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FOREWORD





One of the most dynamic actors in Turkey's accession process to the European Union is undoubtedly the civil society. Civil society organizations are the foundation of a functioning democracy with all its rules and institutions as well as an integral part of the European integration process.

Thanks to the grant projects implemented under the Civil Society Dialogue Programme co-financed by the Republic of Turkey and EU Pre-Accession Funds since 2008, Civil Society Organisations have become important actors of Turkey's EU accession negotiations by introducing to each other Turkey and EU member states in an accurate and precise way. The Programmes have reached various types of civil society organisations operating across Turkey and the European Union, organisations such as associations, foundations, universities, professional groups, chambers and youth initiatives. As a result of more than 200 dialogue projects conducted during its first two phases of the Civil Society Dialogue Programme in 2008 and 2011, Turkish and European volunteers acting in different fields of civil society came together in pursuit of common goals and to lift each other up through sharing their experiences.

This Compendium captures the inspiring success stories produced by implementers of dialogue projects in the third phase of the Civil Society Dialogue Programme which was carried out between 2014 and 2016. It highlights this last period of the Programme in which around 7 Million euros in funding was allocated for 55 partnerships covering 142 different organisations in the areas of "Political Criteria" and "Media". Thanks to the participants of many civil society and media organisations contributing to our

dialogue projects, workshops and training sessions were held with the aim of sharing best practices, awareness-raising activities were carried out through visual arts and civil society organisations participated in international networking activities across many cities in Europe as well as in Turkey on a variety of topics ranging from elderly rights protection and social integration of disadvantaged people to establishing media bridges and strengthening the capacity of local journalists.

With its effects spreading to all EU member states since 2008, Civil Society Dialogue has continuously been a facilitating tool for Turkey's integration to the European Union and a crucial component of our accession process. Thanks to the endeavours of civil society organisations the gains achieved by this dialogue between Turkey and the European Union have been felt throughout the entire European region from Giresun to Stockholm, Amsterdam to Denizli, from Dublin to İstanbul.

We would like to thank all civil society volunteers contributing to the Civil Society Dialogue for their endless efforts and we would like to invite all our citizens to take part in dialogue projects where Turkish and EU societies have gathered in diversity and tolerance.

SUPPORT FOR A GROWING CIVIL SOCIETY DIALOGUE

Alongside the official dialogue between Turkey and the EU, since 2008 there has been a growing civil society dialogue (CSD) which is independent, parallel and highly complementary to the formal accession process. This civil society dialogue brings together the citizens of Turkey and the EU to work together, learn together and share all kinds of experiences together. It also enables the citizens to get to know each other better, respect and benefit from their diversities, and contribute to making a stronger and more prosperous Europe.

The Ministry for European Union Affairs assumes the role of the overall coordinator of the EU accession process of Turkey, and in addition, the Ministry supports initiatives to strengthen this dialogue between Turkish and EU civil society. Since 2008, with co-funding between the EU and Turkey, the Ministry has dispersed over €42 million in support of more than 600 civil society organizations working through 350 dialogue projects in hundreds of locations across the Member States and Turkey. This support has been provided through several phases of an EU-Turkey Civil Society Dialogue programme, the third of which is celebrated in the pages of this compendium.

Civil Society and the Political Criteria and Media

The third phase of the Civil Society Dialogue Programme started in July 2014. At this time 55 partnerships, involving 142 different organizations, were awarded with grants to implement dialogue projects as proposed by themselves. The grant awards were aligned to specific objectives for this phase of the Programme, covering issues related to the EU's political criteria and to the media.

Objectives of the Political Criteria grant scheme:

- Enhanced institutional capacity of CSOs to contribute to development and implementation of political reforms and to facilitate the adoption of the reforms by the Turkish society;
- Establishment of sustainable networks between the Turkish CSOs and their European counterparts on political criteria encouraging further dialogue and contributing to better exchange of information and know-how and

Engaging Citizens

Within this phase of Civil Society Dialogue Programme, the grant-funded projects have supported the participating civil society and media organizations to mobilise their target groups and citizens at large to engage in a range of issues. These have included initiatives on human rights, anti-discrimination, and democracy and the rule of law, with the goal of enabling civil society to make its contributions to the political reform process and to assist it

to reduce misperceptions and concerns both in Turkey and in the EU Member States concerning political criteria issues.

Objectives of the Media grant scheme:

- Enhanced networking, joint actions and peer-learning between Turkish-EU media and media-related CSOs;
- Shared good practices and promotion of innovative initiatives and media productions between Turkish-EU media and media-related CSOs on EU matters.

In total 39 partnerships were awarded grants under the Political Criteria scheme with a total value of €4.9 million, and 16 under the Media scheme with €2.1 million. On average each grant was worth about €130,000 and provided to the partnership to

implement projects with an average duration of 13 months.

Each of these 55 CSD partnerships involved a range of organisations from various cities and countries. Within each partnership there was one organization which took the lead and main responsibility for the grant, with 44 of these being based in Turkey and 11 in the EU.

- **€7 million**
- **39 Political Criteria** dialogue partnerships
- **16 Media** dialogue partnerships
- Partners from Turkey and **16** EU Member States
- Activities in **123 different towns and cities**

in conveying the results of this process to the wider public.

Equally important has been the building of the partnerships between the Turkish and EU organizations, with all the experience and knowledge sharing that accompanies such cooperation. For 41% of all the organizations taking part, this has been the first time for them to engage in joint EU-Turkey work. Such

partnership building is not easy, with the organizations having to overcome barriers of language and the physical constraint of long distances. But these CSD partnerships have proved themselves robust, with only 5 partners dropping out, and an amazing 80% of the partner organizations declaring that they have measures in place to continue the dialogue work, either through new joint projects or long term partnership protocols.

The Media and Political Criteria projects have been implemented through all kinds of activities at hundreds of different locations throughout Turkey and the EU. These activities have empowered citizens to engage in the topics in all kinds of ways. Here are just a few illustrations:

- A total of 4,056 citizens benefitting from participation in training activities

The Difference Dialogue Makes

The Turkey-EU Civil Society Dialogue is not just an end in itself, but is a results-oriented process. As such, the various sectors and types of civil society organisation have been building capacity for dialogue and cooperation around projects with very specific objectives. The two main sections of this Compendium intend to describe some of the most notable achievements of these projects and to provide an overview of who and how the achievements were made. This introduction provides an overview of the types of results achieved through the dialogue partnerships and illustrations of how this particular phase of the Programme is beginning to have impact.

- *Increased rights-awareness and support for vulnerable groups is leading to more inclusive policies and practices in Turkey as a result of Civil Society Dialogue* - for example, a Bar Association has established a special unit to support children's rights; a new family fostering system has been demonstrated in 8 provinces; or the illustration of the 'independent living' concept being introduced to Turkey.

- 20,355 citizens, including civil experts and activists, sharing knowledge and experience through conferences, seminars, and symposia

- 45 study visits implemented among 17 different countries

- Around 400,000 citizens within specific target groups reached by information campaigns

- *Civil Society Dialogue has improved inter-cultural understanding and support to freedom of expression strengthening anti-discrimination* - as illustrated by a new season of intercultural workshops between Paris and Ankara being established and a new French theatre company performing a play developed in Turkey through the Programme; or the founding of a Community Media Centre in Istanbul that helps to give voice to young citizen journalists.

- *Structures that improve democratic participation and the justice system have been strengthened through Civil Society Dialogue actions* - for example, the five Turkish municipalities that have signed cooperation protocols with women's rights organisations; the preparation and promotion of a policy paper relating to improving access to justice; or as evidenced by a solidarity agreement between organised groups of workers in the metal industrial sector in Turkey and the Netherlands.

- 55,000 books and booklets produced and disseminated

- 148 documentary/short/spot films produced and broadcast

- *Media strengthened through networks, shared good practices, and joint productions* - Civil Society Dialogue has assisted this through such results as the 'twinning' of associations of local journalists in Turkey and Germany; the advocating of a new model for copyright distribution for the film and broadcast industry in Turkey; or the example of the 40-minute documentary film on the impact of EU funds on communities in Turkey broadcast on UKTV.

- *New capacities and opportunities for EU-Turkey civil society* - 86% of the organizations reported that being part of this phase of the Civil Society Dialogue has opened up new opportunities for them in terms of involvement in EU programmes and/or EU-related affairs. Such opportunities are said to relate to having improved capacity for designing and implementing projects; being better equipped to interact with TR/EU public institutions and related bureaucracy; and joining new networks.

Promoting the Dialogue

Renewed Visual Identity

The third phase of the Programme has also celebrated the creation of a generic identity developed for the Civil Society Dialogue and projects funded underneath, with a strategic aim to integrate all communication and visibility impact under one single umbrella 'brand'. The new face of the Programme will help the growing voice of the dialogue spread in a consistent way, leading to a stronger sustainability in the awareness created through the actions arising from the Civil Society Dialogue.

Visual Communication Toolkit

In each phase of the Programme, there are hundreds of actors involved in the promotion and communication of the work done that include communication experts; project co-ordinators; designers; journalists and so on. To enable the unique language of the Dialogue to be robust and the messages to all target audiences to be consistent, the Programme developed a comprehensive Visibility and Communication Toolkit.

Dialogue Newsletter

The quarterly Dialogue Newsletter has also continued to be the voice of the Programme, providing the grant-funded projects with a new and more-magazine-style layout in which to promote and celebrate their Dialogue activities.

Website

Activism and dynamism are the two key words that can best describe the implementation of the Civil

Society Dialogue Programme and the myriad of projects supported by it. Throughout the implementation calendar of each phase there is everyday interaction between those contributing to the Dialogue in every corner of the EU-Turkey region. In this way thousands of memories of dialogue have been created and all of these are captured through our Dialogue platform: www.civilsocietydialogue.org. From the stories to pictures; audience reflections to official reports created, our web based platform serves as the ground to spread the impact of the Dialogue between Turkey and the EU.

Social Media

The impact of the dialogue is mirrored and invigorated through the Civil Society Dialogue social media channels. From Facebook to Twitter, Instagram to YouTube, all speak for the Dialogue and their actors. These are our key platforms allow civil society organisations connect, learn and network:

- **facebook** [SivilToplumDiyaloğu](#)
- **twitter** [@DiyalogProjesi](#)
- **instagram** [siviltoplumdiyalogu](#)
- **youtube** [SivilToplumDiyaloğu](#)

Documentary and TV Broadcasts

The story of the Dialogue that goes back to 2008, has now been documented through a 40-minute Civil Society Dialogue documentary film, which brings together diverse actors of the Dialogue from Europe

and Turkey within the same frames, speaking for the core impact of the Programme: greater mutual understanding and closer societies without social borders. Various versions have been broadcasted through national TV channels in Turkey and through social media campaigns in Europe. In addition, Civil Society Dialogue has been featured in two 45-minute episodes of the "Benim Avrupalı Kentim - My European City" documentary of TRT News, that celebrates the success of various projects and programmes funded as part of EU-Turkey financial co-operation across the country.

Frames of Dialogue

The synergy that the dialogue projects create is never enough to be captured! The Frames of Dialogue 3-D digital photo exhibition displays the momentum of the Dialogue through 150 professional photographs through the lens of the photographer **Çağrı Öner**. Printed versions of the digital exhibition have reached to a diverse audience through various activities of the CSD team and continues to speak for the memories of the third phase through the website.

Printed Materials

Various communication tools such as brochures; booklets, poster exhibitions, photo-block displays and Programme specific visibility materials have also contributed to strengthen the Civil Society Dialogue identity and emphasize the co-operation between the EU and Turkey.

Nurturing the Dialogue

To support the process of bringing together the 55 leading Grant Beneficiaries and their 87 different partner organisations and to support the implementation and promotion of their dialogue activities, Ministry for EU Affairs has itself worked closely with a number of important central level partners. To understand better the roles and challenges of these central partners, it is useful to look at each of the institutions in turn and to review the functions and support to the dialogue process that they have provided.

Firstly, the Ministry for EU Affairs has a Directorate of Projects Implementation which has been responsible for the overall implementation of Civil Society Dialogue Programme. This responsibility has included the design and promotion of the grant components, and the oversight and support to the actual implementation of the awarded grant contracts. The Ministry has also led a series of activities to generally promote the Programme message at a national and international level and to help the grant beneficiaries to promote the success of their dialoguing. To assist the Ministry to effectively and efficiently execute these responsibilities the Directorate of Projects Implementation has been supported by a Technical Assistance Team, contracted from a consultancy consortium of International Consulting Expertise (ICE), Eurasia Social Change, SIPU International, and NOOKOM, which has also contributed to the building of the long term capacity within the Ministry for the implementation of Civil Society Dialogue-type programmes.

Another key stakeholder at the central level has been Central Finance and Contracts Unit (CFCU), responsible for administering all the financial and contractual issues related to the Programme. The CFCU has the ultimate responsibility for the proper use of grants including tendering, signing the contacts, and payments to Grant Beneficiaries. A third important central level stakeholder is the EU itself and its representation in Turkey, the EU Delegation (EUD). In addition to providing the 90% co-funding for Civil Society Dialogue, as part of the overall package of pre-accession finance for Turkey, the EU, through its various institutions, including the EUD in Ankara and the DG for Enlargement in Brussels, has also provided a degree of oversight to the dialogue.

Lastly, the process of supporting civil society in Turkey and the EU to dialogue has received guidance and encouragement from a range of secondary stakeholders from both the public and non-governmental sectors, a selection of which were represented in a Steering Committee.

Collaboration has been the principle for the success in facilitating the EU-Turkey Civil Society Dialogue. Thus, not only has it been fundamental to the process for Turkish CSOs to be able to identify and work closely with partners from the EU, but also providing sound facilitation has depended on strong collaboration between the various public and private organisations mentioned above. As such it is important to acknowledge with gratitude the team nurturing Civil Society Dialogue:

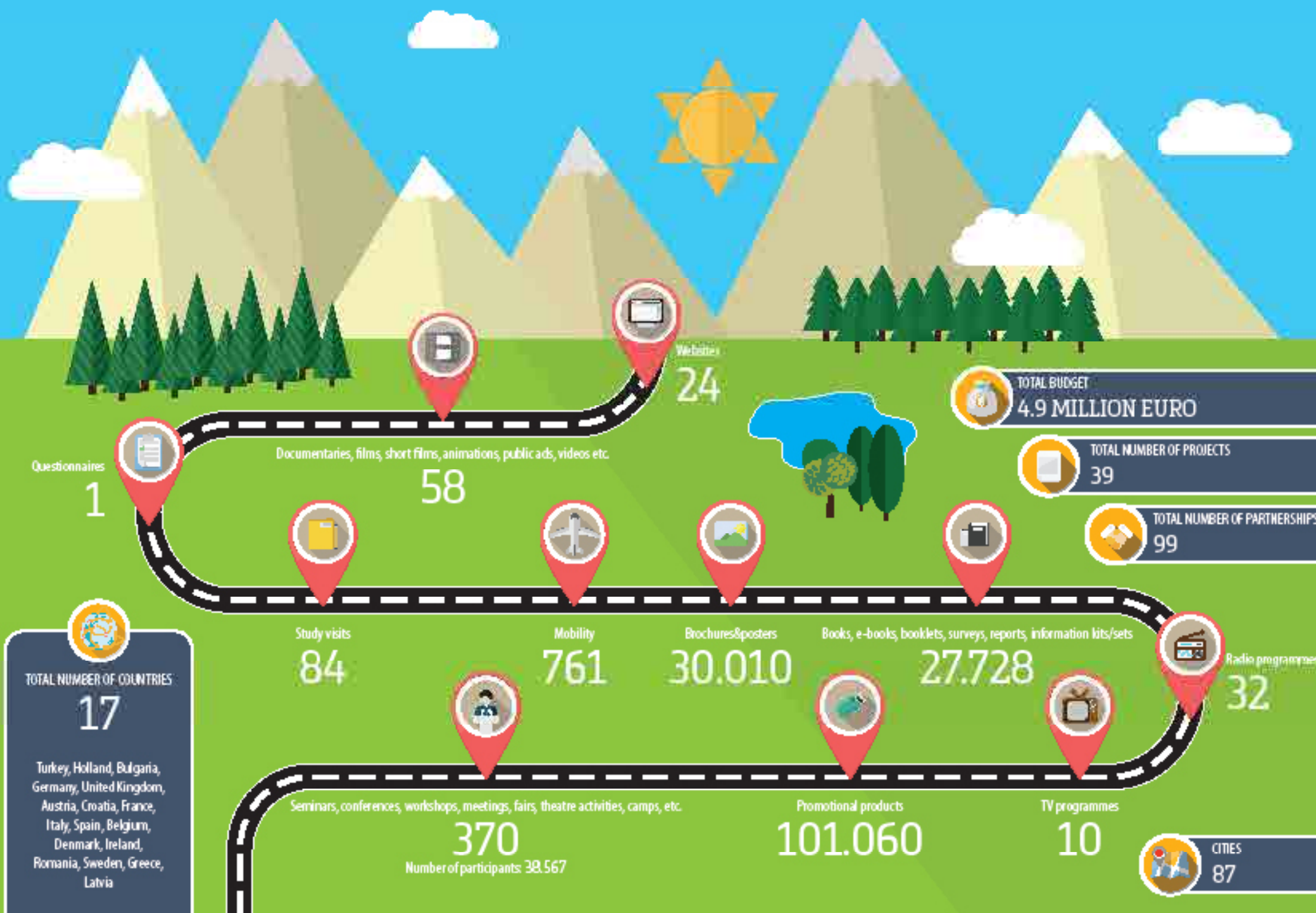
The Project Management Unit composed of experts of the Directorate Project Implementation and the Directorate of Civil Society, Communication and Culture responsible for the implementation and monitoring of grant projects: **Bülent Özcan**-Director of Project Implementation (Senior Programme Officer); **Murat Başer**-Civil Society Dialogue Programme Coordinator; **Aysel Tolunay**, **Necib Afşarata**, **Şeyda Çimeli**, **Yıldırım Gündüç**, **Yunus Yılmaz**, **Zelal Şen**, **Volkan Tuncay** - EU Affairs Experts.

The Technical Assistance Team: **Simon Forrester** - Team Leader; **Yeşim Gözde Ersoy**-Key Communication Expert; **Vedat Öner**-Key Grant Expert; **Aykut Koçak**, **Çağrı Öner**, **Eda Zaloğlu**, **Eda Sözeri**, **Elkin Konuk**-Non-Key Experts for MIS, Visuals, Communication, Event Management, and Content Editing; **Filiz Köksal**, **Hakkı Çamur**, **Jale Velibeyoğlu**, **Pınar Köksal**, **Zeynep Büker**-Non-Key Experts for Grant Monitoring; **Safiye Kavas**, **Zeynep Atay**-Project Management Assistance.





POLITICAL CRITERIA PROJECTS



**OPEN YOUR HEART,
AND YOUR HOME!**

Project Name

Each Child Has the Right to Grow Up in a Loving and Caring Family

Grant Beneficiary

Denizli Koruyucu Aile Derneği - Turkey

Project Partners

International Child Development Initiatives - Holland

Project Duration

12 months

Projenin Bütçesi

161.605,37 Euro

Location of Actions

Denizli , İstanbul, Ankara, İzmir, Kayseri, Hatay, Gaziantep,
Balıkesir - Turkey
Leiden - Holland



STARTING POINT

There are more than 12.000 thousand children under legal protection in Turkey, and only around 4.500 of them can benefit from foster family care.



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- support the recognition of the foster family system, which is not wide-spread enough in Turkey, and further acceptance of the foster family system by society,
- contribute to eliminating children's rights violations due to failures in implementation, and
- ease the psychological burden of children who have to live apart from their parents and to contribute to the adaptation process with foster families.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

One of the most significant steps in the foster family system is to ease the psychological burden borne by the child and to contribute to the adaptation process with the foster family. Introducing the Back Pack training method to the psychologists and social services experts working in the field throughout the county was one of the most important project activities. This training method, which at the moment is only implemented in six countries, was brought to Turkey for the first time with this project.



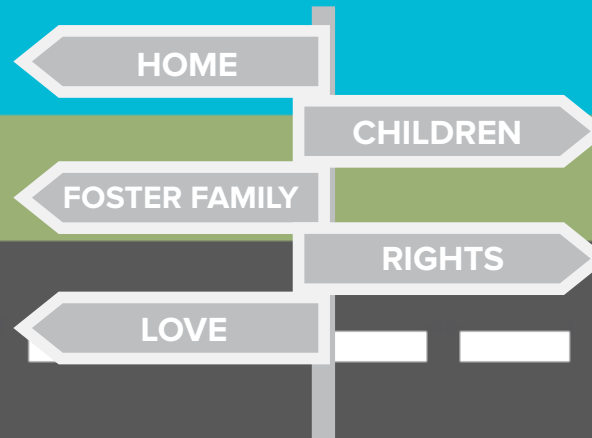
PARTNERSHIP

Partnering with an international institution and working together helped them get to know each other culturally and break prejudices. At the beginning of the project, the Dutch partner found it difficult to understand the grant implementation rules. Delays in the tender processes and the various required documents created mistrust in the beginning. However, everything changed in the visit to the Netherlands. Both foundations now continue to create new collaborations and share information and experiences. They said that they now have friends in a different part of the world marching towards the same target.



ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- The public at large were reached through activities organised to raise social awareness of the foster family system.
- More than 100 CSOs were contacted throughout the country. A wide network of actors in the field was established. Actions were initiated to have this network assume an umbrella role.
- The foster family concept was explained to the public through the press and broadcast media. Social media accounts reached more than 21.000 people.
- A comprehensive analysis study was conducted on the functioning of the foster family system in Turkey.
- Parties of the foster family system were brought together and the problems in practice were identified in detail.
- All these studies were compiled and the first draft law on the foster family system was prepared in Turkey.
- Back Pack, a training method developed for the first time in Turkey for children in foster family care, was conveyed to 30 field workers throughout the country.
- During the project, the number of children living with a foster family increased by 30 percent.



WE DID IT TOGETHER!

Project Name

Empowering Vulnerable Children Through Human Rights and Film

Grant Beneficiary

Başak Kültür ve Sanat Vakfı - Turkey

Project Partners

Stichting DW-RS Producties - Holland
Van Barosu Başkanlığı - Turkey

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

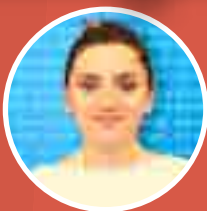
147,171.70 Euro

Location of Actions

Istanbul, Batman, Mersin, Bitlis, Tunceli,
Erzurum, Adana, Van, Ordu, Düzce, Hatay,
Izmir, Manisa, Denizli - Turkey
Amsterdam - Holland

It was a pleasure in itself to work with children. Excitement of children from Bitlis who had never participated in any social activities; film shooting by refugee Yezedi children who had never seen a film before; approximately 250 children who always think of violations when human rights are uttered; and refugee Arab children who choose to talk about human rights positively; children of illiterate agricultural workers and their desire to have fun; shooting silent films with hearing impaired children and understanding discrimination from their perspective; shooting a dialogue film with children speaking 5 different languages... all of these were excellent experiences both for us and for them.

Belma Yıldıztaş, Project Coordinator



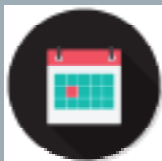
STARTING POINT



The Project was developed by the Başak Kültür ve Sanat Vakfı and was inspired by a short film workshop for children which was conducted by a group of volunteer artists within the scope of the first Human Rights Film Festival that was organised in a city without a movie theatre approximately 5 years ago.

The starting point was to raise vulnerable children's awareness of human rights and increase their knowledge of cinema; and to assist them in expressing themselves better by improving their skills.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



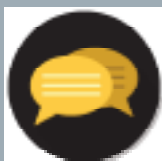
Children and supporters from various cultural, ethnic, religious and political groups came together to promote human rights for children and 30 short films were produced thanks to this unity and solidarity. The aim was to allow people to embrace and contribute to the multi-cultural, multi-lingual and multi-religious country in which they live.

PARTNERSHIP



This project has a special place among the other projects conducted by Başak Kültür ve Sanat Vakfı so far in terms of including many partners and supporters. Local partner Van Bar Association and international partner DW-RS Producties owned the project as if their own work and showed a friendly approach in terms of its implementation and sustainability.

MESSAGE



The project was quite effective in terms of measuring human rights perceptions of children participating from Turkey and Europe. However, project's message was that human rights are perceived as a violation of rights by children. In other words, human rights are understood as not giving rights to right holders rather than giving them rights.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Human Rights and Film Workshops were organised for over 300 children.
- A strong dialogue was established through networking meetings that were held with CSOs.
- Vulnerable children of lower socio-economic backgrounds and having difficulty in accessing cultural-social rights were informed about human rights with reference to all fundamental rights and freedoms included in the conventions.
- Awareness was increased through art in order to improve the cooperation and solidarity skills of children.
- Short films on human rights of children were prepared. Qualitative and technical information that may be needed by children to shoot short films from their own perspectives were provided.
- In the activities carried out in 14 provinces of Turkey and a province in Holland, children and institutions working on rights and arts were brought together, and cooperation was promoted to disseminate information on the human rights of children.

SOLIDARITY

RIGHT CHOICES

COOPERATION

WONDER CHILDREN

DISCOVERY

WATCH YOUR SHADOW!

Project Name
Watch Your Shadow

Grant Beneficiary
Uçan Süpürge Kadın İletişim ve Araştırma Derneği - Turkey

Project Partners
Center of Women's Studies and Policies Foundation (CWSP) - Bulgaria
Ankara Üniversitesi Avrupa Toplulukları Araştırma ve Uygulama Merkezi (ATAUM) - Turkey

Project Duration
14 months

Project Budget
129.528,94 Euro

Location of Actions
Ankara, Yalova - Turkey
Sofia - Bulgaria

Personally, I learned a lot from the project. Meeting and working with the members of the shadow council gave me new horizons. On the other hand, I also gained more knowledge on the functioning of local political mechanisms. I can now consider urban politics and urban services with a different perspective and I can develop opinions on how these services and politics will be reflected on me as a woman.

Özlem Başdoğan, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



The starting point was the innovative and creative idea of a shadow council for empowering and organising women.

- Women, who are members of the shadow council, take the politics-citizen relationship from passive to active and patriarchal relationships are transformed into active duties.
- Women start having a say in local governments.
- Women's participation in politics is supported.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



The study visit to Bulgaria had a great influence in term of expanding the vision of participants. All participants were extremely happy to receive information about a different country and about women from this different country and their experiences.

PARTNERSHIP



In addition to the project coordinator organisation, one partner from Turkey and one partner from Europe also supported the Project. While the Turkish partner ATAUM provided professional support for shaping conferences and a workshop, the work undertaken with the Bulgarian partner CWSP allowed for determining similar and different aspects in various issues between the two countries.

MESAJ



Empowerment of women, their involvement in politics and having a say on the cities they live in is the most important step of democratisation.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- The training delivered to the participating women of the three Shadow Councils strengthened their knowledge and those among them who were successful in lobbying and advocacy felt closer to politics.
- A dialogue bridge has been established between women in active politics and the members of the shadow council.
- The shadow council members in Bulgaria and Turkey had the opportunity to get to know each other and to understand similarities and differences in practice within the scope of the study visits, which also allowed to set the foundation for their communication.
- Majority of the shadow council members started making plans for actively being involved in politics with the help of skills they gained in the project.
- Municipalities where the shadow councils were established looked after these shadow councils. They sometimes arranged transportation for the members' participation and sometimes supported this structure by allocating meeting rooms free of charge.

WOMEN

COUNCIL

VOLUNTARISM

ORGANISING-EMPOWERING

CITY

LEARNING MEDIA

Project Name

Citizens Media for Intercultural and Political Dialogue

Grant Beneficiary

Bürgerhaus Bennohaus, Arbeitskreis Ostviertel e.V. - Germany

Project Partners

YOUTHART Gençlik Sanat Araştırma ve Eğitim Derneği - Turkey
European Youth4Media Network e.V. - Germany

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

145.952,45 Euro

Location of Actions

Istanbul - Turkey
Münster - Germany

It has been an experience where we strengthened our capacity as YouthArt Association and carried EU-TR dialogue among young people further with new project ideas.
Murat Akbiyik, Head of YouthArt Association

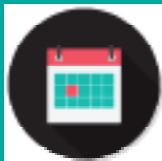


STARTING POINT



- Setting off on the journey the aim was to:
- establish a media centre similar to the one managed by Bürgerhaus Bennohaus in Münster, Germany,
- enhance the capabilities of CSOs, young people, youth workers and organisations conducting cultural activities on media subjects, and
- deepen the knowledge and skills about citizens' media.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



Hundreds of young people were reached through the conferences organised and the seeds of a citizens' media concept, something that we see in Europe often, were spread in Turkey through the Community Media Centre established in Istanbul.

MESSAGE



Innovative media systems should be developed, which will constitute the basis for extending citizen journalism based on participation, diversity and freedom of expression. We all are ready to work for this!

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- A Media Community Centre was established in Istanbul.
- 22 young people who participated in four international training of trainers sessions organised under the Project received media trainer certificates. More than half of these young trainers provide training sessions where they transfer the skills they have gained to new candidates.
- Over 200 young people were informed on citizen media in three conferences organised in Germany and Turkey.
- The news videos shot in the field by the young people trained were made available for the public at large through the project website

MEDIA

CITIZENS MEDIA

YOUTH



THE POWER OF CIVIL SOCIETY IS EVERYWHERE

Project Name

Innovative Methods Against Human Rights Violations

Grant Beneficiary

Kolektif Bilinç Derneği - Turkey

Project Partners

Balik Arts - United Kingdom

Project Duration

14 months

Project Budget

116.906,97 Euro

Location of Actions

Izmir - Turkey

London - United Kingdom

We once again realised the importance of working voluntarily for civil society. The Civil Society Dialogue Programme is quite important in this regard. After each project is implemented, we realize that there are many steps to take in the EU process and they will take time.

Yudum Cura, Project Coordinator



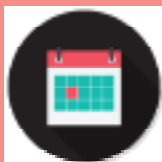


STARTING POINT

The increase in violence in particular against women in Turkey and in İzmir has been the trigger behind the project.

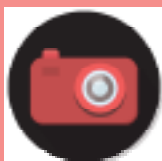
The starting point was to:

- define verbal, emotional and economic violence,
- eliminate problems in speaking about it,
- ensure more active participation of CSOs and volunteers in this area.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

Street theatre plays organised under the project with the active participation of the audience were among the main activities. The publicity film produced with 30 volunteers by the Balik Arts foundation based in the UK has been an exemplary work in terms of the results obtained. Furthermore, the two-day workshop organised for CSOs under the project attracted attention for its contribution to awareness raising and capacity building of the institutions providing services in this area.



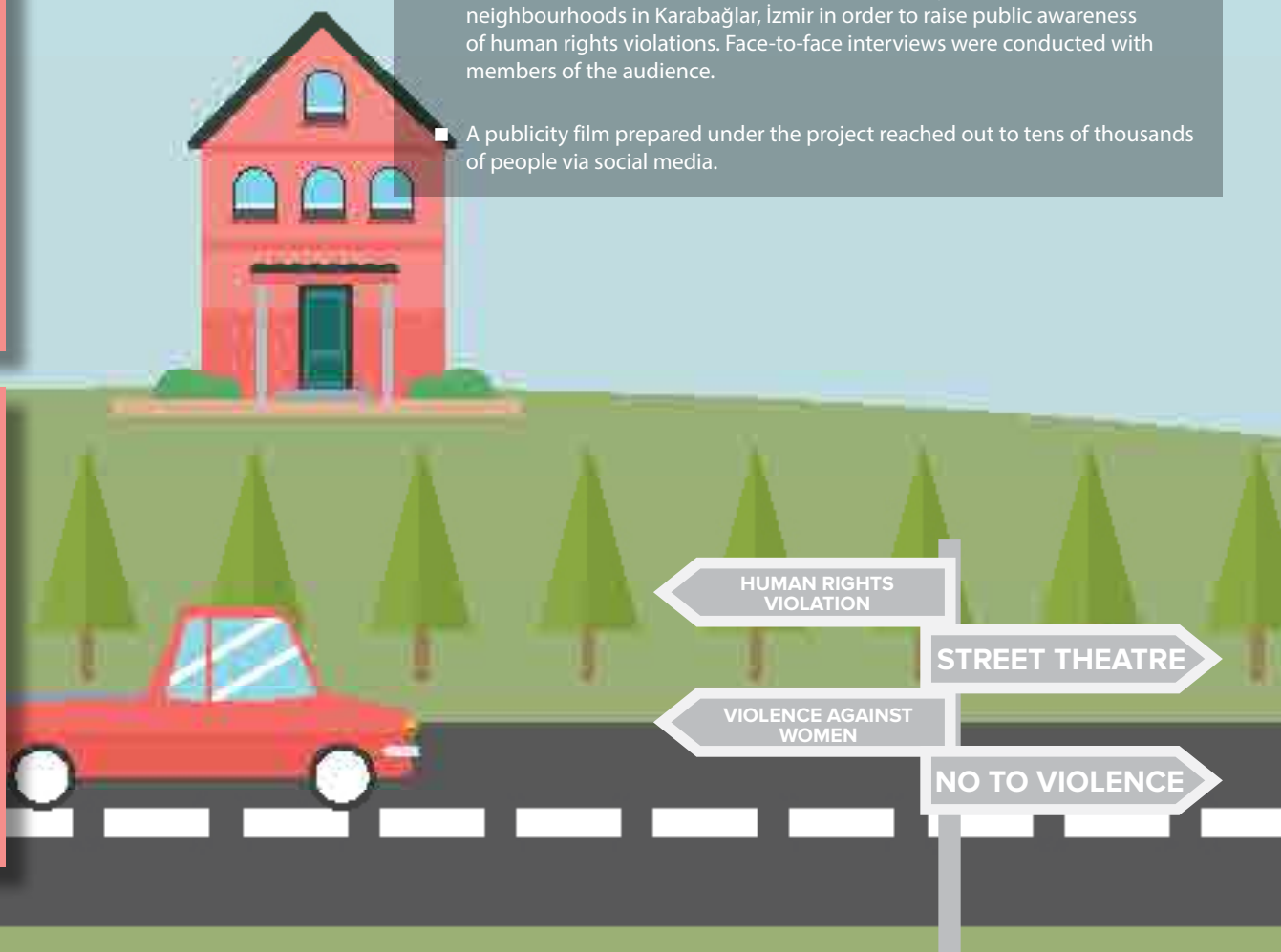
MEMORABLE MOMENTS

During the Street Theatre activities, the project team members were quite impressed during the face-to-face interviews by older women (above middle-age) who wanted to talk about violence (economic, verbal, emotional and physical) by their spouses and who wanted to find a way out.

The enthusiasm and willingness of children and young people to attend the street theatre performances created special moments. As a result of these activities, it was seen that violence increases in direct proportion to age and children learn about violence from their families.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- A communication and cooperation atmosphere was created among CSOs and local governments in the partner countries. Activities were carried out via the joint website.
- A workshop was organised to improve the institutional capacities of CSOs in İzmir and cooperation among them. Participants regarded Kolektif Bilinç Derneği as the first application centre and started to call when they had a project or activity idea.
- Over 1.500 spectators attended Street Theatre plays organised in five neighbourhoods in Karabağlar, İzmir in order to raise public awareness of human rights violations. Face-to-face interviews were conducted with members of the audience.
- A publicity film prepared under the project reached out to tens of thousands of people via social media.



BEING HUMAN WITH WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Project Name
Women's Rights

Grant Beneficiary
Avrupa Birliği'ne Uyum, Gelişim, Kültür ve Çağdaş Yaşam Derneği - Turkey

Project Partners
Simultania Liechtenstein, Verein zur Förderung von Menschen mit
Behinderungen und deren Umfeld - Austria

Project Duration
12 months

Project Budget
104.178,73 Euro

Location of Actions
Adana - Turkey
Vienna - Austria

While listening to the information exchanges during the questions/answers part of the seminars and the problems individually communicated to the lawyers at the end of the seminars, we realised that violation of women's rights and inequalities identified during the project preparation are actually quite deeper than we originally thought. In addition to this saddening situation, most of the women participating in the training sessions could not sign the participant forms on the grounds that they were afraid of signing. They asked people not to share their photos and most of them preferred to hide their faces during the photo shoot.

Feride Demir, Project Coordinator



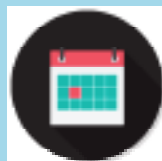
STARTING POINT



It is observed that violation of women's rights increases in parallel to the increase in migration to urban areas.

The starting point was to prevent/reduce women's rights violations in Yüreğir district, the second biggest district of Adana with 422.000 people and the first settlement area for those migrating to urban areas.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



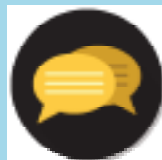
People participating in the training sessions came together once again on the occasion of the project's closing meeting. The determination of each participant to respect women's rights and their plans about using the knowledge gained during the training sessions has been the most valuable output of the project.

PARTNERSHIP



Project partner developed effective methods to introduce Austrian practices in Turkey. Yüreğir Municipality allocated a room at its premises for project implementation and still continues to provide an office to the association to carry out further activities after the completion of the project.

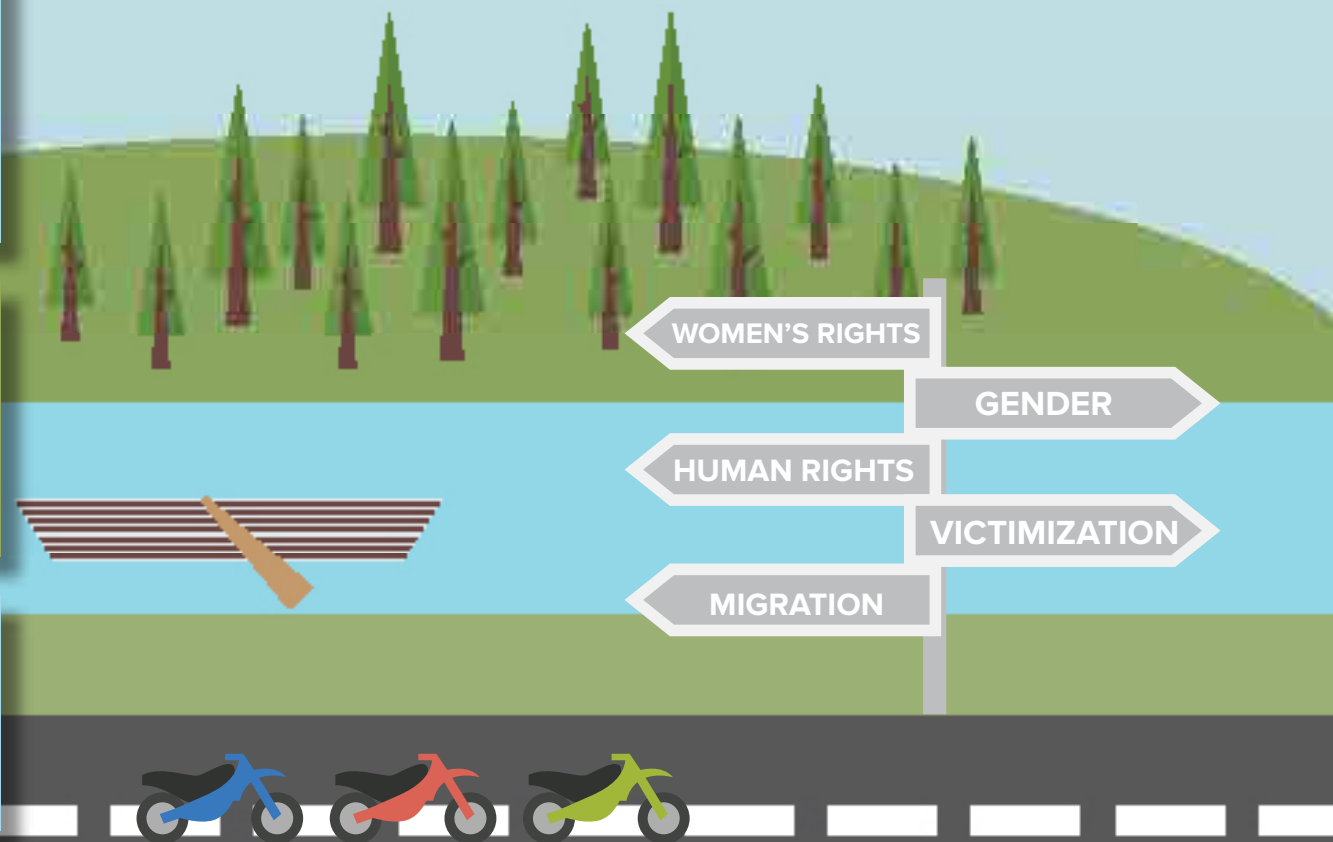
MESSAGE



Women's rights are a matter of education and awareness and they can keep a permanent place in our minds only if they are handled simultaneously and collectively. Otherwise, projects would vanish like water drops on a hot pan.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1.159 women and 549 men with leading and active characters were trained on human rights and gender issues with the support of project stakeholder Yüreğir Municipality. The gender perspective was strengthened in the region.
- Training provided under the project were a first for the poor neighbourhoods in Yüreğir district. People's awareness of human rights and women's rights was raised through training sessions and they were informed about the procedure to follow in case of a violation of their rights.



HEALTHY LIFE IS EVERYONE'S RIGHT

Project Name
Cancer Will Not Be Our Fate

Grant Beneficiary
Lösemili Çocuklar Sağlık ve Eğitim Vakfı (LÖSEV) - Turkey

Project Partners
Ljubav na djelu, Udruga Roditelji Djece Oboljele od
Malignih Bolesti - Croatia

Project Duration
12 months

Project Budget
125.052,29 Euro

Location of Actions
Ankara, İstanbul, İzmir, Bursa, Antalya, Adana,
Erzurum, Eskişehir, Konya, Elazığ, Zonguldak,
Kayseri, Muğla, Bolu, Edirne - Turkey
Zagreb - Croatia

We travelled hundreds of kilometres in 12 months to reach out to hundreds of patients in 15 provinces, we informed thousands of people on cancer and cancer prevention through conferences and we were able to reach hundred of thousands through media. This is because we, as LÖSEV, work to create a happy country and we believe that everybody should do their part in this regard.

Hülya Ünver, Project Coordinator



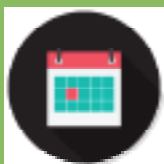
STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- inform cancer patients and their families about the challenges they will experience and about their rights and the things they can demand,
- provide financial, moral, social and psychological support to the families fighting leukaemia and cancer,
- raise awareness among every part of the society on cancer, cancer protection methods and patient rights,
- contribute to the reform movement in fighting against cancer by molding public opinion based on best practices in Europe

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



The strongest aspects of the project were the social awareness raising activities. Patients and their families participating in the seminars expressed that they would actively use the knowledge of their rights that they had gained and that they started to feel stronger thanks to this knowledge.

PARTNERSHIP



Reciprocal visits were paid between LÖSEV and its Croatian partner within the scope of the project. The dialogue established was maintained during the project and it is still efficiently maintained after the completion of the project. During the reciprocal visits, associations said they would adopt each other's best practices. LÖSANTE Hospital for Children with Leukaemia by LÖSEV, which has been providing services since the 2000s, enlightened the Croatian partner in terms of its success in treatment, facilities, medical equipment used and social opportunities provided.

MESSAGE



Live healthy, be aware of your rights when suffering from cancer and act in line with your rights!

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 16 seminars on cancer, protection methods and patients' rights were organised.
- Over 3500 people were directly informed.
- Information activities were carried out at local and national levels by participating in TV and radio shows.
- Suggestion packages on patients' rights were prepared and shared with relevant public institutions.
- At the end of the project, 85 percent of the conference participants expressed that they had obtained sufficient information on cancer, protection methods and personality rights.



FROM OTHERS' PERSPECTIVES

Project Name
Contemplations

Grant Beneficiary
CRT St Blaise - France

Project Partners
Görsel Sanatlar Merkezi Derneği (GÖRSEM) - Turkey

Project Duration
15 months

Project Budget
169.089,83 Euro

Location of Actions
Paris, Orléans, Toulouse, Marseille, Nice - France
Istanbul, Ankara, Nevşehir - Turkey

Today, we need to get to know each other more than ever. This can only be possible by improving cultural understanding. We all share the same values and we have many things to learn from each other.

Erica Letailleur, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



CRT St Blaise French-Turkish theatre team working together in Paris and Cappadocia for years realized that there are some misunderstandings among communities, especially regarding beliefs and lifestyles. The starting point for the project was to find solutions for these problems and to improve the intercultural dialogue between France and Turkey through theatre activities.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



Mobilisation of the international artists for the creation of the theatre play was extremely fruitful and impressive. Many artists showed more willingness than expected to contribute to the play. French artists insisted on performing the play in Turkish and this was an unexpected but a quite successful result.

MESSAGE



Culture, differences and richness brought along with these differences are the complementary elements of dialogue.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

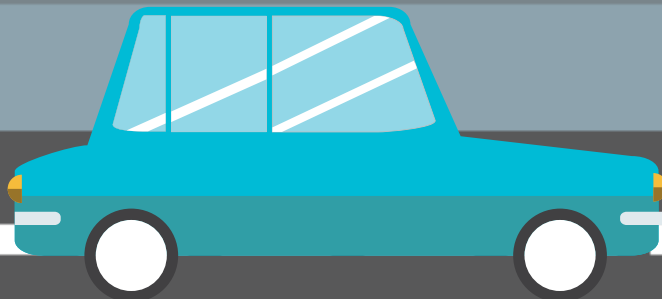
- A very colourful season of the Turkish Traditional Performing Arts Centre, between France and Turkey, totally dedicated to intercultural and interfaith dialogue, through the implementation of diverse activities, like an international congress, the creation and the broadcasting of a theatre play which reached thousands of people, as well as workshops like shadow puppetry in France and Turkey.
- The play titled "Köroğlu" staged under the scope of the project will continue to reach to different societies. Another play written during the workshop will be performed by Monolog Etrangers, an independent theatre company. In September 2016, a new intercultural workshop season will start between Paris and Ankara.

INTERCULTURAL
DIALOGUE

THEATRE

ARTS

POETRY

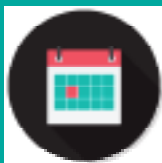






STARTING POINT

The starting point was to work with normally-developed children starting from early ages and prevent discrimination in order to fight against discrimination against people with disabilities and create a sustainable awareness in this regard.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

Field work has been quite effective in terms of coming together with students who will create a social conscience and carry this into the future; and explaining to them how to live with individual differences.



PARTNERSHIP

Practices in our education system were observed in terms of disability and discrimination against people with disabilities.

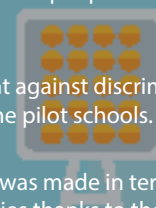
Integration of students with different disabilities into ordinary schools were observed. Seeing good practices enlightened the way for identifying needs in Turkey.

Conducting the project in cooperation with the Ministry of National Education ensured a smooth implementation of the classroom activities planned.

Ownership of the project by Sabancı and Marmara University students ensured the completion of classroom activities in line with the plan. Students gained experiences that will significantly help them in their business lives which they are to start soon. They had the chance to work with the expert team included in the project and working on disability for a long time, and they learnt a lot from them.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Curricula and relevant practices were analysed on site during the visits to Project countries.
- Curricula in the EU countries and Turkey were compared in terms of discrimination against people with disabilities and the results obtained were shared with relevant Ministries and institutions.
- Classroom activities and materials were developed believing that fight against discrimination to people with disabilities starts from early ages at school.
- Activities on the fight against discrimination were carried out with primary school students in the pilot schools.
- Significant progress was made in terms of fighting against discrimination of people with disabilities thanks to the project activities.



GFB



AWARENESS

DISCRIMINATION

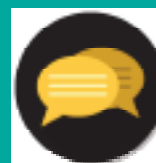
EDUCATION

DISABILITY

200m

300m

MESSAGE



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which we signed in 2007 introduces significant obligations for all of us. However, discrimination and especially discrimination against people with disabilities should be eliminated not only legally but also from a humanitarian perspective. In this effort, the role and significance of education are undeniable.

I AM FREE

Project Name

I am Free

Grant Beneficiary

Tüvana Okuma İstekli Çocuk Eğitim Vakfı (TOÇEV) - Turkey

Project Partners

Worldview Impact Foundation - United Kingdom

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

148.500,00 Euro

Location of Actions

Istanbul, Ankara, İzmir, Denizli, Eskişehir - Turkey

London - United Kingdom

I understood once again how powerful games are in communicating with children, and whatever the conditions are, a child only needs attention. It motivated me to do better things. It was a great pleasure to witness an adult try to pass through a gate you open on the right path with communication, no matter what they have done in the past.

One of my happiest memories was hearing a mother say: "My child was very peevish, we did not get along well, we always used to argue but once I started doing what you taught me, our relationship changed, I am much more understanding towards him now. It turns out that we can be happy with a little love, a hug and a little playtime."

One of the things that surprised me was that most of the mothers did not exactly know how to love their children. Of course they love their children, but we needed to remind them time and time again that sometimes the power of a tight hug, a very small gesture showing affection, would bring positive results. Many of them did not know children's songs. Our happiness grew as our works progressed and as we started to see the results.

Aybike Yurtsever Guşa, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



A question to TOÇEV in the press conference of a previous project, “You are a children’s foundation, do you deal with children who stay with their mothers in prisons? Do you realise that they need support as well?” formed the basis of the project.

This awareness led to the starting point of the project that was to:

- meet the basic needs of children, from the newly born to six-year-olds, who stay with their mothers in prisons,
- develop plays for children through which they can use their energies correctly,
- strengthen the mothers’ dialogue with their children and their attitudes.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



Outstanding activities included having the officials working in prisons attending training sessions held in İstanbul and the monthly field studies of the project team. The project team thinks that without being in the field, without touching people’s lives, what they do would not have been real activities.

PARTNERSHIP



Information on penal systems was obtained in a study visit to the UK. The UK partner of the Project also witnessed the actions in Turkey.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 17.850 kilometres were travelled throughout the Project.
- Seven prisons were visited regularly each month and a series of training sessions were held for mothers who stay with their children and for correction officers. A total of 68 mothers, 610 children and 364 correction officers benefited from the training sessions on various subjects like effective communication with children, social adaptation skills and the negative impact of violence on development. The sessions were given in a short period of 10 months.
- The “Mother Support Group Training Programme, Mother Handbook” and “Correction Officer Support Group Training Programme Handbook” were printed and distributed to ensure that these training sessions reach out to more mothers and correction officers.
- Playgrounds for children were built in two prisons.

FREEDOM

HAPPINESS

LOVE

EVERYTHING IS
POSSIBLE

EFFORT

TOGETHER!

Project Name

Together: Enhancing Youth and CSOs Political Culture and Democratic Participation

Grant Beneficiary

Gençlik Servisleri Merkezi Derneği (GSM) - Turkey

Project Partners

LUNARIA - Italy

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

140.790,00 Euro

Location of Actions

Ankara - Turkey

Rome - Italy

Of course, we also interacted with each other while aiming for interaction between the European and Turkish communities, and we learnt many things from specialist organisations and especially from our partner organisation.

If we were to implement a similar project, we would bring representatives from organisations informing young people together periodically using online tools and ensure an exchange of information.

Öyküm Bağcı, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT

Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- support the dissemination of democratic culture emphasizing the equal right to speak both in the government and in the management of other mechanisms,
- point out the importance of civil society values, one of the most important catalysts of the democratization process,
- provide opportunities enabling exchange of experience and information for youth organisations that work in the fields of civil society participation, political reforms, legislation and human rights in Italy and Turkey.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

Over 500 applications were received in only 10 days for the EU-Turkey Dialogue Conference and CSO Fair organised on 17-18 December 2015.



PARTNERSHIP

There was a mutual learning process during the project implementation. Both organisations shared beneficial information, especially on civil society dialogue and lobbying activities.



ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- During the first months of the project, more than 100 youth organisations from seven regions of Turkey participated in the focus group meetings held with the members of Eurodesk Focal Point. In these meetings, the current situation of youth information in Turkey was analysed and mapping activities were conducted.
- Two capacity building training sessions with the participation of 30 youth organisations in each were held in order to expand knowledge and skills.
- Best practices in Europe were observed on site during study visits to Italy and Brussels with the participation of 12 CSO representatives.
- 24 good practice projects were introduced to over 100 CSOs during the Good Practices Workshop and CSO Fair.
- Organisations that met through the project started to develop joint projects where they could disseminate European Union values.

YOUTH

COMMON VALUES

PARTICIPATION

DEVELOPMENT

CULTURE OF
DEMOCRACY



SAY NO TO VIOLENCE!

Project Name

Women Against Violence Engagement

Grant Beneficiary

NOTUS - Spain

Project Partners

Türk Sosyal Bilimler Derneği - Turkey

Kadın Dayanışma Vakfı - Turkey

Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini - Italy

SURT - Spain

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

145.872,03 Euro

Location of Actions

Ankara - Turkey

Rome - Italy

Barcelona - Spain

It was upsetting to see how prevalent the violence against women is. However, the feeling that I am contributing to the prevention of this has made me feel more responsible to society.

Rachel Palmen, Project Coordinator



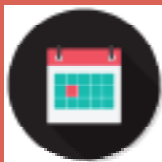
STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- introduce EU legislation and practices to CSOs and to provide instruments to prevent violence against women,
- increase the level of knowledge on the characteristic features of violence against women,
- share more about the policies and actions of Italy, Spain and Turkey on the prevention of violence against women,
- strengthen the dialogue between decision-makers and CSOs.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



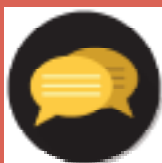
The training sessions and workshops were the most important activities in terms of developing realistic and practical actions. The obtained data were used in the training kit that was prepared.

Furthermore, in the closing conference that brought together the officials of the Ministry of Family and Social Policies and the CSOs working on violence against women, it was decided to set up a portal for fighting against violence.



PARTNERSHIP

The project was carried out in full collaboration and active participation of all partners.



MESSAGE

More lives could be saved through cooperation and partnerships between the European Union and Turkey.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- A comprehensive study was conducted on women exposed to violence in Spain, Italy and Turkey.
- A comparative report was issued including policy proposals based on national reports and the results of the study.
- A training kit was prepared for organisations working on women exposed to violence.
- A workshop which brought together policy makers and the women exposed to violence was held and set the stage for mutual listening.
- Following the project's closing conference, activities were carried out to set up a virtual source and a Community Centre for women exposed to violence.



RIGHTS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE AND CARE SERVICES AT EU STANDARDS

Project Name

Rights of Elderly People and Care Services at EU Standards

Grant Beneficiary

Yörük Türkmen Kültürüne Hizmet, İlim, Sağlık, Eğitim, Araştırma,
Kalkınma ve Dayanışma Vakfı (YÖRTÜRK) - Turkey

Project Partners

Centro Studi ed Iniziative Europeo Onlus (CESIE) - Italy
Fundació Campus Arnau D'escala - Spain

Project Duration

13 months

Project Budget

155.641,77 Euro

Location of Actions

Ankara - Turkey
Palermo - Italy
Girona and Barcelona - Spain
Bonn - Germany

*Although I had never thought of ageing before,
I faced this truth with this project and this was
quite dramatic.*

Rasim Canatan, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT

The starting point for the project is the International Plan of Action on Ageing of 2002 prepared by World Health Organization experts. The plan aims to guarantee that people age with dignity in a safe environment everywhere and live as citizens exercising all rights in the society.



In this regard the goals were to;

- bring social policies for elderly people to the level of EU standards in our rapidly ageing country,
- defend the rights of the elderly who are in need of social protection, and
- make EU standards on elderly care services prevalent in Turkey.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

Shooting of “My European City” documentary, which was broadcast on TRT Haber. The documentary was shot at the YÖRTÜRK Retirement Home involving the guests staying there, making them feel valuable and important.



PARTNERSHIP

During the project, partners from Italy, Spain and Turkey contributed to each other in terms of working discipline and cultural dialogue.



MESSAGE

It is possible to ensure social integration and the healthy ageing of the elderly.



ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Innovative methods like daycare, periodic care, social activities and integration with young people were developed in elderly care and sensitivity on quality alternative care and assistance services for the elderly was raised.
- Research studies and analyses were carried out in Spain, Italy and Turkey to be able to provide services at EU standards.
- Study visits to Spain, Italy and Germany were organised to observe the best practices of elderly people's rights and care services.
- The experience and information gathered were shared with relevant institutions and personnel through a series of seminars and a booklet was prepared and distributed for wider use.
- A road map for elderly people's rights, care and services was developed in the workshop in which active actors in this field came together.

EU STANDARDS

ELDERLY CARE

HEALTHY AGEING

ELDERLY RIGHTS

TOGETHER FOR WOMEN IN POLITICS

Project Name

EU-TR Civil Network for Women in Politics

Grant Beneficiary

Kadın ve Demokrasi Derneği (KADEM) - Turkey

Project Partners

Conseil pour la Justice, l'Égalité et la Paix (COJEP) - France
Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student
Organisations (FEMYSO) - Belgium

Project Duration

13 months

Project Budget

158.673,44 Euro

Location of Actions

Brussels - Belgium
Strasbourg - France
İstanbul - Turkey

Women's participation in politics faces similar obstacles all around the world. We have observed that they mainly include issues such as a low number of women in decision-making mechanisms and political mechanisms being male dominant. It surprised us to see that women gained political rights very late all around the world.

Sezen Güngör, Project Coordinator

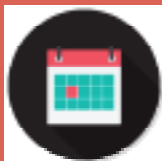




STARTING POINT

Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- increase the number of women in politics and in decision-making positions,
- eliminate the obstacles for women's participation in politics,
- create a network by gathering civil society in this field and to develop participation strategies.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

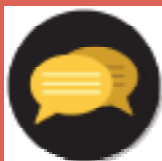
The workshop and the following symposium evaluating the results was one of the most important project activities. Various civil society representatives attending the workshop discussed issues on women and politics, and agreed on a common strategy.

Activities are on going for providing Women and Politics Training Curriculum as an on-line course. The network created with the contribution of the project aims to develop partnerships with various institutions in various subjects apart from politics.



PARTNERSHIP

The partners expressed that they have learned a lot from each other in the project. The coordinating body KADEM's officials stated that they have learned tranquillity, persistence and patience from their French partner, and determination, endurance, ambition and long-term planning from their Belgian partner. Moreover, they believe they taught their partners multiple-thinking, instant problem solving and practicality.

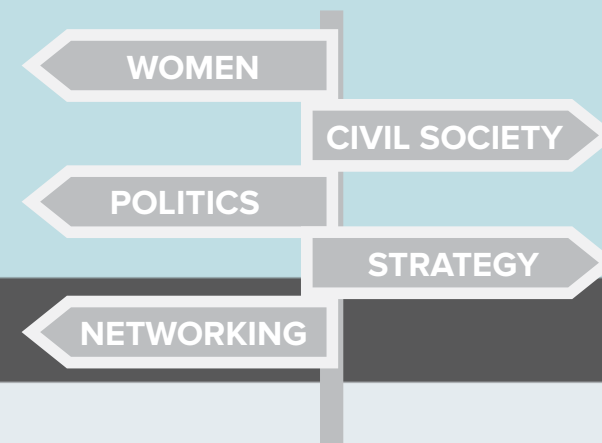


MESSAGE

Obstacles should be removed to allow more women to be included in politics. Civil society is following this issue closely.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- A network was established that will work for increasing women's participation in politics with the involvement of six CSOs from Turkey and six from Europe.
- A strategy paper and training materials were prepared to support a more active female participation in politics.
- Awareness-raising activities were carried out that called on women to participate in politics.



MORE TRANSPARENT TURKEY

Project Name

More Transparent Turkey

Grant Beneficiary

Sayıştay Denetçileri Derneği - Turkey

Project Partners

Transparency International - Denmark

Transparency International - Ireland

Uluslararası Şeffaflık Derneği - Turkey

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

166,525.17 Euro

Location of Actions

Istanbul, Ankara - Turkey

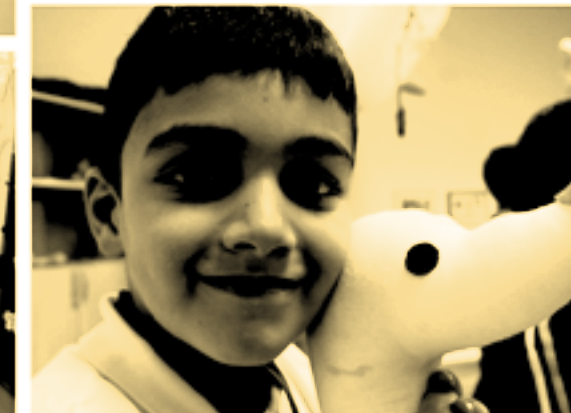
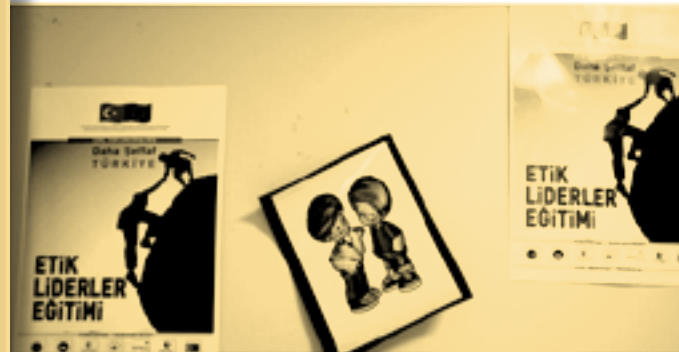
Copenhagen - Denmark

Dublin - Ireland

Milan - Italy

We would like to continue working on the ethics leader training for children since we received very positive feedback.

Ebru Yalçın Canatan, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



The starting point was to find an answer to the question of what causes social degeneration in the areas of corruption, transparency and ethics.

The project aimed to create mechanisms of best practices in anti-corruption and accountability and thus contribute to implementation of political reforms.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



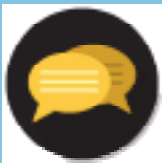
One of the leading activities of the project was ethics training. Ethics training events ensured outreach to different target groups from almost all segments of society. The training event that was remembered most was the ethics leader training delivered to five-year-old children.

PARTNERSHIP



One of the international partners of the Project, Denmark, participated as the most transparent country of the world. That is why it was an idol for Turkey and other countries. For example, it was surprising for all other partners to learn that there are no arrangements in place regarding whistle-blowing mechanisms as there are very few cases requiring whistle-blowers. It was observed that the conditions in Italy were similar to Turkey. Ireland was in the middle of all such practices.

MESAJ



EU grows with a more transparent Turkey!

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- During the study visits to Denmark, Italy and Ireland, the anti-corruption legislation, joint work undertaken by CSOs and public institutions and agencies, best practices, activities for citizens and the attitude and behaviours of the citizens were reviewed.
- A situational analysis was conducted to assess the level of perception and expectations of individuals from every segment of society on anti-corruption.
- Two workshops were organised on the prevention of corruption and protection of whistle-blowers.
- Primary, high school and university students, officials from public institutions, representatives from local governments and CSOs as well as volunteering citizens were provided with Ethics Leadership training and ethics leader certificates.
- A Transparency Call Centre service was provided.
- A spot film was prepared to provide information to the public.

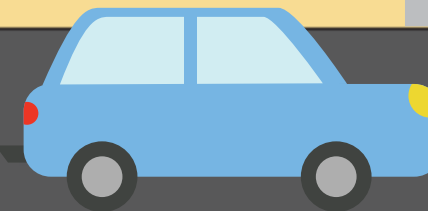
INFORMATION

ETHICS

VIRTUE

WISDOM

DEGENERATION



ALL DIFFERENT ALL EQUAL!

Project Name

Fight Against Discrimination to People with Disabilities

Grant Beneficiary

Türkiye Özürlüler Eğitim ve Dayanışma Vakfı (ÖZEV) - Turkey

Project Partners

Asociación de Paraplégicos y Personas con Gran Discapacidad Física de la Comunidad de Madrid (ASPAYM) - Spain
Türkiye Omurilik Felçlileri Derneği (TOFD) - Turkey

Project Duration

15 ay

Project Budget

151.433,89 Euro

Location of Actions

Ankara, İstanbul - Turkey
Madrid - Spain

Although the project was designed to remedy CSOs' lacking monitoring and reporting capacity required for the evaluation of advocacy activities related to the rights of people with disabilities, we realised that skills were needed in various fields like human resources, management and organisation. Our efforts and partnerships will continue in this regard.

Bülent Avcılar, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- collaborate with CSOs working in the area of the rights of people with disabilities and to support their capacity development for advocacy,
- provide the necessary tools for monitoring and reporting to CSOs working in the area of the rights of people with disabilities as well as their advocates,
- strengthen their capacities through training events organised to this end.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



The stage was set for CSOs that had been working and advocating for many years in the area of the rights of people with disabilities to assess their current capacity and to improve their advocacy skills.

PARTNERSHIP



Although the project was officially conducted by three partner institutions according to the project contract file, there were actually many more stakeholders in the project. This was because the most important activity and the prerequisite of the project were establishing a platform composed of 15 CSOs working on the rights of people with disabilities and conducting all activities together. Because of this, each of these 15 CSOs became a partner in the project and embraced the project to adapt what they had learnt to their own field of work.

MESSAGE



People with disabilities do not only need social protection, they are also seriously exposed to discrimination and isolation. Therefore, programmes and projects to be conducted for people with disabilities should be carried out not only by public institutions but also by people with disabilities, the direct subjects, and their CSOs.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- We strengthened the institutional capacities of 15 CSOs in the field of monitoring, documenting and reporting on discrimination against people with disabilities.
- A platform has been established with the participation of 15 NGOs operating in the fight against disability discrimination.
- 30 advocates of rights of the disabled were trained in methods and tools for monitoring, documenting and reporting for the fight against discrimination.
- The Manual on Monitoring, Documenting and Reporting for Discrimination against the Disabled has been printed and distributed to actors in this field.
- United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights' publications, the Training Manual on Human Rights and Human Rights Training: A Manual on Human Rights Training Methodology, were translated into Turkish and will serve as a new resource for people working in this field.



MONITORING-REPORTING

RIGHTS OF PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES

RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH

CIVIL SOCIETY

ADVOCACY

AWARE AND PARTICIPATING YOUTH

Project Name

Collaboration for Participation of Youth

Grant Beneficiary

Dünya Yerel Yönetim ve Demokrasi Akademisi Vakfı (WALD) - Turkey

Project Partners

The Intercultural Communication and Leadership School - Italy
Zeytinburnu Municipality - Turkey
Bağcılar Municipality - Turkey

Project Duration

12 months

Project Budget

149.956,22 Euro

Location of Actions

Istanbul - Turkey
Bradford - United Kingdom
Rome - Italy
Brussels - Belgium

The project improved our skills of analysis, making fast decisions, organisation, team management, risk management and stress management, and we experienced all of them together in this project.

WALD Project Team



STARTING POINT

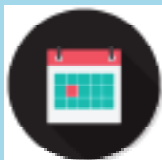
Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- increase participation of young people in decision-making processes,
- raise awareness and enhance knowledge of CSOs and local governments in Turkey regarding EU policies developed with this aim,
- share best practices on youth participation between the EU and Turkey,
- enhance capacities of all partners and participants regarding youth participation through practical activities on site,
- ensure that politicians and local governors gain a different vision thanks to the experiences gained through project activities,
- contribute to the improvement of social relations between Turkey and the European Union.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

The most important factor of this project has been the self-governance of young people.



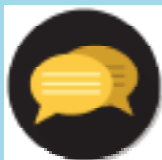
PARTNERSHIP

The project was implemented through cooperation, mutual understanding and tolerance, and information was exchanged in the scope of activities in line with the project purpose.



MESSAGE

More opportunities should be provided to young people.



ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- A Youth Academy, where educational activities would be periodically provided for local governors and young people, was established with the aim of ensuring active participation of young people in decision-making processes.
- Youth Participation Training, Workshops and a Youth Summit were organised and different age groups were informed.
- Surveys were carried out and a research report was prepared regarding youth participation.
- An E-Parliament was established to ensure active Youth Participation in the EU and Turkey.
- Observation of best practices on site and experience sharing were assured through reciprocal study visits to Brussels, London and İstanbul.



YOUNG

PARTICIPATORY
APPROACH

CIVIL SOCIETY

ACADEMY

FOSTERING LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN'S EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION

Project Name

Fostering Local Opportunities for Women's Effective Participation

Grant Beneficiary

Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini - Italy

Project Partners

Kadın Çalışmaları Derneği - Turkey
Yeşilpınar Kadınları Sosyal Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Derneği - Turkey
Associazione Comitato Pari o Dispare - Italy

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

160.950,43 Euro

Location of Actions

Ankara, Hatay - Turkey
Rome - Italy

The biggest impact of the project on our personal lives has probably been meeting our partners, working together, ensuring successful cooperation as well as establishing a strong friendship.

Adela Pintea, Project Coordinator



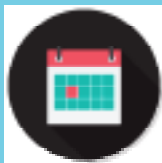
STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- focus on women's participation in decision-making processes by strengthening cooperation and networks between CSOs in the EU and Turkey,
- raise public awareness of the policy-making processes and the importance of active citizenship,
- include national and local CSOs working on women's rights as well as local governments in the process of social policy planning and implementation.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



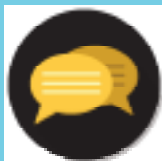
The joint protocol signed by the mayors of Hatay Greater Municipality, Samandağ Municipality, Arsuz Municipality and İskenderun Municipality to increase women's effective participation at local level has been one of the most important achievements of the project.

PARTNERSHIP



Knowledge and experience sharing between project partners on women's rights advocacy as well as gender equality was very helpful during this process.

MESSAGE



Women's participation in decision-making processes at a local level is extremely important, and communities should be aware of the advantages of including women in political, social and economic systems.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Discussion meetings were organised to compile the impressions and opinions about women's decision making processes in Turkey.
- Capacity building seminars were organised for CSOs in Hatay.
- Special training kits were produced for disseminating the seminar conclusions among a wider community.
- The protocol signed by Hatay, Samandağ, Arsuz and İskenderun Municipalities provided a framework for cooperation to be established with these municipalities and women organisations in the future for the active participation of women at a local level.
- Two awareness campaigns were launched. The first campaign was launched with Hatay Metropolitan Municipality to establish women's consultancy/ solidarity centres and women's shelters, and the second campaign was launched with Samandağ Municipality to ensure free-of-charge allocation of at least one of the stalls along the seaside for women to sell their home-made products.
- Experience sharing visits were organised between the partners.

WOMAN RIGHTS

PARTICIPATION

COLLABORATION

PROTOCOL

THIS LEGACY IS OURS

Project Name

Revealing and Advocating the Multicultural Heritage of Anatolia

Grant Beneficiary

Hrant Dink Vakfı - Turkey

Project Partners

Europa Nostra - Holland

Project Duration

17 months

Project Budget

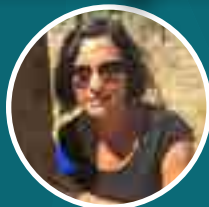
171.943,65 Euro

Location of Actions

İstanbul, Kayseri - Turkey

During the research we realised the importance of teamwork and field study. In the field, the communication we had with the people of Kayseri, especially people in remote districts and villages, was inspiring. The process was encouraging us to continue working in Kayseri and in other provinces.

Zeynep Oğuz, Researcher



STARTING POINT



The Hrant Dink Foundation started their project to study the cultural heritage of Armenians and other non-Muslim communities that lived in the lands of Turkey and to turn it into an interactive map.

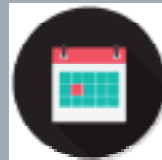
The research, which was carried out in 2014 with a relatively low budget and limited resources, was further developed and extended in 2015 with the contribution of the Ministry for EU Affairs, and included a comprehensive and detailed inventory of the multicultural heritage of Turkey and a visualisation of this inventory through a map.

The first and most important step of this process was taken in 2015 in Kayseri which was selected as the pilot area.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Best practices in Europe on the protection of cultural heritage were reviewed in the workshops that were organised.
- Examples of verbal arts of various belief groups in our country were collected and documented.
- The obtained results were announced to public via the press conference held at the end of the Project.
- An online interactive culture map reflecting the multicultural heritage of Turkey was created. The interface was designed as it is because it is planned for the map to be further developed and extended through suggestions, contributions and corrections from users. Work continues to disseminate the map to a wider circle of users.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



There were many people contributing to the project indirectly as well. Students, independent researchers and photographers or various people having special interest in their homeland devotedly shared their knowledge, materials, efforts, experiences and time without any expectations. In Kayseri, the interest and future cooperation suggestions of the public institutions and organisations working in the field of cultural heritage thrilled the project team. The thank you notes from Armenians all over the world who also consider themselves as people of Kayseri were extremely meaningful.

MESSAGE

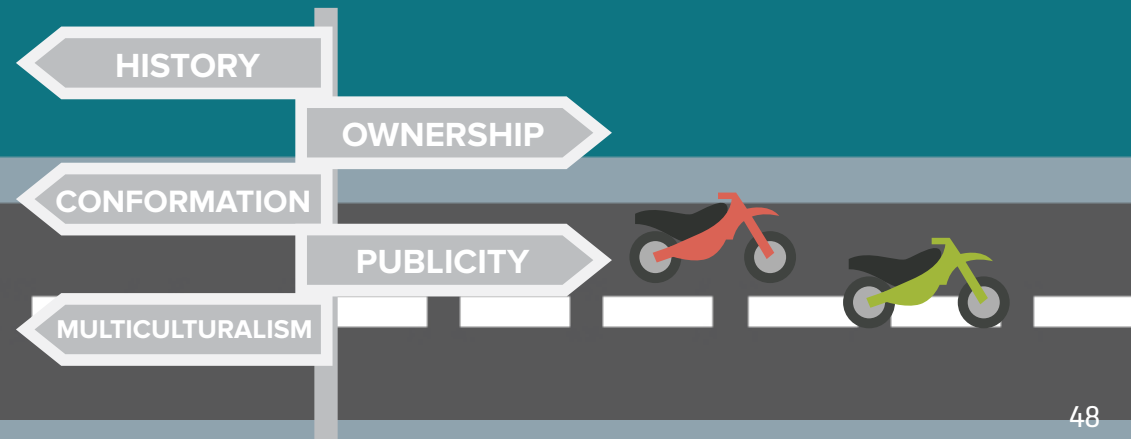


The processes of recognizing, protecting, embracing and preserving the cultural heritage and facing the past and assuming ownership of the richness together are an inseparable whole.

PARTNERSHIP



The partnership with Europa Nostra was important in terms of getting to know the internal functioning of an organisation that is competent and professional in the field of cultural heritage. The professional networks of both organisations improved through activities. The Association for the Protection of Cultural Heritage (KMKD) and the Association of Armenian Architects and Engineers (HAYCAR) that were involved in the Kayseri field study became an essential part of the project both in the field and afterwards during the publication phase.



MY RIGHT TO INDEPENDENT LIVING!

Project Name
Independent Living Network

Grant Beneficiary
European Network on Independent Living (ENIL) - Ireland

Project Partners
Ruh Sağlığında İnsan Hakları Girişimi (RUSİHAK) - Turkey
Centre for Independent Living - Bulgaria

Project Duration
15 months

Project Budget
148.716,23 Euro

Location of Actions
Dublin - Ireland
Ankara, İstanbul - Turkey
Sofia - Bulgaria
Brussels - Belgium

Independent Living is a new concept for Turkey; however, it is a concept that cuts across various issues regarding disability and is thus a concept that concerns in particular CSOs working on rights issues. We, as RUSİHAK, are planning to introduce the Independent Living concept to other CSOs and aim to design a follow-up project on this issue.

Sevgi Hilton, RUSİHAK Project Coordinator

Yeşim Kara, Project Assistant



STARTING POINT

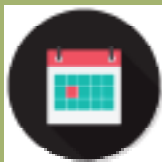
Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- support the right to independent living for people with disabilities,
- increase awareness among Turkish civil society on Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,
- transfer the knowledge, experiences and networks of Europe on independent living and participation in the community life to a leading civil society movement in Turkey,
- broaden the independent living philosophy for people with disabilities, and
- introduce to Turkey the independent living advocacy concept that is widely known in Norway, Belgium, Bulgaria and the UK, and to train and mobilize new advocates and raise activists in this area.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

Many young activists had the chance to obtain theoretical and practical information on the UN Disability Rights Declaration from competent experts at the Independent Living Summer School. The Summer School was an informative and dynamic experience both for participants and speakers.



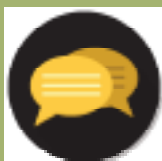
PARTNERSHIP

Competence and professionalism of ENIL (European Network on Independent Living) as a civil society organisation strengthened both the project team and RUSİHAK in technical aspects and enhanced their capacities. Furthermore, experiences of colleagues at CIL Sofia and especially Kapka on Independent Living have been quite informative and guiding.



MESSAGE

Independent Living is a right of each individual without any exception. This right is guaranteed under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Although Turkey has signed this Convention, there are many more steps to take regarding Independent Living Philosophy. Therefore, policy-makers should ensure active participation of rights-based CSOs and persons with disabilities in the discussion and policy making processes.



ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Key actors were brought together through various activities concerning the Independent Living and Disability Movement and a common understanding was developed.
- A three-day summer school was organised in Istanbul with the participation of 30 members and joint work dynamics were established.
- The independent living philosophy was analysed during the field visits in Brussels and Sofia and the main sources of this philosophy were translated into Turkish.
- The Turkish Independent Living website was created (<http://ilnet.enil.eu/tr/>).
- Lobbying activities were conducted for decision-makers and bureaucrats.
- Independent Living and De-Institutionalization Guide was prepared and distributed.

ACTIVISM

COURAGE

GRASS ROOTS
MOVEMENT

DISABLED

FREEDOM

INDEPENDENT LIVING

INDEPENDENCE

TURKEY IS IN FOR THE BEST PRACTICES ON ELDERLY CARE!

Project Name

Triangle Net Tools for Fair Non-Discriminated Healthcare
for Elderly People

Grant Beneficiary

Sistem ve Jenerasyon Derneği - Turkey

Project Partners

IMECE Women's Centre - United Kingdom
Bonner Institut für Migrationsforschung und Interkulturelles
Lernen e.V. - Germany

Project Duration

12 months

Project Budget

119.552,10 Euro

Location of Actions

Ankara, Eskisehir, Konya - Turkey
London - United Kingdom
Bonn - Germany

*We improved our project design and
implementation skills at local and
international levels.*

Gürkan Akçaer, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- identify the issues that should be looked at again in the framework of the experiences and observations gained in the projects on elderly care,
- compare good practices in Germany and the UK with the practices in elderly care centres in Turkey, and to identify shortcomings,
- prevent neglect and abuse of the elderly as well as challenging behaviours,
- transfer the good practices in active ageing, elderly care and disability issues.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



The Project provided an opportunity for elderly-care personnel and managers, who had not been abroad before, to participate in the study visits to the United Kingdom and Germany and observe similar practices on site. Participants continue sharing their experiences gained in the project as trainers at their institutions and this has been one of the most important achievements of the project.

FUTURE STEPS

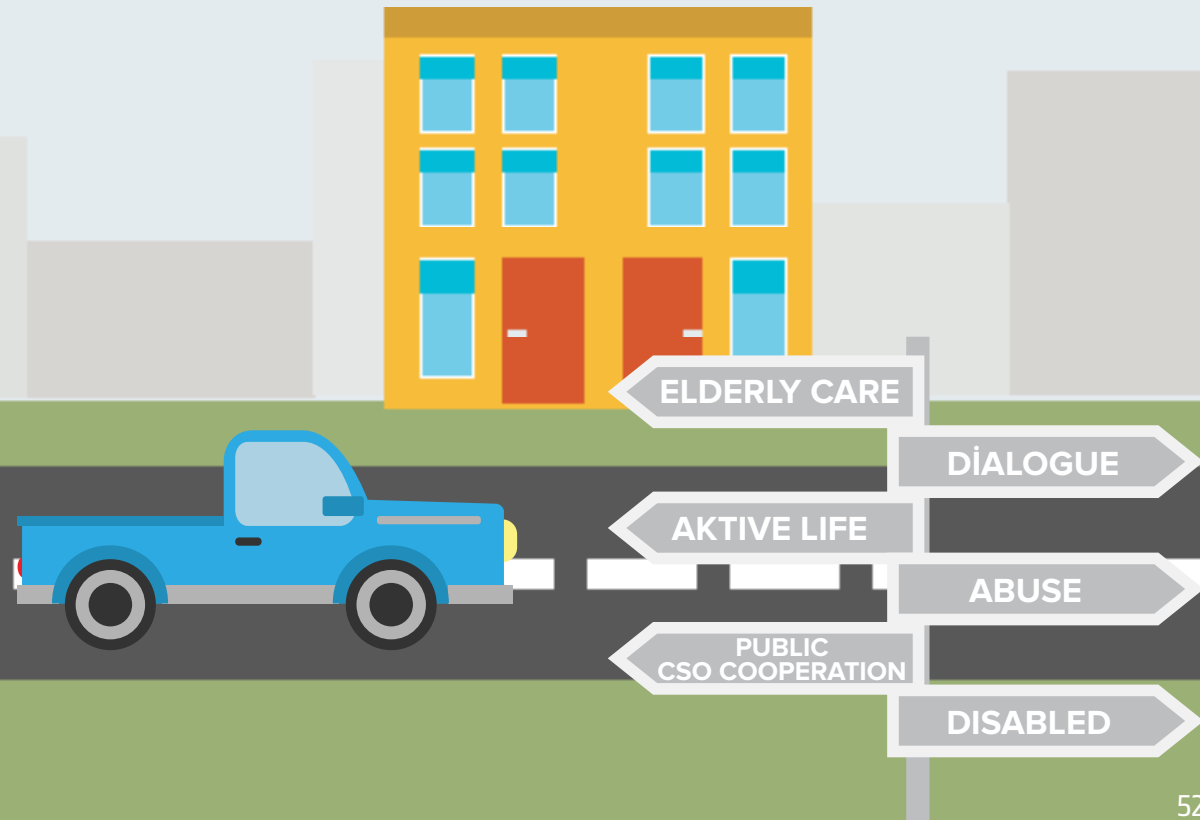


The project ensured the development of trust towards the grant beneficiary association. Sivas Kamu Hastaneleri Birliği asked for information to implement a similar project in Sivas. Furthermore, partnership was offered for a project foreseeing treatment with the Hippotherapy method and developed in cooperation by TIGEM, Gazi University and the the Ministry of Family and Social Policies' General Directorate of Services for People with Disabilities and Elderly People.

Keçiören Municipality and the General Directorate of Services for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly People continue working on Elderly Care and Volunteerism in cooperation.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Through the activities organised, good practices abroad were implemented and understood at the centres in the project provinces.
- Elderly care personnel and managers had the chance to observe good practices on site thanks to the study visits abroad.
- Other groups were reached by developing a training set including videos on elderly care.
- Project outputs were communicated to relevant institutions working in elderly care services in 81 provinces.
- A social media group titled Network of Good Practices in Elderly Care was created for sharing experiences in this area.



BETTER TOGETHER

Project Name
All for Rights, Rights for All

Grant Beneficiary
Türkiye Gençlik Birliği Derneği (TGBDER) - Turkey

Project Partners
Partners Foundation for Local Development (FPDL) - Romania
Kadir Has University Center for International and European
Studies (CIES) - Turkey

Project Duration
14 months

Project Budget
131.046,90 Euro

Location of Actions
Ankara - Turkey
Bucharest - Romania

Through this project, we contacted many organisations in Turkey and in Romania to work together, and we got to know each other better. I am now better equipped as a civil society worker in the field of youth and disability, and I gained the experience to work with groups of mixed disabilities.

Elif Serbest, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT

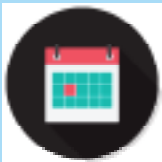
Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- raise awareness on disability rights and building the capacity of youth organisations for integrating young people with disabilities into social life,
- provide through young representatives rights-based monitoring and advocacy skills to CSOs working in the field of disability,
- ensure a sustainable dialogue in the field of disability through young volunteers who previously did not have the opportunity to cooperate,
- ensure rights advocacy collaboration between the young representatives of CSOs of different disability groups and young representatives of CSOs of people without disabilities,
- lead sharing and disseminating best practices by making comparisons of the past, present and future of disability rights in Turkey and Romania.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

A positive change in attitudes and approach was observed in the participants of the advocacy training sessions, which were organised by expert trainers with and without disabilities. Some 120 young people were trained as disability rights advocates in six consecutive training sessions.



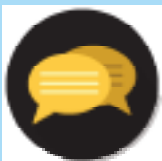
PARTNERSHIP

The project partners were given support allowing them to gain a human rights perspective especially on the subject of disability rights. Multumesc (Thank you) is the Romanian word that would best summarize the relationship in this process.



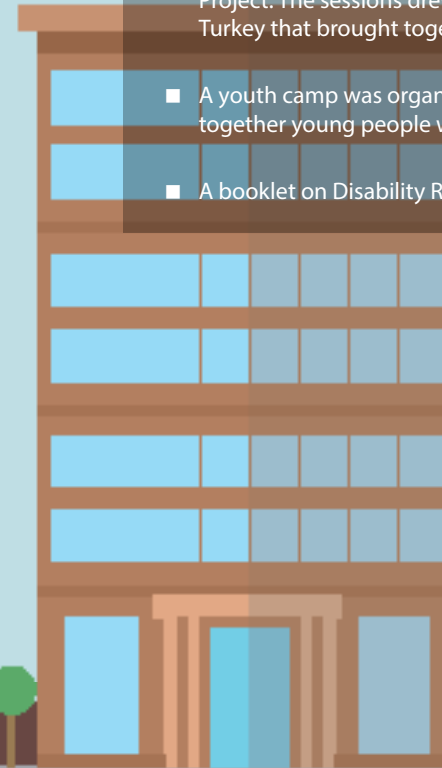
MESSAGE

In order to enhance social participation of individuals with disabilities, legal regulations should be improved, they should be more carefully implemented, and all obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which Turkey is a party of, should be fulfilled. The way to achieve that is through an empowered civil society that correctly uses its young people's potential.



ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 120 disabled and non-disabled young volunteers of CSOs received training on disability rights and advocacy through six training sessions.
- Almost 800 applications were received for the training sessions of the Project. The sessions drew great attention since it is the first programme in Turkey that brought together young people with and without disabilities.
- A youth camp was organised with the slogan 'Better Together' that brought together young people with and without disabilities.
- A booklet on Disability Rights was prepared.



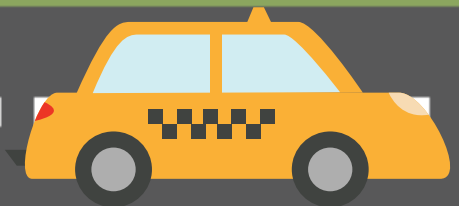
YOUTH PARTICIPATION

SYNERGY

RIGHTS-BASED ADVOCACY

CAPACITY BUILDING

COLLABORATION



UNLOCK THE TREASURES

Project Name
Unlock the Treasures

Grant Beneficiary
Platform AGORA, Active Communities for Development Alternatives - Bulgaria

Project Partners
Balkan Göçmenleri Kültür ve Dayanışma Derneği- Turkey

Project Duration
21 months

Project Budget
108.274,84 Euro

Location of Actions
Bursa - Turkey
Sofia - Bulgaria

Both partners put in efforts and resources in the process to unlock the treasures that lay within - the mindsets, attitudes and human nature of the people involved, to encourage them to search for those treasures in others and to value them when recognized in others.

Kremena Hristova, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



The starting point was to transfer the knowledge and experience of Bulgaria to Turkey on the enactment and implementation of EU policies regarding political criteria from a new member state point of view. The process was based generally on human resources development, knowledge enhancement and capacity building of the stakeholders (individuals and institutions).

PARTNERSHIP



The best result of the joint activities was the trust built between the project partners. It took a little time before the partners learned to work together, whose organisational structures and functionings were very different. In order for two different countries and cultures to carry out a successful partnership, it is vital that they are honest with each other from the beginning and are willing to share information.

MESSAGE



Unlock the treasures, value and appreciate them!

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- On the topics of the EU's policies and practices regarding cultural rights and the fight against discrimination, the knowledge and expertise of Turkish CSOs were enhanced.
- Practical civil participation tools and models were introduced to the Turkish CSOs.
- Local/regional awareness was raised on cultural diversity and cultural dialogue was improved.
- Six different information materials were developed on the project and financing programme, and distributed to the CSO representations in Turkey.
- 20 participants from Turkey attended a four-day study visit and met the representatives of prominent Bulgarian organisations working on human rights and discrimination.
- In the round-table meeting held with 80 participants in Bursa, the EU legislation and intercultural dialogue problems were discussed and the project's activity plan was introduced.
- The second round-table meeting was held in Sofia in May 2016, and the outputs were discussed. The feedback received from the participants showed that a high level of knowledge on intercultural dialogue and discrimination was achieved.
- A paper on the 'Challenges on the Path to the EU' and a best practices booklet were published.

EU POLICIES

TRUST

CAPACITY

INTERCULTURAL
DIALOGUE

EXCHANGE

CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK FOR WOMEN'S ACCESS TO MANAGERIAL POSITIONS

Project Name

Equal Opportunities and Women's Access to Managerial Positions

Grant Beneficiary

SINDNOVA Istituto per lo Studio dell'Innovazione e delle Trasformazioni
Produttive e del Lavoro - Italy

Project Partners

Türkiye Kadın Girişimciler Derneği (KAGİDER) - Turkey
Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini - Italy
Associazione Imprenditrici e Donne Dirigenti di Azineda (AIDDA) - Italy

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

123.874,05 Euro

Location of Actions

Istanbul - Turkey
Rome - Italy

The project taught us that CSOs can really impact change in society, and that we as individuals can be a part of it. EU-funded projects promote experience and information sharing about common problems. In that regard, this project showed us that in our daily lives the participation in public arena debate and cooperation with local NGOs produces an impact on decision-makers.

Michela Cirioni, Project Coordinator





STARTING POINT

Setting off on the journey the aim was to :

- share best practices on gender equality at work and women's participation in managerial positions,
- learn and share from the different or similar approaches among CSOs in Italy and in Turkey,
- assess the feedback obtained from trade union representatives on this subject.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

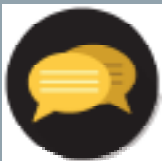
One of the prominent activities of the project were the training sessions that were organised. Practical and theoretical information regarding the steps that could be taken to help women be assigned to managerial positions was provided at the sessions that were attended by Turkish representatives of the private sector and trade unions.

Furthermore, the round-table meetings held in Europe provided a platform where CSOs from Italy and Turkey could come together and have an exchange of opinions on equal opportunities for women in the workplace and about having more women in managerial positions.



PARTNERSHIP

As well as the coordination and monitoring meetings that were held, the project partners also carried out close and effective work through online video connections. These enabled the partners to be actively involved in the project's activities.

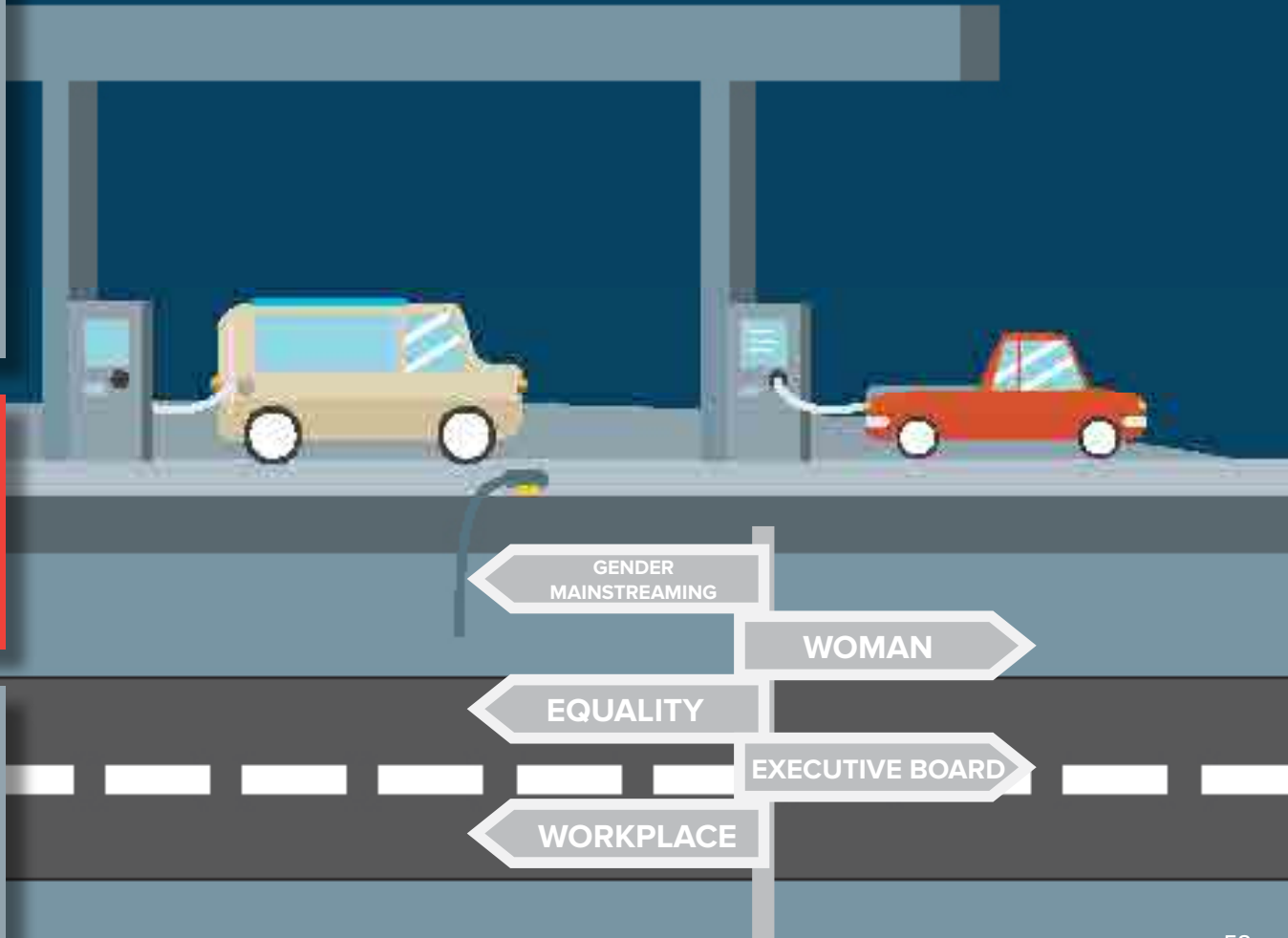


MESSAGE

In order for gender equality to be achieved and women to have access to managerial positions, more women should be given opportunities, and all policies should be combined in a synergy including institutional, legal and voluntary arrangements.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Round-table meetings held in Europe brought together various people, from trade union representatives to NGO workers, from academics to private sector representatives, around the same table.
- Trade union representatives from Turkey who attended the training programmes held in June 2015 passed on to their colleagues what they had learnt in the joint training sessions.
- Legislation in Turkey and the EU were compared and a model report was prepared for Turkey.



MEDIA FOR DEMOCRACY, ETHICS FOR MEDIA!

Project Name
Open Platform for Media Ethics

Grant Beneficiary
Arı Hareketi Toplumsal Katılım ve Gelişim Derneği - Turkey

Project Partners
Reportrar Utan Granser - Sweden

Project Duration
15 months

Project Budget
113.313,00 Euro

Location of Actions
İstanbul - Turkey
Stockholm - Sweden

*I gained experience on working together with
people from different cultures thanks to our
contacts with the Swedish partner.
Ayşegül Başer, Project Coordinator*





STARTING POINT

The starting point was to support media, which is a powerful element of democracy, to act with a participative and ethical perspective.



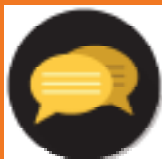
OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

In its closing meeting, the Project brought journalists and academics with different political views together and created an open discussion platform.



PARTNERSHIP

Cultural awareness was raised and different political and cultural dynamics were understood.



MESSAGE

Activities that will empower both media workers and students in media ethics should be supported and cross-border cooperation opportunities should be provided, especially for journalists.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- In total, four seminars (two in Istanbul and two in Stockholm) were organised to bring the relevant actors together. In these seminars, which also included panel discussions, the basic concepts of the book which was the final output of the Open Platform for Media Ethics Project were addressed and further developed.
- Good practices on media ethics in the European Union were observed on site thanks to the study visits.
- A network was created between media organisations and CSOs in Turkey and the EU to ensure the sustainability of the dialogue in this field.
- A project booklet was published and distributed to media organisations and employees.

MEDIA

PARTICIPATION

ETHICS

SHARING

DEMOCRACY



HUMAN RIGHTS AT WORK

Grant Beneficiary

Human Rights at Work

Projenin Yürütücüsü

Stichting Transnationals Information Exchange - Netherlands

Project Partners

Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO) - Netherlands
Birleşik Metal İşçileri Sendikası - Turkey

Project Duration

16 months

Project Budget

176.803,40 Euro

Location of Actions

İstanbul - Turkey
Amsterdam - Netherlands

We saw that people wanted to get to know their colleagues, and they were really interested in it.

However, the most striking thing is that these people initiated dialogue themselves with a very little guidance needed. If we were to consider this from a sustainability point of view, a small beginning led to communication among a large number of people, and they started sharing information and experiences with each other. Therefore, I am very positive that dialogue will continue.

Marten Van den Berge, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



The starting point was the idea that bringing together the workers of the same factory functioning in different countries would have an impact on international solidarity and cooperation, and would create a natural solidarity environment, since they share the same problems and the same employer. The objective was effective implementation of the EU legislation on labour standards and corporate accountability.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



The most important activities for the workers, who are the direct beneficiaries of this project, were the employees working in the factories of the multinational metal companies in different countries getting to know each other and to observe working conditions in the other factory.

PARTNERSHIP



The partners had worked together before as well. They designed the project together, and in this sense this was a model action. Rather than a hierarchical approach, a horizontal relationship was formed and the whole process was completed in true collaboration.

MESSAGE



It is possible that the companies come together and cooperate internationally. However, to ensure this at the workers' level as well, the employees should support each other and be in contact.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Two international workshops on human rights at work were held in the Netherlands and in Turkey.
- A workshop was organised on Turkey's current situation analysis and strategy development. Working conditions in Turkey were compared against EU standards, measures were identified on the issues that need to be improved, and the ways to internationally support them were determined.
- Four different publications were prepared to raise awareness on the rights of workers.
- Public opinion campaigns were organised in Turkey and in the Netherlands.
- Mutual study visits were held. During these visits, working conditions in the metal companies where the union members worked were compared and practices on occupational health and safety were observed on site.



HUMAN RIGHTS

COLLEAGUE

LABOUR STANDARDS

UNIONISM

SOLIDARITY

FREEDOM TO PUBLISH ON THE WAY TO EU ACCESSION

Project Name

Freedom to Publish on the Way to EU Accession

Grant Beneficiary

Türkiye Yayıncılar ve Yayın Dağıtımçıları Birliği Derneği - Turkey

Project Partners

Svenska Förläggareföreningen - Sweden

Project Duration

12 months

Project Budget

151.854,67 Euro

Location of Actions

İstanbul, Ankara, Antalya, Adana, Bursa, İzmir, Trabzon,
Van, Diyarbakır - Turkey
Brussels - Belgium
Stockholm - Sweden

The project process gave me the opportunity to better understand the EU's policies, structure and functioning. It also gave me the habit to follow the EU agenda and provided me with a background allowing me to benefit from EU support in subjects other than publishing. The project enabled us to gain the experience of building international partnerships and organising international events.

Yonca Cingöz, Communications Manager



STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- understand the EU legal framework and policies on freedom to publish, and to share this with stakeholders,
- better understand the problems of local publishing and find solutions together,
- produce and disseminate richer reports thanks to the new information obtained and the communication network established throughout the project.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



Awareness of the general public and civil society was raised regarding the various problems faced in publishing.

PARTNERSHIP



The developed partnership provided the opportunity to compare the current situation of publishing in Sweden and in Turkey, the problems faced in the freedom to publish, and the approaches taken in both countries. Furthermore, information was obtained on the economic structure and conditions that partially affect the free choices of publishers in Sweden.

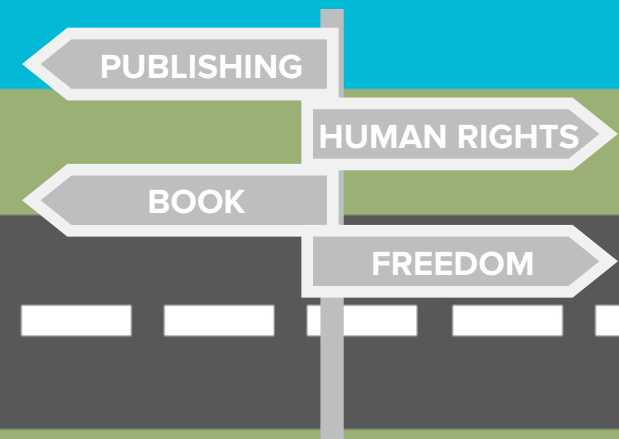
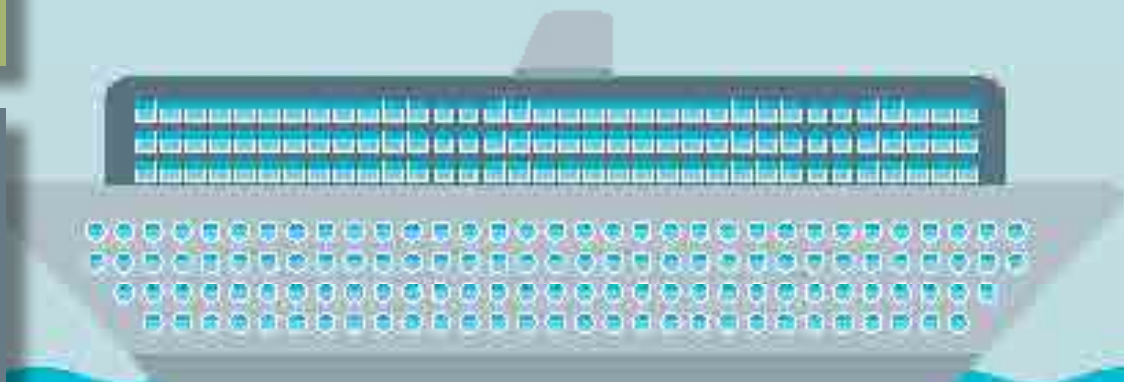
MESSAGE



Freedom to publish is a significant part of basic rights and freedoms, and an indispensable freedom.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Meetings were held in nine provinces and local publishers and bookstores were met, their experiences were heard and problems were analysed.
- The communication network was extended for future reporting activities.
- A report about freedom to publish was prepared based on the information obtained both locally and during visits to the European Union.



SOCIAL MEDIA FOR ALL OF US!

Project Name

Social Media Freedom and Non-Muslim Minorities

Grant Beneficiary

Yeniköy Panayia Rum Kilisesi ve Mektebi Vakfı - Turkey

Project Partners

Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) - Greece

İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi İnsan Hakları Hukuku Araştırma ve Uygulama Merkezi - Turkey

Project Duration

16 months

Project Budget

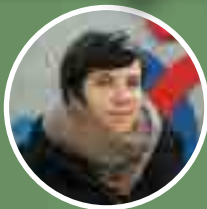
151,988.15 Euro

Location of Actions

Istanbul, Hatay, Mardin, Izmir - Turkey
Athens - Greece

We think that the project is quite important as an initial project. We would like to emphasize that a small minorities foundation developed an important project in terms of contacting different minorities and putting the issue on the agenda for 16 months but this issue should be supported in the future.

Cemre Baytok, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- conduct research on the social media usage of non-Muslim minorities in Turkey,
- analyse the role of social media in the relationships with the society in general,
- improve the existence of minorities on social media in line with freedom of expression and recognition of differences.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



The international conference, organised with the high participation of members of minorities, academics and students as well as other relevant people, has been one of the outstanding activities of the project.

PARTNERSHIP



Quite productive cooperation was established especially with the Bilgi University Human Rights Centre. Through this cooperation a productive evaluation process was conducted on the legal aspects and sociological structure and experiences of minorities. The Greek partner in the project, ELIAMEP, introduced a comparative perspective to the project.

MESSAGE



Participation of civil society in volunteer projects is quite effective in terms of protecting freedom of expression and in the fight against discrimination.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- A survey was carried out with minorities in order to obtain demographic data and detailed findings on social media use and the findings were shared with public through a press conference.
- Research was conducted with non-Christian minorities in Greece using similar questions and the results were compared.
- A comprehensive report was prepared comparing Turkish and EU legislation regarding freedom of expression and hate speech on social media.
- In total, eight workshops were organised in Istanbul, Izmir, Gökçeada and Antakya to activate the use of social media by minorities and discussions on social media.
- Four workshops titled "Children, Painting and Social Media" were organised for children.
- A visit was organised to Brussels to share the objectives and activities of the project, to exchange opinions on social media experiences in Turkey and the EU and transfer experience.
- An international conference was held where the social media issue was comprehensively discussed along with its social, legal and daily aspects.

SOCIAL MEDIA

LIVING TOGETHER WITH
DIFFERENCE

MINORITIES

DISCRIMINATION

FREEDOM
OF EXPRESSION

SIVILOG

Project Name

Active Civil Society Participation in EU Accession Talks

Grant Beneficiary

Türkiye Avrupa Vakfı - Turkey

Project Partners

European Network of National Civil Society Associations - Belgium

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

166.531,91 Euro

Location of Actions

Ankara, İstanbul - Turkey

Brussels - Belgium

Each of us gained vast information and experience through what the project staff and experts brought together by the Project shared.

Deha Enis Vardaryıldızı, Project Assistant

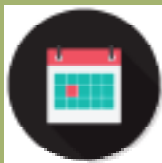




STARTING POINT

Setting off on the journey the aim was to :

- meet the need of remedying the communication shortcomings between civil society and public institutions,
- involve CSOs in the EU processes and to build the necessary capacity in this field.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

The prominent activity of the project was the preparation of the "10 years with the EU, Financial Aid, Civil Society Participation Report". This comprehensive report was accepted by the Ministry for EU Affairs as well as various academics, civil society workers and experts.



PARTNERSHIP

The Türkiye Avrupa Vakfı provided the opportunity to gain information and experience on CSOs for its partner, which is a CSO Network, and benefited from its partner's experience in European CSOs and public-civil society dialogue.



MESSAGE

There is a civil society world that works devotedly and civil society should be included in dialogue mechanisms.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- A compilation of studies conducted in the field of Turkey-EU relations during the past 10 years was prepared with the title "10 years with the EU, Financial Aid, Civil Society Participation Report". This comprehensive report and its findings became an inventory of the hundreds of studies conducted while emphasizing the achievements of both parties in this process.
- Following the study visit to Brussels, the CSO participants initiated partnerships and collaborations with each other.
- A social media campaign was initiated to raise awareness of the EU membership process.

SIVILOG

PARTICIPATION

DIALOGUE

FINANCIAL AID

ON THE PATH EU

GROWTH THROUGH SHARING AND SOLIDARITY

Project Name

Swedish Model in Turkey: Getting Strong through Partnership

Grant Beneficiary

KAMER Vakfı - Turkey

Project Partners

Winnet Sverige - Sweden

Project Duration

12 months

Project Budget

89.899,00 Euro

Location of Actions

Adıyaman, Batman, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Mardin, Siirt,
Şanlıurfa, Şırnak, Ağrı, Ardahan, Bitlis, Bingöl, Elazığ, Erzincan,
Erzurum, Hakkari, Iğdır, Kars, Malatya, Muş, Tunceli, Van - Turkey
Stockholm, Göteborg - Sweden

*Our final meeting moved me immensely. We had
shared the Swedish Model. It made me proud that
women coming from Sweden wondered, tried to learn
and appreciated the practices in Turkey.*

Nebahat Akkoç, Project Coordinator





STARTING POINT

Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- learn and share ways and methods of ensuring gender equality in Sweden,
- support implementation of similar practices in Turkey in the long term.



PARTNERSHIP

Project partnership turned into friendship. Experiences, success stories and failures were shared. Future plans started to be made. Permanent cooperation was created.



FUTURE STEPS

Actions to bring together women, men and children under the same programmes on gender equality are on-going. KAMER aims to improve the effectiveness of its ongoing activities based on the Swedish models.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- The current policies implemented in Sweden on prevention of gender discrimination and protection of women's rights were analysed in seminars.
- The government and equality policies in Sweden were observed on site during the organised visits.
- Best practices in the organisation of women's studies were reviewed and examples were shared with officials.
- Work continues on implementing the best practices to be applied in Turkey.

WOMAN

GENDER
MAINSTREAMING

EQUALITY

PARTICIPATION

DEMOKRACY

PROMOTING DIALOGUE AND SOLUTION: WHAT EUROPEAN LEGISLATORS THINK OF TURKEY?

Project Name

Promoting Dialogue and Solution: What European Legislators Think of Turkey?

Grant Beneficiary

Türkiye Ekonomik ve Sosyal Etüdler Vakfı (TESEV) - Turkey

Project Partners

Young Friends of Turkey - Austria

Project Duration

16 months

Project Budget

103.141,90 Euro

Location of Actions

Brussels - Belgium

Paris - France

Berlin - Germany

London - United Kingdom

Ankara, Istanbul - Turkey



STARTING POINT



Turkey's European Union membership process has been perceived and interpreted in different ways by different parties both in Turkey and Europe since the beginning of the negotiations in October 2005. While some people think that the most important factor causing the extension of this process is bias, some people defend the opinion that the process proceeds on its normal course. What do the parliamentarians who have an important impact in this process think about Turkey's membership and the negotiations going on since 2005 and the achievements obtained?

The starting point was to:

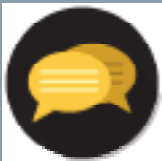
- look for the answer of this question,
- identify the current bias of EU decision-makers on Turkey's membership, and
- contribute to the accession process as a result of interviews to be held in this regard.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



The research study titled "Promoting Dialogue and Solution: What European Legislators Think of Turkey?" filled an important gap in the literature. In terms of innovation, a research composed of face-to-face interviews with such a big sampling group had not been carried out before.

MESSAGE



Promoting cultural diversity should be a priority for the EU and Turkey should accelerate the reform process in order to comply with the *acquis* in all relevant areas.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- European parliamentarians, who have an important role in creating public opinion in Europe, were subjected to face-to-face interviews.
- Interviews held with 27 members of the European Parliament from 16 different countries and 7 different political groups as well as 30 Parliamentarians from various parties in national parliaments (eight from the Belgian Federal Parliament, five from the French Parliament, eight from the German Federal Assembly, five from the Parliament of the United Kingdom and four from the Grand National Assembly of Turkey) were analysed in detail and a relevant report was prepared.
- This report was shared with the public through seminars and conferences held in Brussels, Berlin, Istanbul and Ankara.
- An informative video was prepared based on the data included in the report.

DIALOGUE

SOLUTION

EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENTARIANS

BIAS

NEGOTIATION PROCESS

I CAN WORK

Project Name

I Can Work!

Grant Beneficiary

Türkiye Omurilik Felçlileri Derneği (TOFD) - Turkey

Project Partners

Societatea Româna de Patologie Terapie și Recuperare,
Vertebro-Medulare - Romania

Praxis Europe - United Kingdom

Sağlık ve Sosyal Hizmetler Çalışanları Sendikası - Turkey

Project Duration

14 months

Project Budget

150.805,37 Euro

Location of Actions

Istanbul - Turkey

Bucharest - Romania

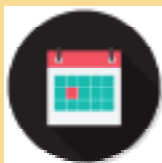
Birmingham - United Kingdom





STARTING POINT

The starting point was to remedy the shortcomings in academic resources about legal regulations on the working rights of individuals with disabilities. The objective was to carry out this comparative study by establishing a dialogue with other European Union countries.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

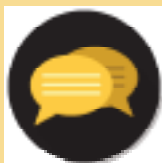
Through a high-quality study, the publications remedied the shortcomings in the field to some extent. The reports were conveyed to all bar associations in Turkey, to chambers of commerce, to the libraries of law faculties, to almost 130 CSOs working in different provinces, to CSOs working in Romania and the UK, to public institutions and to universities.



PARTNERSHIP

I had the opportunity to observe the different organisational management cultures and assess the structures.

The consortium established among the partners will continue. At the national level, various studies on the subject are planned with Sağlık-Sen. There are plans to continue the dialogue with the Romanian partner who has vast academic experience and is a member of the same federation in Europe.



MESSAGE

If the legislation was systematically made and legal regulations were fully implemented, there would be no obstacles against individuals with disabilities in working life. Remembering that this is entirely a human right, significant steps should be taken urgently for the implementation of legal regulations.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- National reports reviewing the legislation in Turkey, Romania and the UK on the employment of individuals with disabilities and the comparative report were prepared in Turkish and in English.
- Findings were shared with key actors through seminars held on the EU's employment policy about individuals with disabilities.
- The final declaration of the project seminar that identifies the shortcomings in the legislation and in practice and that includes solution proposals for these shortcomings was published and distributed.
- The issue was reviewed through study visits to the UK and Romania.

RIGHTS OF PERSON
WITH DISABILITIES

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES

ACADEMY

RIGHTS- BASED APPROACH

LOBBYING

OPEN POLITICS

Project Name
Siyasette Şeffaflık

Grant Beneficiary
Transparency and Accountability in Political Life

Project Partners
Transparency International Bulgaria - Bulgaria
Gong - Croatia

Project Duration
15 months

Project Budget
125.132,06 Euro

Location of Actions
Ankara, İstanbul - Turkey

*I improved my skill of managing many people,
institutions and activities in the best possible
way and in a limited period of time. I met
many new and awesome people.*

Damla Cihangir Tetik, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- carry out detailed research and prepare a report on political funding in Turkey in comparison with other democratic countries and share it with public and relevant authorities,
- inform politicians, society and voters by putting this issue on the agenda in the general election period,
- launch advocacy and awareness raising campaigns with this purpose,
- strengthen democracy by supporting transparency and accountability in politics in Turkey.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Issues and gaps in transparency and accountability of political funding were identified through activities, campaigns and research studies.
- “Honesty and Transparency in Political Finance in Turkey” report was prepared and distributed.
- A civic coalition in this field was established.
- Principles of Honesty for Turkey were prepared. Lobbying and advocacy activities for adopting these principles were held.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

Support by various CSOs and their representatives whose main work is on transparency and their participation in the Open Coalition have been important impacts.



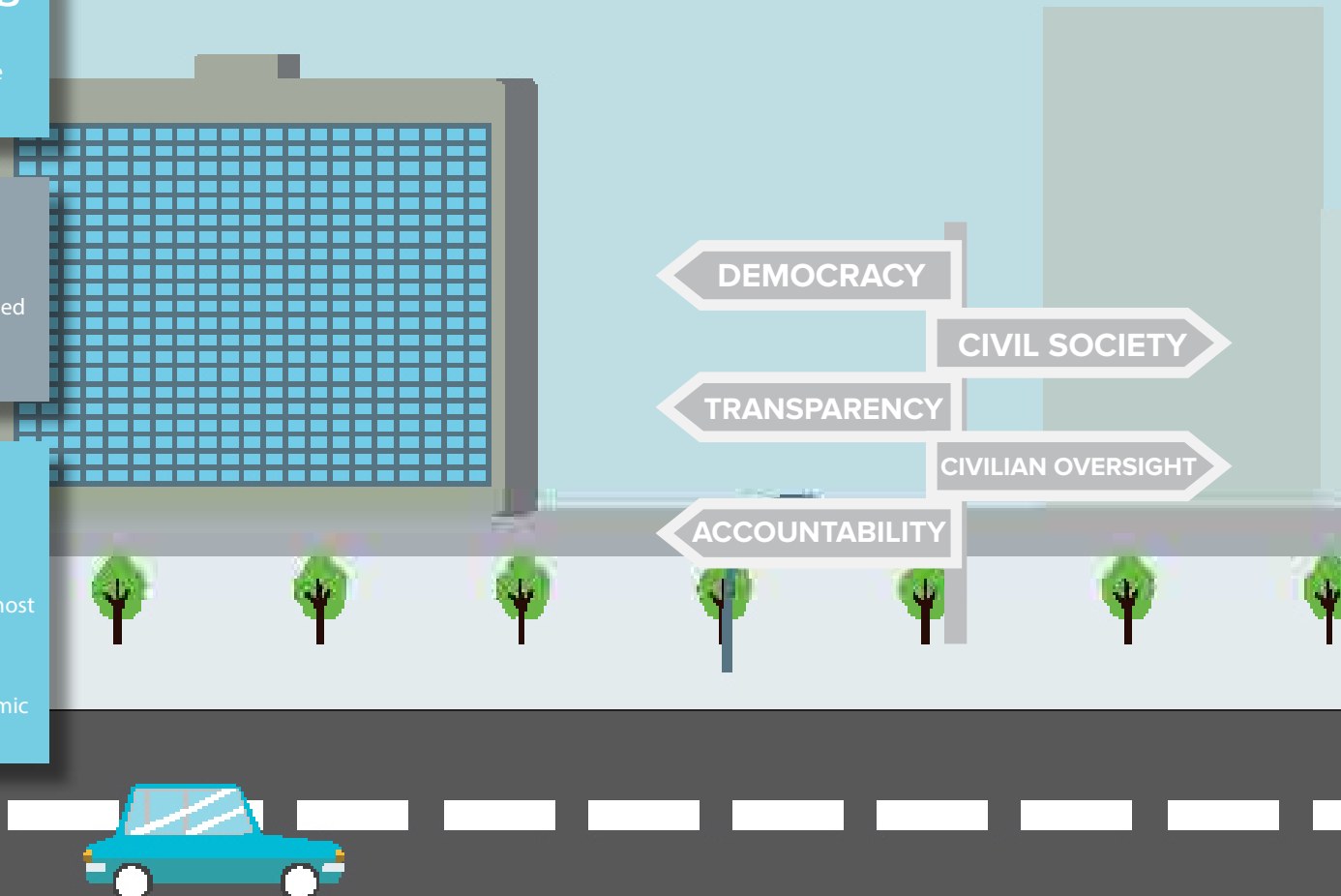
PARTNERSHIP

The grant beneficiary expressed that they enhanced cooperation while learning about the similar work performed by Croatian and Bulgarian partners within the scope of the project.



MESSAGE

Both Turkish and EU communities should be similarly and strictly bound by human rights, freedom of expression, transparency and accountability principles which are the most important priorities for both communities to live together peacefully under the democratic principles. These main principles should be the priorities in social, cultural, economic and political areas.



DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION FOR CSOs

Project Name

Best Practices from Turkey and Europe for Enhancement of
Democratic Participation

Grant Beneficiary

Sivil Toplum Geliştirme Merkezi Derneği (STGM) - Turkey

Project Partners

European Citizen Action Service Aisbl (ECAS) - Belgium

Project Duration

11 months

Project Budget

167.109,82 Euro

Location of Actions

Ankara - Turkey
Brussels - Belgium

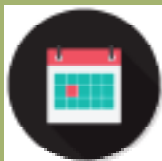




STARTING POINT

In order to ensure effective involvement of CSOs in accession processes, the following were targetted:

- raising their advocacy capacities,
- ensuring access to best practices in this field,
- use of new techniques and tools during advocacy and campaign preparation processes.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

A three-day workshop was organised for CSOs where new techniques and tools were used. CSOs prepared their policy papers during this workshop. They designed their campaigns using these tools, which included mapping, preparing infographics, designing posters, websites and developing social media strategies. Support for participating organisations continues.



PARTNERSHIP

The project provided an opportunity to observe the practices of European civil society organisations on advocacy and to get to know the CSOs in Brussels.

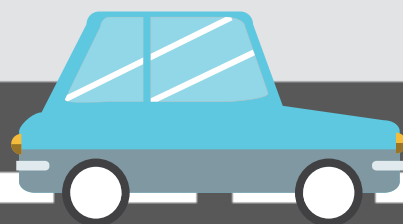


MESSAGE

CSOs should assume more active roles in the accession process and the Code of Good Practice on Civil Participation in the Decision-Making Process adopted by the Council of Europe should be implemented.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- A model campaign was prepared in close collaboration with 10 CSOs.
- Four CSOs preparing policy papers in their fields were supported.
- Eight CSOs were supported during their work to transform research results into infographics.
- Campaigns were run by shooting one Documentary, one publicity film and one short film.
- Public-CSO cooperation was supported through organisational activities.
- CSOs were provided with the basis to set up links with organisations and networks working in similar fields in the EU.



ADVOCACY

PARTICIPATION

LOBBYING

CSO

DEMOCRACY

WE BUILD CONFIDENCE

Project Name

Enhancing Civic Participation and Confidence Building in the Judicial Reform Process

Grant Beneficiary

Stichting Turkije Instituut Leiden - Netherlands

Project Partners

Türkiye Ekonomik ve Sosyal Etüdler Vakfı (TESEV) - Turkey

Project Duration

13 months

Project Budget

134.599,12 Euro

Location of Actions

İstanbul, Konya, Trabzon, Ankara - Turkey
Leiden, Amsterdam - Netherlands

It made us quite happy to see that an unexpected bond was established among participants in different provinces of Netherlands and Turkey and to create an opportunity for the first steps of cooperation.

Marjanne De Haan, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- increase the contribution of CSOs in three pilot provinces in the process of judicial reform through supporting access to justice on three themes, including women, children and environmental legislation,
- identify the problems hindering Turkish citizens' access to justice in the judicial processes on site,
- support local actors working in the fields of justice and law to turn the identified problems into reasonable policy suggestions and thus, to contribute to judicial reform through local suggestions.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



During the study visits to the Netherlands, practices on the solution of problems regarding access to judicial processes and services were analysed under three main headings identified as women, children and environment.



MESSAGE

Access to justice should be enhanced in cooperation with civil society.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- During the field visits to İstanbul, Konya and Trabzon, meetings on the three thematic fields were held with lawyers, academics, representatives from CSOs and relevant public institutions and three cases were analysed for each thematic field.
- Suggestions were developed for the cases identified during the working group meetings under the subheadings of legal assistance mechanism, access to information and effectiveness/speed of judicial processes.
- During the two-day study visit to the Netherlands, the practices of access to justice and civic participation to decision-making processes were observed on site.
- Suggestions obtained from one-day workshops were communicated to the local civil society actors, academics, bar representatives and judges and public prosecutors at the local courts.
- Identified suggestions were communicated to the representatives of the Ministry of Justice, Justice Academy, EU institutions and High Council of Judges and Prosecutors.
- The Report on Local Suggestions for Access to Justice was prepared, containing the problems and solution suggestions identified by participants during the project activities.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

CONSTRUCTIVE
CRITICISM

HEALTHY DEBATE

IMPARTIALITY

MORE DIALOGUE!

Project Name

European Dialogue to Strengthen the Culture of Democracy and the Rule of Law

Grant Beneficiary

KAÇED Derneği - Turkey

Project Partners

Civic Alliance - Latvia

Association of German Educational Organisations - Germany
Kırsal Bölgelerdeki Kadın Hareketi Derneği - Turkey

Project Duration

12 months

Projenin Bütçesi

166.601,14 Euro

Location of Actions

Rize - Türkiye
Berlin - Almanya
Riga - Letonya



STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to :

- increase the level of knowledge on EU history, operation, rules and policies in the Black Sea Region,
- establish a dialogue increasing the level of mutual knowledge between Turkey and the EU and promoting discussion on social and political issues on both sides,
- enable proper understanding of EU values and policies by CSOs in the Black Sea Region and provide opportunities for them to discuss social issues with the project partners.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

There was a positive change on the the topic of the EU in the thoughts and perspectives of the participants who attended the study visits.



MESSAGE

Institutions implementing projects using EU grants and project partners should inform society and raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges that will arise with enlargement.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Seminars contributed to strengthening the culture of democracy and the rule of law.
- Experiences on the culture of democracy were exchanged during study visits to Germany and Latvia.
- A "Governance Network" was established for a sustainable dialogue with the EU.
- Awareness of the target group on the EU and Youth was raised through the Youth Dialogue Workshop.
- Opinions were exchanged on advocacy and lobbying through round table meetings.

DEMOCRACY

DIALOGUE

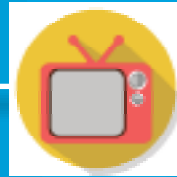
INTERCULTURAL

ADVOCACY

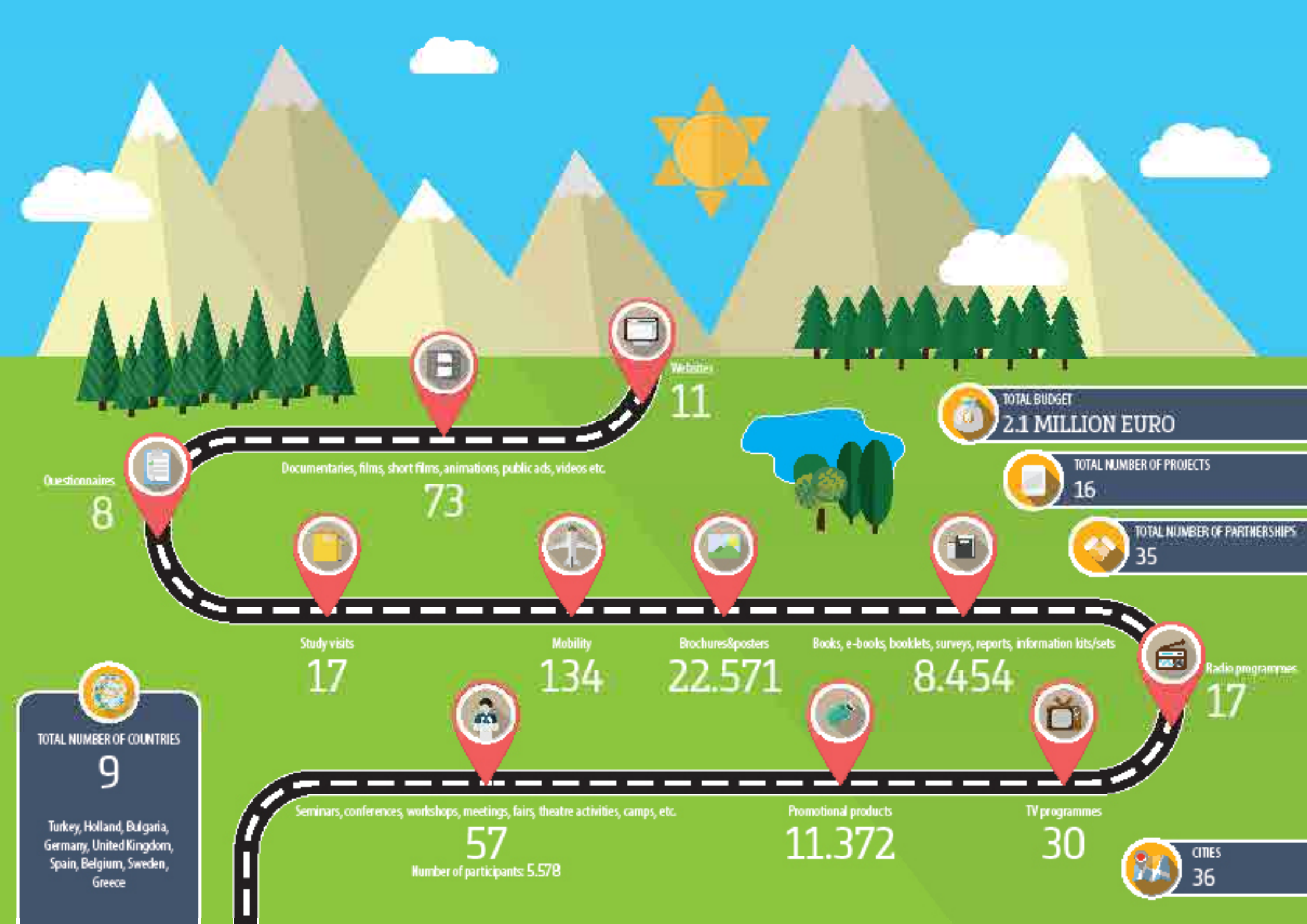
EU

DISCUSSION





MEDIA PROJECTS



WE HAVE A MESSAGE!

Project Name

Dipnot Yayıncılık Eğitim ve Turizm A.Ş. - Turkey

Grant Beneficiary

Dipnot Yayıncılık Eğitim ve Turizm A.Ş. - Turkey

Project Partners

Happy Idea Ltd. - United Kingdom

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

138.319,06 Euro

Location of Actions

Istanbul - Turkey

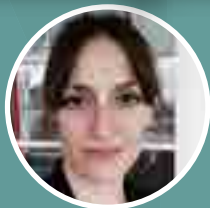
London - United Kingdom

We wanted to see how European Union funds contributed to daily life in Turkey and also show it to our viewers. For this reason, we designed a project that was highly visible.

Merve Çardak, Project Coordinator

As Happy Idea Ltd. we have enjoyed working together with Dipnot Production in Turkey as partners. The communication between us and our partner was always friendly and we acknowledged and appreciated each others contributions in the project. Professionally, it has been a wonderful opportunity to build international bridges and grow together.

Ilidem A. Wilson



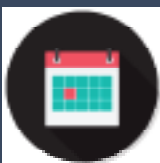
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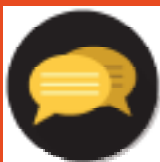
- improve the mutual perception and understanding between Turkey and the EU, and strengthen participation,
- expand the examples of outstanding projects that are funded by the EU, and
- establish a network between Turkish and European media institutions.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



Through the workshops organised to improve the cooperation between media and CSOs, participants have gained skills to better communicate their work and achievements to the public through effective communication planning. They have also learnt from the experience of best practices in this field from the CSOs in the UK. Mutual dialogue between the media and CSOs obviously picked up pace and at the end of these meetings, through looking at UK examples, a guideline for CSOs to develop effective media campaigns was produced.

MESSAGE



It is important to spread good examples of EU funding and to show the contribution of EU funds to daily life and social development in order for the public to join the process.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- To create a wider awareness on EU-Turkey collaboration eight short films on scholarship opportunities, agriculture, rural development and environmental projects financed by the EU were produced.
- A 40-minute documentary was created from these short films demonstrating collaboration and dialogue between the societies of Turkey and EU member states. The documentary has reached thousands of people through airing on TV channels in Turkey and in the UK.
- A workshop was organised to strengthen cooperation between media and CSOs with participation of representatives from these sectors.
- The perception of the EU and EU funding were measured through online surveys.
- Through two comprehensive online magazines, success stories from EU funded projects have reached thousands. (www.dipnot.tv/category/mesajiniz-var/).
- Videos, success stories, survey results, documentaries, and stories and news coverage on EU issues were gathered in an e-book and published (www.dipnot.tv/category/mesajiniz-var/).

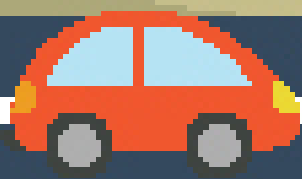
MESSAGE

COMMUNICATION

EU FUNDS

MEDIA

VISIBILITY



TRACES OF A COMMON HISTORY

Project Name

Turkey-Greece Media Bridging

Grant Beneficiary

Aral Prodüksiyon Dağıtım Danışmanlık Ajans Yayıncılık
Matbaacılık Rek. Tur. San. ve Tic. Ltd. Şti. - Turkey

Project Partners

A4 Art Design - Greece

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

149,428.23 Euro

Location of Actions

Ankara - Turkey

Athens - Greece

Being included in an EU project makes you think that the world is smaller and that borders are removed. We came together with many people with different cultural and educational backgrounds. We exchanged information and benefited from the life experiences of each other. We improved our skills of looking at events from a broader perspective and at showing empathy.

Arzu Akgün, Project Coordinator

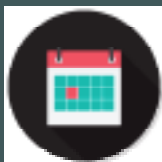




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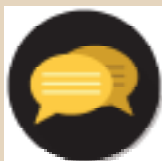
Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- strengthen the dialogue between the two countries and communities through mass media tools such as radio and magazines,
- further develop the web portal, where news on Turkey and Greece are published, and to increase amount of current news being shared on the portal.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

Authors, journalists and policy-makers from Turkey and Greece came together for the Friendship and Peace Talks Between the Two Countries. The students of the Greek author Herkül Millas joined up to meet their former lecturer, demonstrating the long-lasting exchange of information and culture between the two communities.

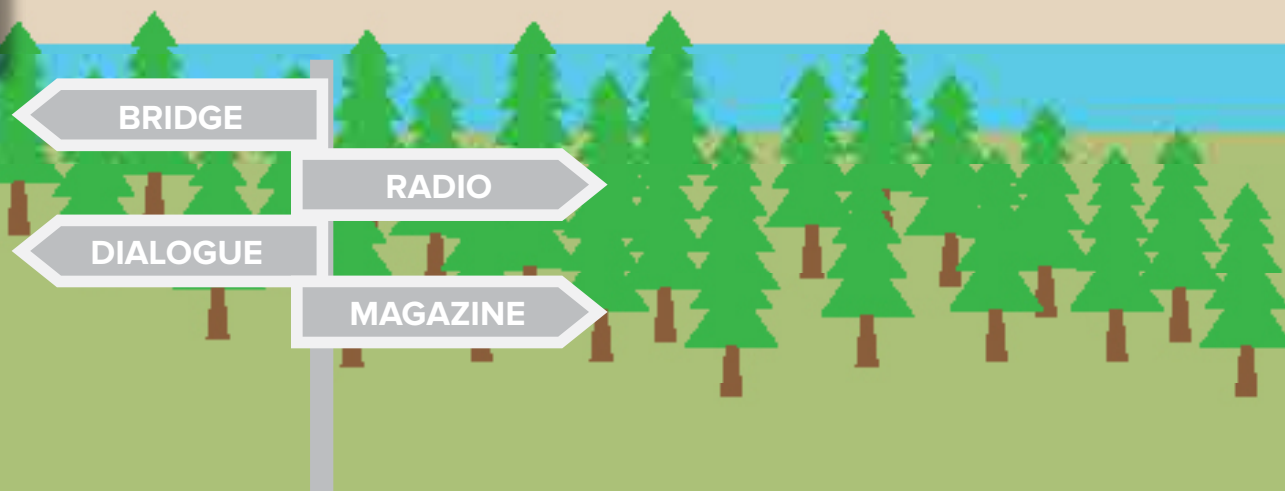


MESSAGE

Correct and effective communication for mutual understanding and cooperation can be ensured through the media.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- A dialogue was initiated between journalists, academics and CSO representatives working in both countries through a series of panels, seminars and workshops organised under the project.
- Cultural exchange and greater mutual understanding was supported through concerts and exhibitions.
- Common issues of both countries were shared through magazines, a media platform and radio programmes which contributed to an improved cultural dialogue (www.turkeygreecemediabridging.com).



CLAIM YOUR COPYRIGHT TO BE ABLE TO PRODUCE AGAIN

Project Name

Copyright Distribution for Turkish Film Industry and Online Broadcasting

Grant Beneficiary

BSB Sinema Eseri Sahipleri Meslek Birliđi - Turkey

Project Partners

Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dokumentarfilm e.V. - Germany

Project Duration

12 months

Project Budget

160.166,16 Euro

Location of Actions

Istanbul, Ankara - Turkey

Bonn - Germany

Brussels - Belgium

I was closely following the relation between cinema and copyright due to my profession and I knew that relevant laws were insufficient for the current developments in this area. I had the chance to closely observe the institutions and their work on copyright in the film industries of EU countries and my knowledge was enhanced thanks to the project.

Yasin Ali Türkeri, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- design an alternative tailor-made copyrights distribution model for Turkey by learning from best-practice examples in Europe on online broadcasting and copyright,
- analyse the needs of an Online Video Publishing platform which would legally transfer the audio-visual works produced in Turkey to the end user.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



The international panel "Collective Rights Management in Cinema" organised on 13 October 2015 was a fruitful event in terms of the participation of experts and the variety of issues discussed. The Copyright and Cinema and the Technical Guide for Online Video Publishing books, which are among the important outputs of the project, were distributed to the participants at this meeting.

PARTNERSHIP



BSB and AG DOK gained experience on working together in organising certain activities. Both institutions obtained a significant amount of information on the works and problems related to copyright in Turkey and in Germany.

MESSAGE



Copyright is a fundamental and global human right.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Copyright distribution models in the film industry of EU countries were analysed and a functional model was developed for Turkey.
- Required infrastructure analyses for an Online Video Publishing platform, which will transfer the visual-audio works produced in Turkey to the final user through legal means, were completed.
- Study visits were organised to CSOs working on similar issues in Brussels and Bonn in order to obtain onsite information on EU practices regarding copyright. What was learnt was then reflected in the project outputs.
- The content of the Belgesel Sinemacılar Birliği Digital Video Library was enhanced through adding new documentaries and stock images.
- Through learning from European examples, the Technical Guide for Online Video Publishing and Copyright and Cinema Book was published and also prepared in a DVD format.
- A project publicity film and three public spot films were prepared and disseminated to the public at large via social media within the scope of the project advocacy campaign.
- An Online Video Catalogue, that includes film details, and a project website were designed (www.telifvesinema.com).
- Through three international panels organised to exchange international and national experiences on Copyright and Online Publishing; the experience and knowledge of different countries were melted into one pot to get the best out of these experiences.

CINEMA

CREATIVITY

COPYRIGHT

TEKNOLOGY

EFFORT

SPOT FILM



FOR OUR FUTURE...

Project Name

Media for Environment: Network of Media News Reporters

Grant Beneficiary

Dünya Kitle İletişimi Araştırma Vakfı - Turkey

Project Partners

Kultur und Art Initiative e.V. - Germany

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

161.339,59 Euro

Location of Actions

Bartın, Zonguldak, Ordu, Samsun, Trabzon, Rize,
Artvin - Turkey
Detmold - Germany

To see that we have established a growing network amongst European and Turkish professionals through our project made us feel proud of what we did. One of the key activities of our association is to organise the International Film Festival in Ankara. We have seen that so many of the contacts we have made in this project have also attended this separate activity of our organisation and that they have got into contact with many artists and invited them to festivals in their own countries.

İnci Demirkol, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- raise awareness of environmental issues in Turkey and within Europe,
- address the risk of disruption to the special ecosystem of the Black Sea region due to the construction of thermal and hydroelectric power plants, and convey these messages to a wider group of people through the help of regional media.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



The academics and experts attending the Germany study visit stated that the project experience was very beneficial. Additionally, one of the best results of the project were the connections made between European and Turkish journalists and CSOs on environmental issues, connections that were nourished through the study visits.

PARTNERSHIP



The partnership we have established with European counterparts brought together people with different backgrounds and visions and led to an exchange of information, culture, and life perspectives.

MESSAGE



Turkish citizens, just like the citizens of developed European countries, value nature and each living creature on their land.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- The workshops in Zonguldak, Sinop, Artvin, Ordu and Trabzon attracted local and foreign media actors, intellectuals, representatives from several CSOs in the region and local media institutions with the aim to raise the media's awareness of environmental issues.
- Further awareness was raised amongst the public through an online web portal and a media platform along with the first Ecology Dictionary of Turkey which was published online (www.cevreicinmedyaveiletisim.org/).
- Participants of a five-day study visit to Germany had the opportunity to see European practices in the utilization of wind and solar energy as a sustainable energy source and observe European policies on these issues. The representatives of CSOs and media attending the trip had the chance to observe the common actions for the environment of their European counterparts.
- The issues that environmental CSOs face and how to overcome these were the main focus of a workshop organised in Ankara.
- Throughout the workshops and the study visit, the participants had the chance to share knowledge and experiences and address the vital elements of environment, like water, soil and air. A handbook was produced for all interested parties to be able to benefit from the information.

ENVIRONMENT

COMMUNICATION

MEDIA

FUTURE

INFORMATION

MANİSA, EU'S NEW CITY

Project Name

High Standards: Manisa towards EU

Grant Beneficiary

Erdinç Yayıncılık Tanıtım Reklam ve Organizasyon
Hizmetleri Tic. ve San. A.Ş. - Turkey

Project Partners

Kanal Avrupa Media GmbH - Germany

Project Duration

16 months

Project Budget

163.630,43 Euro

Location of Actions

Manisa - Turkey
Duisburg - Germany

We started living our personal and professional lives in an organised and disciplined manner. As the project team, we also set our lifestyles and standards to that of an EU citizen, feeling the effects of the EU on our daily lives.

İsmail Çalışkan, Project Coordinator





STARTING POINT

Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- present Manisa in Europe in a more effective manner,
- explain Turkey's policies regarding the EU process to the local community in Manisa, and
- increase institutional capability.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

The TV series entitled "Manisa from the Eye of Europeans", which came to life with the participation of Europeans who live in Manisa, was one of the highlights of the project. The TV programme pointed out the importance of dialogue between individuals by demonstrating perceptions and impressions of European nationals from different member states who had lived in Manisa for long-term or short-term periods.



MESSAGE

The EU process starts at the local level; local institutions are the biggest force in the EU accession process.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Through 12 TV programmes, three documentaries and the broadcast of a panel discussion on EU policies and EU-Turkey relations, the local community in Manisa were better informed on the EU accession process and policies.
- Further awareness of EU policies and projects was raised amongst public institutions with support from the EU and Project Coordination Centers of the Governorship of Manisa.
- Promotion of the local media channel as the grant beneficiary of the project across Turkey and in Europe.
- Three documentaries, "Manisa's Historical and Cultural Values", "Industrial City Manisa" and "Human Rights" were shot and aired. This was the first time a production was prepared with a partner from EU.
- Gains from the project will be used for shooting new television shows about EU policies and projects.



PERCEPTION

COOPERATION

BRIDGE

DIALOGUE

STANDARDS

REBIRTH OF TURKISH LOCAL MEDIA WITH EU

Project Name

Rebirth of Turkish Local Media with EU

Grant Beneficiary

Tüm İletişim ve Medya Federasyonu (TİMEF) - Turkey

Project Partners

Karaman Yerel Radyo ve Televizyonlar İletişim Derneği - Turkey
ASBL Cluster TWIST - Belgium

Project Duration

12 months

Project Budget

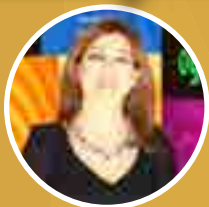
140.577,94 Euro

Location of Actions

Ankara, Karaman - Turkey
Brussels - Belgium

It has been a successful experience for all stakeholders of the project and especially for our federation. We think that we obtained more than we expected from this process.

Sultan Tapdik, Project Coordinator

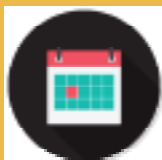




STARTING POINT

Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- share media best practices between Turkey and Belgium, and
- improve the human resources capacities of local television in Turkey.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

Members of the Anatolian press attending the study visits have passed on their new knowledge to their colleagues in the local media. This was one of the great achievements of the project.



PARTNERSHIP

The partnership contributed to the strengthening of the connection between media corporations in Turkey and Belgium and has established the ground for functional partnerships for the future. Through the cultural activities of the project, people of partner countries had the opportunity to meet and understand each other better.



MESSAGE

With EU projects, different cultures can come together both to establish a friendship and dialogue bridge and to exchange information on educational practices in each country. This creates an opportunity to further and better introduce our country in Europe.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Members of our federation, along with members of Karaman Local radio and TV Communication Association have attended training sessions organised on the topics of Applied Media Technologies, Diction and Authorship. These training sessions have contributed to the development of the media sector in Turkey.
- An eight-day study visit provided the basis for media members from Turkey to learn from the experience of their counterparts in Belgium where the project partner TWIST is based.
- Through the seminars "Media and Democracy", "New Communication Technologies in Media" and "The Role of the Media in the EU Process" the first steps of an effective dialogue on general implementation, policies and approaches, in both Turkey and the EU, were addressed.

DISABILITY RIGHTS

COMMUNICATION

TRAINING

MEDIA



EU AND MEDIA COOPERATION

Project Name

Cooperation with the European Media

Grant Beneficiary

Kanal 33 Radyo Televizyon Yayıncılığı Reklamcılık ve Organizasyon Tic. ve San. A.Ş. - Turkey

Project Partners

APA Produktion und Werbeagentur GmbH - Germany
Kanal Avrupa Media GmbH - Germany
Kent Fuar Yayıncılık Tanıtım Reklam Hizmetleri Ticaret Sanayi Limited Şirketi - Turkey

Project Duration

16 months

Project Budget

162.355,63 Euro

Location of Actions

Mersin - Turkey
Duisburg - Germany

I've completely revamped the operational conduct of my office and started administering under EU legislation.
Turgay Demirtaş, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



- Setting off on the journey the aim was to:
- collaborate with European partners to shoot documentaries through information and experience sharing between partners,
- inform the public on EU issues through TV shows that portray the EU's social and cultural policies,
- increase the technical capacity of the co-beneficiaries and start long-lasting cooperation

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



The European Union project in Mersin was very popular and inspired other institutions to apply for EU projects. The TV show "EU Hour", which was initiated as part of this project with an aim to better inform the public on EU issues, will continue to be aired.

PARTNERSHIP



The advertisement and project support between the beneficiaries still continues.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- A German-Turkey joint production documentary was prepared to pay attention to dialogue between communities.
- Public awareness was raised on the EU's social and cultural policies through live TV debates.
- Local/regional and international media networks were established to strengthen the dialogue.
- Shared solutions were manifested for the issues faced by local media through a panel discussion that brought actors from different sectors together.
- Local media actors were informed about EU practices through media training sessions given by EU experts.

COOPERATION

COMMUNICATION

NETWORK

DIALOGUE



WE CARRY THE HEART OF NATURE TO EUROPE

Project Name

Increasing the Capacity of Media in EU Issues

Grant Beneficiary

Medyalog Yapım Tasarım Organizasyon Gazetecilik
Turizm San. Ve Tic. Ltd. Şti. - Turkey

Project Partners

106,5 Rundfunkgesellschaft GmbH - Germany

Project Duration

15 months

Projenin Bütçesi

152.127,25 Euro

Projenin Uygulandığı Şehirler/ Ülkeler

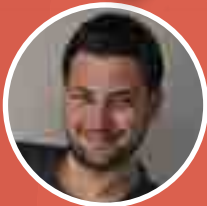
Bolu - Turkey

Brussels - Belgium

Hannover - Germany

Personally, I can say that the project has positively contributed to my daily life. Following the visit to Europe, we got new bicycles with my two close friends who also participated in the visit. Now, we cycle instead of driving as many people in Europe do.

Ozan Albayrak, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



The starting point of the project was a seminar titled “Turkish Local Media on the EU Path”, which was organised in Safranbolu in 2012. The idea that local media in Bolu can undertake an important mission to ensure a better understanding of the European Union and its values and to identify the objectives regarding the province in accordance with these values was born.

While designing the project, the aim was to increase the capacity and efficiency of media actors in Bolu regarding the EU-related issues and to establish a sustainable dialogue between the media actors in Bolu and the EU.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



Participation of prominent journalists Zeynel Lüle and Orhan Can in the training sessions organised in Bolu was an unforgettable experience especially for the press members working in Bolu.

PARTNERSHIP



A very compatible collaboration was carried out with the German partner of the project, Radio Liene Hertz. During the visit to Germany, it was observed that local agenda was important for Europe and local media organisations were almost as well equipped as national media organisations.

MESSAGES



Turkish society is actually not so unfamiliar with Europe. The European Union is a big project and hard work is required to be a developed country with high standards in each aspect.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Through media training sessions long-term needs analysis was done.
- The study visits to Brussels and Hannover gave an opportunity to 35 participants to understand the EU and its organisations at its core.
- Through a panel discussion organised media organisations were informed on their rights and responsibilities in accessing news sources on the EU.
- Public awareness campaigns were organised at media outlets utilising printed and visual materials.
- An online platform to host information for media members on all kinds of EU related issues was developed together with a networking tool.
- To demonstrate the real impact of EU reforms on our day-to-day life four street interviews were shot.

SOLIDARITY

SOLUTION

EFFORT

FRIENDSHIP

LOCAL MEDIA BEYOND FRIENDSHIP

Project Name

Adaptation of Turkish Local Media to the European Union

Grant Beneficiary

Mudanya Gazeteciler Derneği - Turkey

Project Partners

Union of Bulgarian Journalists - Bulgaria

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

93.733,70 Euro

Location of Actions

Bursa - Turkey

Sofia - Bulgaria

London - United Kingdom

We have observed the significant difference between how our partners saw us in the beginning and how they see us now thanks to the EU project conducted by an international association with 4.500 members in Bulgaria and by our association with 36 members in Mudanya, Bursa.

Yavuz Gerçekçi, Head of Mudanya Journalists' Association



STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- improve the capacities of local press members by providing an opportunity for them to learn from the experience of their EU counterparts,
- obtain information on ethics and occupational standards of the EU in the field of media,
- through a documentary on the Bulgarian experience of change in the media and minority rights before and after EU membership, share a European experience with wider public.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



A delegation of 45 people carried out a study visit to Bulgaria during the implementation period. The delegation was the first Turkish group to see up close and even touch the 1 million documents written in Ottoman Turkish that were sold as scrap paper to Bulgaria by Turkey in 1931 and are now meticulously preserved in the National Library.

In the memory of friendship and peace, the name of Konstantin Fotinov, the editor of the first periodical culture and newsreel magazine in the Bulgarian language in Turkey, was kept alive with the planting of a sycamore seedling in the Tirilye neighbourhood of Mudanya. Bonds between the partners were strengthened with the official ceremony.

PARTNERSHIP



A friendly and sincere atmosphere was mutually created thanks to the partnership established under the project. We had the chance to tell an EU community about Mudanya, Bursa and even about Turkey. Following the project, the Association was invited to the International Journalism Conference to be held in Varna, Bulgaria, which will also be attended by journalists from the EU member states, to represent Turkey.

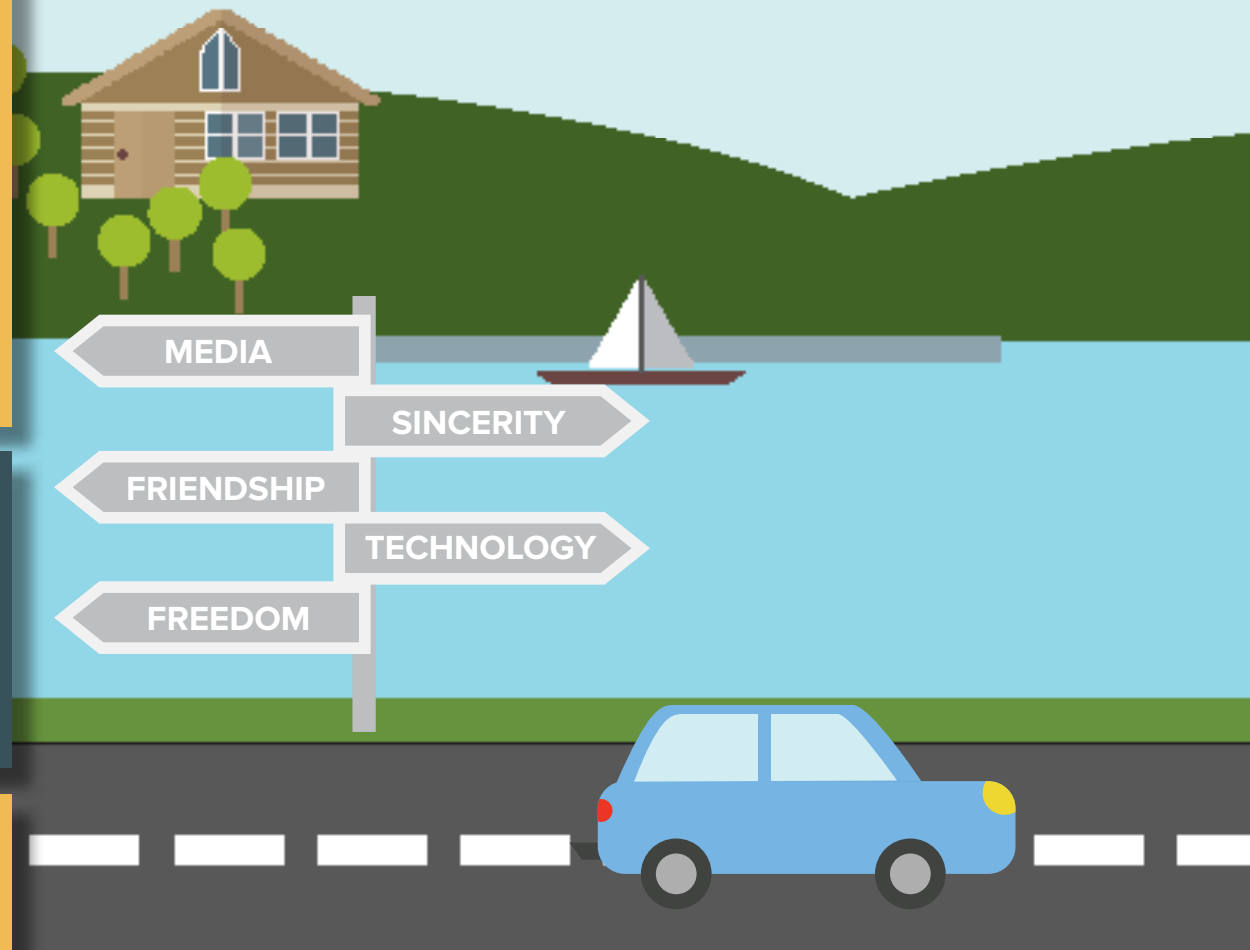
MESSAGE



Our aim should be to align with EU standards and to improve the level of economic development. In this scope, minority rights and freedoms should be considered as one of the important principles of democracy and an essential part of human rights.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Research studies were conducted on the lives minorities living in Bulgaria and on the contribution of the EU to their lives.
- A documentary was prepared on the situation of minorities and the media in Bulgaria before and after the European Union. Public understanding of this change was supported.
- Study visits were organised to Bulgaria and London where local newspapers, media organisations and government institutions were visited.



NEW TERM FOR LOCAL MEDIA WITH EU

Project Name

New Term For Local Media With EU

Grant Beneficiary

Ünye Flaş Radyo Televizyon Yayıncılık Reklamcılık San. ve Tic. A.Ş. - Turkey

Project Partners

Prisma Productie/Turkindex - Holland

Selim Gürel Journalism Advertising Agency and Production Services - Turkey

Project Duration

14 months

Project Budget

133,319.00 Euro

Location of Actions

Ordu - Turkey

Amsterdam - Holland

We have learnt many things regarding research and implementation during this process. We carried out many interviews and analyses during the project, nourished new dialogue and co-operation.

Şakir Gürel, Chairman of Ünye TV Executive Board



STARTING POINT

Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- increase technical knowledge and capabilities of 50 local television employees from Ünye TV and local television corporations in the neighbouring provinces and to increase the technological capabilities of the television stations. The employees had not received proper broadcasting training, had problems in creating quality content and could not produce programs that achieved high ratings.



Furthermore, within the scope of the project, other objectives were:

- To ensure the exchange of good practices between Turkish and Dutch TV, newspaper and internet media corporations,
- To create a sustainable dialogue between the EU and Turkey through co-productions, and
- To raise public awareness of the EU and to improve cooperation between public institutions, CSOs and the private sector.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

Through the series of training programmes the project has been beneficial for many local media employees who had not received proper broadcasting training before.



PARTNERSHIP

Working together and closely with our partners has contributed a lot to demolish prejudices while creating new opportunities for new partnerships.



ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

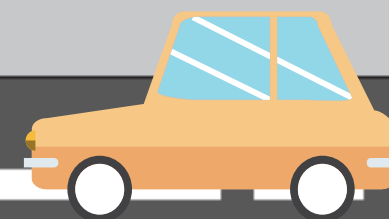
- A four-day training session on technological developments in TV broadcasting, differences between digital broadcasting and analogue broadcasting and the principles of satellite broadcasting was organised. Approximately 50 local media employees increased their technical knowledge and compatibility with technology thanks to the training received.
- Through seminars organised on Media Policies of the EU, Freedom of Expression, Media Ethics, Human Rights and Situation of Women on Media, participants had the chance to discuss European and Turkish perspectives.
- Through forum discussions participated in by members of the media, representatives of NGOs, academics, students and local governors, issues surrounding the local media were raised and recommendations for solutions were developed.
- Outstanding results of the study visits to Turkey and the Netherlands were the first steps of a sustainable dialogue between Turkish and Dutch media and the organisation of the first "Shared Culture Day".
- With support from Ünye TV and Ünye Newspaper, a series of articles entitled "Turkey on the Way to Europe" were prepared and reached a large audience through translations into three languages.
- Awareness was further raised amongst the local public on EU-Turkey relations through the website and television advertisements that were developed and broadcast (unyedendunyaya.org).

PROJECT

LOCAL MEDIA

MEDIA

COLLABORATION



YOU CAN GO ACROSS THE MEDIA BRIDGE SAFE AND SOUND!

Project Name

Media Bridges

Grant Beneficiary

Antalya Gazeteciler Cemiyeti - Turkey

Project Partners

Presseclub Nürnberg e.V. - Germany

Project Duration

10 months

Project Budget

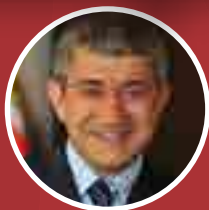
157.981,22 Euro

Location of Actions

Antalya, Burdur, Isparta - Turkey
Nürnberg - Germany

We think that the project had a positive contribution, especially to Turkish-German relations, since the implementing partners were media organisations. Through the official visits in Antalya to the Governor and Mayor and in Bavaria to the State Minister of the Interior, State Parliamentarians and the Mayor, we have seen that we have contributed to a greater mutual understanding. Above all, the importance of the EU and the importance of Turkey for the EU were revealed with the activities carried out. We also showed that journalists living in the EU and Turkey can co-produce in the media sector.

Mevlüt Yeni, Project Coordinator

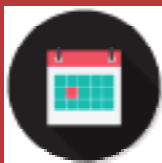




STARTING POINT

Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- establish a bridge between CSOs working on the media in Turkey and Europe and their employees,
- ensure the exchange of information and experience, and
- support the development of sustainable cooperation.



OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES

Quote from Rolf Bau (Journalist-Lawyer, member of the Regensburg Journalists' Association who participated in the study visit to Antalya): "This was my first time in Turkey thanks to the project. I had some serious negative opinions and thoughts beforehand, but I felt ashamed when I witnessed the extraordinary attention (given to us) during our visit to Antalya. I was quite impressed by the knowledge of the journalists working in Antalya. I apologize to all of you for the biased news I have reported about Turkey. This project managed to turn my negative thoughts into positive ones."

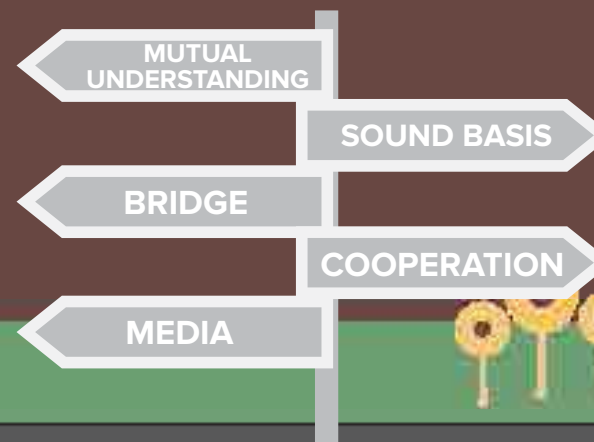


PARTNERSHIP

Cooperation established between partner institutions and the friendships made as well as good news on the media both in Germany and Antalya have been positive outputs of the cooperation.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Turkish and European journalists were brought together through a series of activities such as media-oriented forums and liaison seminars. Opinions on agenda items were exchanged and various platforms were established for cooperation to be developed.
- Activities were initiated to create a partnership between the Burdur, Isparta and Alanya journalist associations, all located near Antalya, and certain German media organisations.
- Comprehensive training was provided for 50 self-educated young journalists in Western Mediterranean Region. The young journalists were able to develop their professional capacities. They increased their knowledge on the topic of the European Union.
- Pressclub Nürnberg e.V. and the Antalya Journalists' Association established a long-lasting co-operation with the identified German media organisations.
- Journalism practices were observed on site within the EU thanks to the liaison seminars and visits paid to organisations.



ERASMUS+ TOUCHES LIVES...

Project Name

Erasmus for All

Grant Beneficiary

Star Avrupa Radyo ve Televizyon Yayıncılığı A.Ş.- Turkey

Project Partners

Godd Media Broadcast GmbH (TV Berlin) - Germany

Project Duration

15 months

Project Budget

162.704,20 Euro

Location of Actions

İstanbul - Turkey

Berlin - Germany

We were impressed by all the Erasmus+ stories during the project activities. It was impressive to see how EU-Turkey relations can touch and change someone's life.

Asuman Tongarlak, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



The project was created after an introduction at the European Day meeting of the Ministry for EU Affairs in 2013. Star Avrupa Television, broadcasting social responsibility programmes for young people in Germany, planned a documentary programme to ensure that more young people benefit from the Erasmus+ programme, bringing societies closer through a human link.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



The 13-part documentary prepared under the project has been an important archive of success stories in EU-Turkey relations and their impact on social life.

PARTNERSHIP



Our partner in Germany had the chance to see how EU financial contributions are having a great impact on real people's lives.

MESSAGE



Under the Erasmus+ programmes numerous opportunities are provided for everybody, regardless of their age or profession, for their personal and professional development. These opportunities should be publicised and disseminated. Harmonisation activities going on at full speed within the scope of Turkey's EU membership process lead to changes and transformations in education.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Consultation meetings on the contents of the films to be shot were held in Istanbul and in Berlin with the participation of representatives from CSOs, universities, student clubs and youth organisations. Through these meetings, the basis of the planned 13 TV programmes was created through a participatory approach.
- A 13-part television programme, each part portraying the story of a real project financed under Erasmus+ programme, was prepared. The programme was shown once every three weeks on Star Avrupa and TV Berlin.

CIVIL SOCIETY

VOLUNTARISM

TRAINING

BELIEF

YOUTH

DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE OF GİRESUN

Project Name

News Coverage on Turkish Media Landscape

Grant Beneficiary

Giresun Gazeteciler Derneği - Turkey

Project Partners

Reportrar Utan Granser - Sweden

Project Duration

14 months

Project Budget

105.908,60 Euro

Location of Actions

Giresun - Turkey
Stockholm - Sweden

While conducting the project, I realized once again that the media world needs a strong institutional cooperation structure. I hope that I can assume a more active role in this issue.

Muhammet Aksoy, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- strongly voice freedom of expression and freedom of media concepts, which are essential elements of human rights and democracy, on national and international platforms
- compile opinions, suggestions and complaints of relevant people from Turkey and Europe on this issue under a single document, and to communicate this document to national and international actors.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



During the visit to Sweden, it was observed that Swedish journalists especially had serious prejudices against Turkey. In the meetings, seminars and workshops, journalists were objectively informed about the realities of the country. It was observed that prejudices were eliminated to an extent thanks to this interaction.

PARTNERSHIP



Partners benefited from each other's experiences in project management, and established strong cooperation in order to eliminate prejudices.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Local media personnel were brought together to put together a list of problems faced at a local and regional level.
- Articles on media monopolisation written by 34 journalists from Turkey and 29 journalists from Sweden were compiled under the book titled MONOMEDIA and copies were distributed to stakeholders.
- Local actors contacted by the project willingly and voluntarily accepted their roles and responsibilities regarding democracy, human rights, development and right to education and health.



MEDIA

DEMOCRACY

FREEDOM

COOPERATION

OPPRESSION

STRENGTHENING COOPERATION IN MEDIA

Project Name
Strengthening Cooperation in Media

Grant Beneficiary
Kanal Avrupa Media GmbH - Germany

Project Partners
SİPAŞ Ajans Reklamcılık Yayıncılık Org. San. Tic. A.Ş.
(Vizyon 58 TV) - Turkey
APA Produktion und Werbeagentur GmbH - Germany

Project Duration
15 months

Project Budget
168.592,80 Euro

Location of Actions
İstanbul - Turkey
Duisburg - Germany



STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- increase the dialogue and cooperation between German and Turkish media corporations and CSOs,
- inform public opinion as well as media employees about EU policies, Turkey-EU relations, Turkey's EU accession process and the impacts of the process on our daily lives,
- improve the capacities of Kanal Avrupa and Vizyon 58 TV employees through experience and knowledge sharing

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



The Documentary "Not Without Us" has been one of the key outputs of the project especially because of the interviews with prominent Turkish people in Europe. Although the documentaries/programmes prepared so far continuously focused on the issues such as "Success and achievements of Turkish people in Europe...", the importance of the dialogue between Turkish-European communities was emphasized for the first time with this activity.

PARTNERSHIP



Media workers visiting Germany from Sivas were quite impressed by the system in Germany. Media workers visiting Turkey, on the other hand, were quite surprised to see the development and current situation of Turkey. The 80s Turkey image is still valid for some Turkish people in Europe. Partners are still in contact and fruitful friendships were established.

MESSAGE



As stated in the documentary: BizSiz Olmaz (Not Without Us)!

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Through the six programmes on different policy areas of the European Union which were broadcast live both on Kanal Avrupa and Vizyon 58 TV, public awareness was raised on EU-TR relations.
- The documentary "Not Without Us", which contains interviews of prominent Turkish people from sports, politics and arts who have been living in Europe, raised awareness on a long-lasting cultural and social exchange between Turkey and Europe.
- A panel discussion entitled "Media Ethics and Transparency" took place in Duisburg, Germany. At the panel organised with the participation of approximately 100 media workers from all over Europe, the problems of Turkish media in Europe were discussed.

COOPERATION

REPORT

NOT WITHOUT US

DOCUMENTARY



EUROPEAN UNION INFORMATION

Project Name
European Union Information

Grant Beneficiary
Indagando TV - Spain

Project Partners
İDE Araştırma Tanıtım ve Danışmanlık Hiz. Ltd. Şti. - Turkey

Project Duration
15 ay

Project Budget
152.475,67 Euro

Location of Actions
Kütahya, Ankara, Adana, Bursa, Diyarbakır,
Erzurum, İzmir, Trabzon - Turkey
Madrid - Spain

*I think with our project we can bring together
the groups willing to work together and use the
European policies in a non-profit manner not only
in Turkey but also in Europe.*
Santiago Algora, Project Coordinator



STARTING POINT



Setting off on the journey the aim was to:

- inform Turkish public opinion about funding and cooperation opportunities provided by the EU and EU programmes/projects through Turkish journalists,
- raise Turkish media's awareness about the impacts of the EU on the daily life of Turkish society,
- facilitate the establishment of a cooperation network between Turkish and Spanish journalists and CSOs and gaining good experiences.

ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Media members and civil society representatives from 8 different provinces of Turkey had the chance to learn more about European Union institutions, programmes and projects through the seminars that were organised.
- A TV series of 10 parts was prepared with the aim of informing the public about Turkey's European Union process.
- A network has been created amongst journalists and CSOs at a local level.

OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES



The TV series focused on transferring the knowledge and experience of enterprises, foundations, institutions, organisations and thousands of people in Turkey who have utilised EU funds in the areas of science, health, environment, new energy resources, transportation safety and information.

MESSAGE

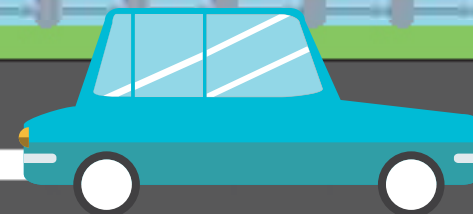


With the strong network to be established among journalists working in Turkey and EU countries, it is possible to inform CSOs and the public about EU Institutions, policies, cooperation as well as social options provided by the development programmes.

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