit to Bulgaria, and various networking activities carried out with the participation of Bulgarian partners, helped to achieve the objective of establishing a platform for exploring culture between the two countries and in building capacity within the participating youth organizations for promoting the concept of European citizenship.

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‘Power of Dialogue’
July 2008 – October 2009 €89.355,70
Partners:
NGO Accademia Psicologia Applicata (APA), Italy, internazionale@psicologia-applicata.it
Output(s):
The various youth-oriented associations that have participated in the project in Gaziantep have strengthened their organisational capacities through 12 different personal development trainings and involvement in 5 international study tours. The result is that these NGOs now have the capacity to sustain themselves and achieve their mission statements, and to build on the links made with similar organisations in the EU.

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‘Youth CAN (Youth Culture in Action Network)’
July 2008 – September 2009 €99.753,96
Partners:
Red Europea De Dialogo Social, Spain, europa@redeuropa.org
Output(s):
Youth CAN project was launched for purpose of ensuring active participation of youth NGOs in civil society dialogue process, their recognition as actors of dialogue rather than just multipliers and establishing sustainable relationships among youth organizations from Turkey and Europe. 10 organizations from Turkey that work for and with young people and 15 organizations from Europe have participated. Participants from a total of 14 countries have benefited from the project and the network has decided that Youth CAN is to be established as an international organization registered in Turkey. The newly established network’s activity plan, which was adopted by all members, will be implemented under the leadership of the executive committee elected by the organizations.
GYIAD - Young Executives and Businessmen Association

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‘Young Executive and Business People Platform’
July 2008 – October 2009  €82,630,75
Partners:

Lithuanian Social Democratic Youth Union, Lithuania, vainius.sarmavicius@gmail.com

Output(s):
The most significant outcome of the project is that it created a notion regarding the improvement of the economic relations and mutual relations in the business world in Turkey and Lithuania through NGOs. Activities to support this outcome included study/exchange visits between Turkey and Lithuania, during which top-level political, diplomatic and economic interviews were carried out. The project also carried out 2 international conferences and workshops.

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‘Starting Dialogue of Blind People Via Bicycle’
July 2008 – November 2009  €98,571,59
Partners:

ASD Giociria Non Vedenti, Italy, s.digennaro@alice.it

Output(s):
In line with the training provided by the Italian partner, 12 training workshops have been held and 8 racing tandem bicycles have been manufactured. 8 of the training bicycles have been delivered to 8 primary schools in Turkey for visually impaired children. Informative briefings in these schools have been delivered. We have trained 20 PE teachers to become tandem cycling trainers and through teaming them with visually impaired young people, organized a race with our partner involving 48 people. Thus, a dialogue with EU partners and visually impaired people in Turkey have been promoted.

GSM – Youth Services Centre

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‘Civil Active Dialogue [Civil Ad]’
July 2008 – November 2009  €97,633,22

Ortaklar:

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Output(s):
60 youth NGOs and governmental institutions were widely informed about the youth information studies in Europe with 2 training courses held under the project and a network created. The network will continue to promote and support a civil dialogue between youth NGOs in Turkey and Europe.
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'Turkish and European Youth Hand in Hand'
Partners:
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Output(s):
Friendship dialogues were established among young skiing sportsmen through activities held with the European Partners, and many have been learned from the partner which is one of the leading skiing clubs of Europe, such as how they managed to achieve their status. It’s expected that the technical trainings will strengthen our facility in Hisarcık.

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‘Developing a Chain of Rural Youth Between Turkey and Europe’
July 2008 – November 2009  €89,756,95
Partners:
Europartners 2000 Foundation, Bulgaria, europartners2000@medicalnet-bg.org

Output(s):
‘Rural Youth’ organisation was initiated for the first time in Turkey, based on extensive research into specific needs of the ‘rural youth’, and a network created amongst rural youth organisations, with this structure including in the networks of Turkey, Bulgaria, Italy, Spain, France and EU networks. Furthermore, Rural Youth Assemblies were established in the provinces of Mersin and Trabzon.

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'Solution Time for Employment Problem Step’
July 2008 – July 2009  €87,206,07
Partners:
Balkan Amfiktionia
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Output(s):
A training programme, comprehensively developed with EU wide applications, was organised with the participation of 152 young people in Turkey and Greece, and an E-Dialogue Platform created as the sustainability of space of the CSD Project where 400 memberships were obtained at individual and corporate level. 15 news articles were published and 2 TV programmes were broadcast as a part of publicity activities of the project.
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‘Turkish German Young Entrepreneurs Enterprise’
Partners:
ATIAD Association of Turkish Businessman and Industrialists in Europe, info@atiad.org
Output(s):
Capacity amongst NGOs serving the business community in the Uşak region has expanded in terms of understanding best practices and approaches to implementing EU policies and norms governing youth and entrepreneurship. The partners in Dusseldorf have assisted with training provision and in building long term cooperation between the business communities of each city.

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‘EKOLOG 33: Young Ecological Entrepreneurs Project’
July 2008 – September 2009  €87.461,80
Partners:
Circolo Festambiente[Legambiente National Office], Italy, mediterraneo3@testambiente.it
Antigone Information and Documentation Centre on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non-violence, Greece, info@antigone.gr
Output(s):
With the specifically prepared training programme, 30 young ecological entrepreneurs and 10 young people who are candidates to become the future civil society leaders were trained. A flourishing cooperation was established with our partners, resulting in the development of a project idea focused on renewable energy and environment. Similarly, the outputs of the project are likely to be scaled up across Turkey with the formation of a new NGO and fledgling network.

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‘Global Citizen’
July 2008 – July 2009  €94.648,76
Partners:
New Europe Foundation, Denmark, soren@nyteuropa.org
Output(s):
An approach has been piloted with partners in Turkey and Denmark for strengthening young peoples’ involvement in intercultural dialogue between the EU and Turkey. A core group of 30 youth, drawn from university students, from Turkey and Denmark, have worked through a series of workshops on key topics to define the essence of a global citizenship. The result of these activities has been a publication and guidelines for scaling up improved intercultural dialogue in the youth sector.
‘International Youth and Culture Festival on Van Lake’
July 2008 – July 2009  €103.228,25
Partners:
- Türkischer Elternverein Lehrte und Umgebung/Academy Culture Art, Germany, k.ozdemir@gmx.de
- Foundation of Scientific and Technical Research (BITAV), bitavi@bitav.org.tr
Output(s):
An international festival was organised in the province of Van for the first time, with the participation of a total number of music folklore groups involving 185 people and more than 60 artists and sculptures from 7 European Union countries and 7 regions of Turkey and all participants demonstrated their performances. More than 2500 people watched the stage shows over 4 days, and 3000 people watched street activities and the media provided the necessary support. An intercultural platform was created and citizens of Van not only enjoyed the festival, but were also introduced to aspects of EU culture.

‘We Are in For an Unhindered Accession to the European Union’
July 2008 – October 2009  €82.834,05
Partners:
- Risorse Umane Europa, Italy, rue@guipo.it
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Output(s):
The project team and partners carried out a scouting activity for disabled young people and created a well-equipped office environment, where the young people working for our club can easily perform their voluntary activities. This infrastructural investment was supported with a piece of needs analysis research and delivery of 5 capacity building trainings.

‘Youth Action for Future’
July 2008 – November 2009  €100.023,54
Partners:
- Obcanske Sdruzeni Hodinah, Czech Republic, hodinah@hodinah.cz
- Stowarzyszenie Sensu Stricto Association, Polonya,
Output(s):
An NGO network is established between the youth NGOs from different countries, and with this network, new road maps are created for future projects. With the help of project activities, contribution has been made to decrease the prejudices of the Turkish youth against EU and EU’s to Turkish youth.
'Cascading Training of Turkish Youth on Conflict and Diversity Management (Ctycdm)'
July 2008 – July 2009  €96.717,12

Partners:
Sustainable Development of Civil Society Club, Bulgaria, mail@csdcs.org
ECOSENS, Romania, macc@b.astral.ro

Output[s]:
A critical mass of young people has been formed to be able to meet the training demands of the Turkish youth sector for Conflict and Diversity Management. This has been achieved through a ToT on cultural diversity and conflict management for 20 trainers, and delivering a pilot course to 45 participants from youth organisations. The project also ran a conference and disseminated 300 posters, 200 brochures, 100 information materials, 50 training manuals, and 4 canvas banners were printed.
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