

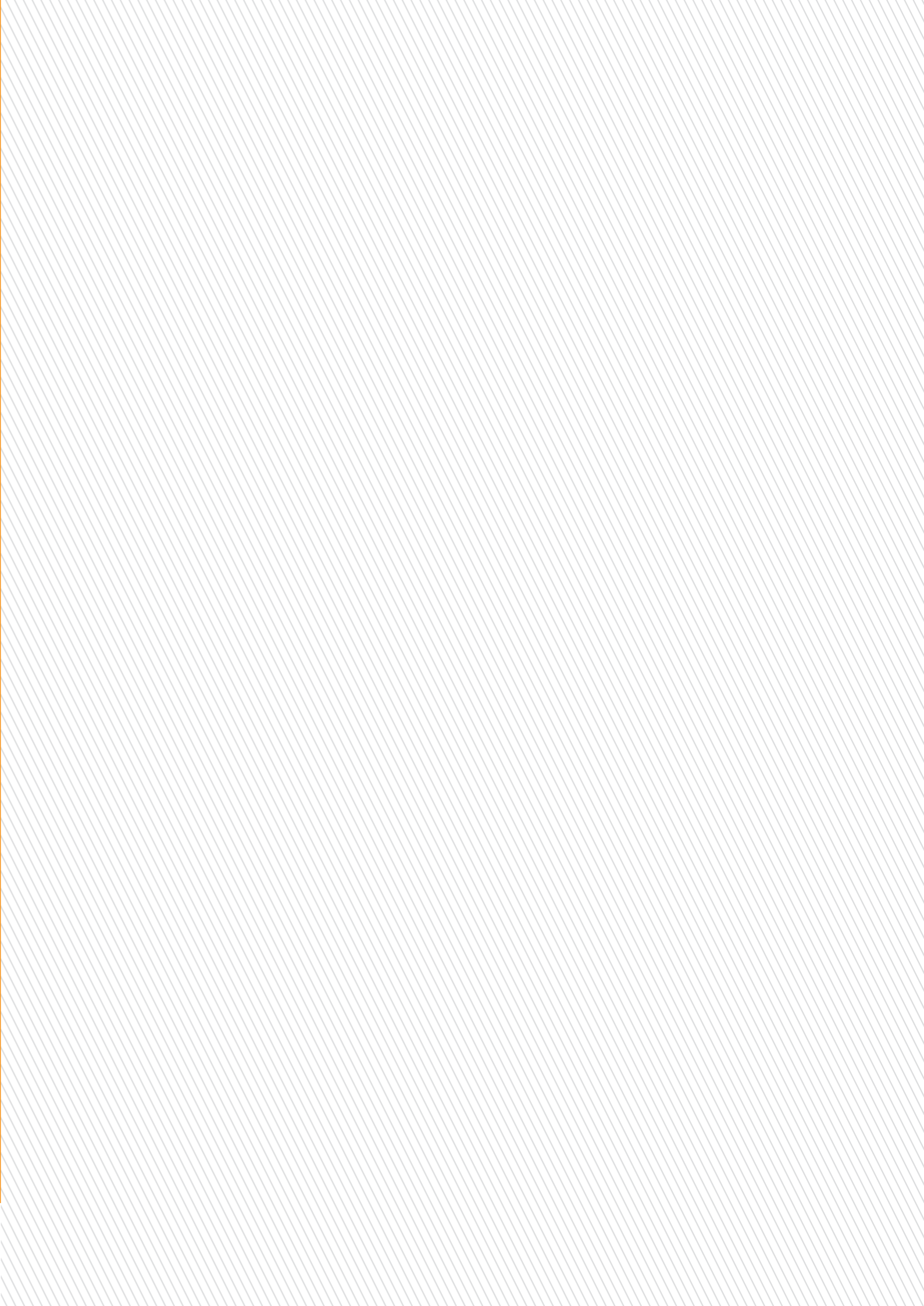


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# The Civil Society Support Programme II

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## FOREWORD

Strengthening the civil society is one of the priority areas that Türkiye focuses on with the financial aid received in the process of accession to the European Union (EU). In the second period of the European Union Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), covering the years 2014-2020, "Civil Society" has been defined as a sub-sector under the Democracy and Governance Sector. The Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs was authorized to create a strategy for the use of the budget allocated to support the civil society sector in Türkiye, as well as creating programmes' project identification, and the monitoring of projects and programmes.

The Directorate for EU Affairs, which attaches importance to the development of civil society in Türkiye, has gathered the support given to the civil society field and its actors under the umbrella of the "Civil Society Sector" through a sectoral and systematic perspective. Under this programme which brings together public institutions and civil society organizations (CSOs), many projects have been implemented in different fields, lives in every corner of Türkiye have been touched, the capacities of CSOs have been improved, and a basis for working together, producing together, and living together have been laid.

The Civil Society Support Programme First Period (CSSP I), implemented between 2018-2021 under the umbrella of the Civil Society Sector, aimed at more effective participation of CSOs in decision-making processes and the improvement of public-civil society relations at the local and national levels. Also, the management, advocacy, and communication skills of CSOs were improved.

The Civil Society Support Programme Second Period (CSSP II) was implemented as a continuation of the first period and was carried out between 2019 and 2021. With a grant support of 3.7 million Euros for twenty nine projects carried out during the period, it was intended to develop a stronger civil dialogue between CSOs and public institutions, and to enhance the participation and capacities of CSOs. Within the framework of the programme, projects on different topics such as health, agriculture, education, environment, food, and media for different target groups such as women, children, youth, and disadvantaged groups were implemented in Ankara, Denizli, Diyarbakır, Erzurum, Hatay, İstanbul, İzmir, Mardin, Uşak, Van, and Zonguldak.

We are happy to share with you the stories of the projects carried out in the Second Period of the Civil Society Support Programme in this project compendium. We sincerely congratulate all CSO representatives who contributed to the projects and hope that the projects they have completed will inspire other CSOs.

The Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Directorate for EU Affairs

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## A. THE CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR A STRONG CIVIL SOCIETY, FROM PAST TO PRESENT

Civil society has become an important actor in Türkiye's accession negotiations with the European Union (EU) due to the Negotiation Framework Document and the Copenhagen political criteria. It is widely recognized that a healthy functioning democracy, the achievement of EU standards, and the establishment of consistent relations between Turkish and EU societies are possible with a strong civil society.

Civil society support provided on various themes under different priority areas until 2014, was grouped under the umbrella of the "Civil Society Sector" in the Second Period of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II), which covers the years 2014-2020. As the leading institution of the Civil Society Sector, the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs was responsible for programme development, implementation, and monitoring.

The Civil Society Sector supports four priority areas:

- Improvement of the legal framework for CSOs
- Supporting public-civil society cooperation
- Strengthening the capacities of CSOs
- Developing the civil society dialogue between Türkiye and the EU

## I. THE FIRST PERIOD OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CSSP I)

The first phase of the Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP I) implemented within the scope of the Civil Society Sector aimed to ensure more effective participation of CSOs in decision-making processes, strengthening public sector and civil society relations at local and national levels, and supporting the management, advocacy, and communication capabilities of CSOs.

The first period of the Civil Society Support Programme consisted of the following components:

- Grant Scheme for Grassroots Civil Society Organizations (GRS)
- CSO Partnerships and Networks on Strengthening Cooperation Between Public Sector and CSOs Grant Scheme (CSPN)

Through the CSO Partnerships and Networks on Strengthening Cooperation Between Public Sector and CSOs Grant Scheme (CSPN), it was intended to strengthen the cooperation between public institutions and CSOs and to improve the capacities of CSOs by supporting the partnerships and networks to be developed by financially and administratively powerful CSOs. Within the scope of the programme, approximately 4.2 million Euros of grant support was provided to ten CSOs.

Through the Grant Scheme for Grassroots Civil Society Organizations (GRS), with a grant budget of approximately 2.1 million Euros, it was aimed to strengthen the institutional capacities of CSOs, to support their lobbying and advocacy activities, and to improve their communication skills. The programme which included 38 projects in 15 different provinces of Türkiye, played an important role in spreading EU funds to Anatolia.

## II. THE SECOND PERIOD OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CSSP II)

As a continuation of the first phase, the second phase of the Civil Society Support Programme, put into practice in 2019, aimed at enhancing the capacities of CSOs for a stronger civil society dialogue, participation, and elevated reputation, with a grant budget of 3,8 million Euros.

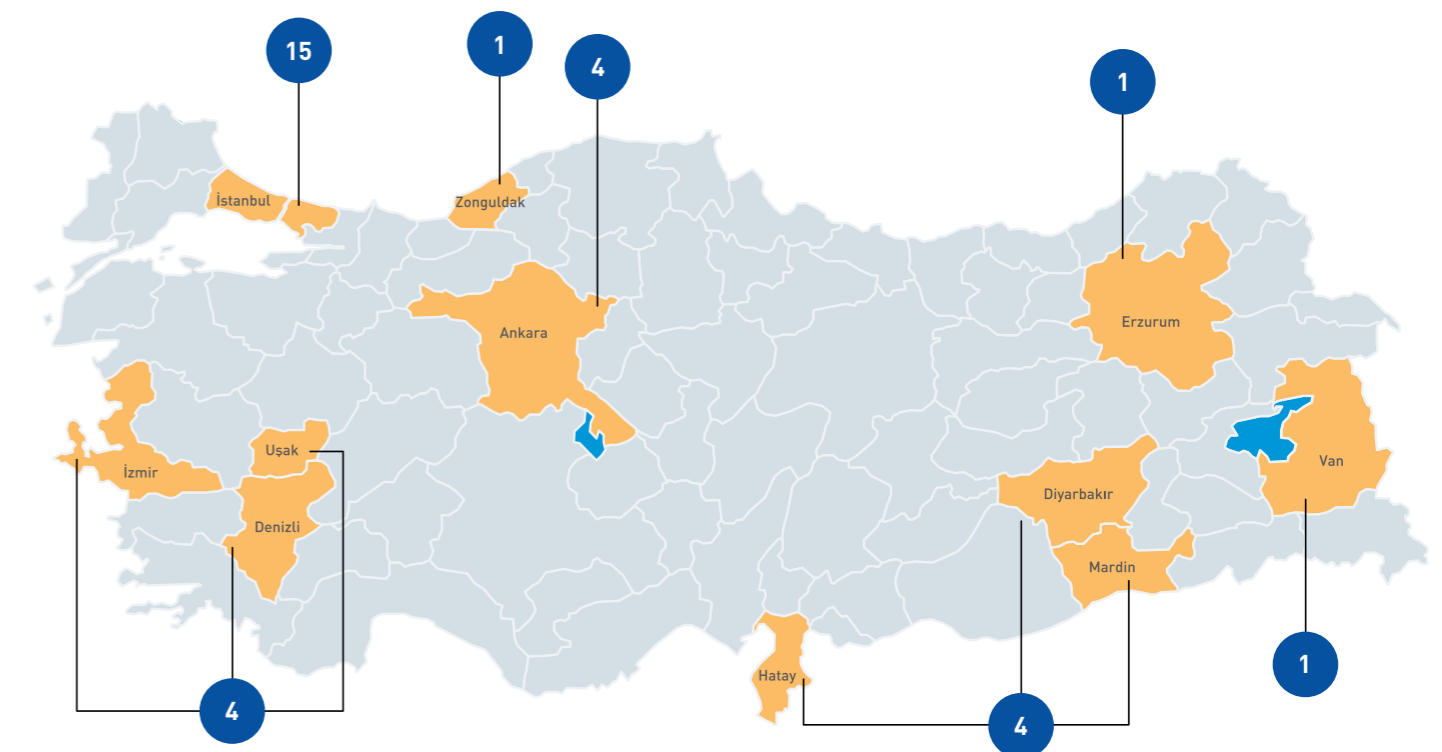
In the second period, it was primarily intended to

- ensure the administrative and financial sustainability of CSOs,
- enhance their communication and advocacy skills,
- improve their participation in decision-making processes at local, national and international levels,
- strengthen their transparency and accountability, and increase the role of the CSOs in the dissemination of active citizenship.

The programme reached CSOs operating in a wide range of areas such as health, agriculture, education, the environment, food, and media for different target groups such as women, children, youth, and disadvantaged groups.

Within the scope of the second period of the Civil Society Support Programme;

- 31 projects from 12 provinces of Türkiye were entitled to receive grants, 29 projects were successfully implemented,
- 18 projects set out with a co-beneficiary, although there was no partnership condition,
- co-beneficiaries from the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, and Austria also participated in the programme with their Turkish partners.



 **29** PROJECTS

 **3.8** MILLION EURO TOTAL GRANT BUDGET

 **12** PROVINCES

 **5** CO-BENEFICIARIES AND TWO COORDINATOR BENEFICIARIES FROM EU COUNTRIES

Ankara  
Denizli  
Diyarbakır  
Erzurum  
Hatay  
İstanbul

İzmir  
Mardin  
Niğde  
Uşak  
Van  
Zonguldak

Germany  
Austria  
Holland  
Italy

### CSOs in Local, National, Regional, and International Networks



- 24** Platforms/networks were created.
- 535** CSOs became members of these established networks.
- 13** Working groups/committees were formed.
- 4** Joint software programs were created.
- 4** CSO mapping studies were prepared.

### The Development of the Monitoring Capacity of CSOs



- 6** Monitoring modules were formed.
- 7** Monitoring-oriented databases were created.
- 47** CSOs used these databases.
- 124** CSO took part in Monitoring Capacity-Building Training.

### The Strengthening of Public Sector-CSO Cooperation



- 27** Public sector-CSO cooperation protocols were signed.
- 1.219** Joint events were organized between the public sector and CSOs.
- 29** Policy documents were prepared and submitted to public institutions.
- 1** Decision proposed by CSOs was adopted by public institutions.

### Improving the Implementation Capacities of CSOs



- 169** Capacity-building training sessions were organized.
- 4.184** People received training in the scope of capacity-building training programmes for CSOs.
- 187.321** People received service directly related to the activity areas of the CSOs.
- 17** People received service directly related to the activity areas of the CSOs.
- 927** People attended advocacy and awareness training programmes.
- 41** Communication strategies were prepared.
- 20** Advocacy campaigns were conducted.
- 1.725.604** People were reached through advocacy campaigns.
- 14** CSOs developed monitoring/evaluation tools for campaigns/advocacy.
- 986.240** People were reached through social media throughout the programme.

## Visibility and Communication Activities



- 855** Project news appeared in the media.
- 23** Websites were created.
- 177.607** Brochures and booklets were prepared.
- 196** Dissemination and awareness raising activities were implemented.
- 16.622** People attended the dissemination and awareness raising activities.

## Improving Institutional Capacities of CSOs



- 162** Strategic plans were prepared.
- 587** CSOs' institutional capacities were increased.
- 2.081** CSO representatives participated in capacity-building training programmes held in different fields.
- 10** CSO received institutional capacity building trainings.
- 47** CSOs Volunteer Management Plans were prepared.

## Improvement of CSOs



- 576** People were employed in CSOs.
- 2561** number of volunteers increased to **34.026**
- 84.130** number of memberships were increased to **113.578**

## III. THE CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT PROGRAMME-II TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

- Technical Assistance for Implementation of Civil Society Dialogue and Civil Society Support Programmes Project Kick-off Meeting**  
February 6th, 2019  
Technical Assistance for Implementation of Civil Society Dialogue and Civil Society Support Programmes Project kick-off meeting was held at the Directorate for EU Affairs. At the meeting, the activities of the technical assistance project for the implementation of the support to be provided to civil society in the new period and the team that would take part in the activities were introduced.
- Civil Society Dialogue-V and the Civil Society Support Programme-II Opening Ceremony**  
April 10th, 2019  
The opening event of the Civil Society Dialogue-V and Civil Society Support -II Programmes, which included 69 projects, took place in Ankara with the participation of a great number of guests.
- Grant Implementation Training Programmes**  
April 11th- 12th, 2019  
The Civil Society Dialogue-V and the Civil Society Support-II Programmes Grant Implementation Training programmes were held in 5 simultaneous sessions in Ankara with 150 CSO representatives participating. Participants obtained information about the implementation period through meetings with the management units of the project.
- Diplohack, Ankara**  
July 4th- 5th, 2019  
Diplohack was held in Ankara with the theme of "Civil Society Dialogue Between Türkiye and the EU". Approximately fifty participants from different provinces in Türkiye, developed creative ideas and shared their experiences to strengthen the civil society dialogue between Türkiye and the EU.
- Brand Workshop**  
July 11th, 2019  
In the Brand Workshop, which was held to strengthen perception and communication activities within the scope of the Civil Society Dialogue-V and the Civil Society Support -II Programmes, the topics of "the power of the brand concept" and "brand positioning" were emphasized. Relevant experts who participated in the group activities at the Brand Workshop exchanged ideas on strengthening the promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue and Civil Society Support Programmes.



### **Communication and Visibility Training**

July 30th, 2019

Civil Society Dialogue-V and Civil Society Support-II Programmes Communication and Visibility Training was held with the participation of a great number of civil society representatives. The training focused on the concept of communication and its components, along with informative presentations as well as workshops.

### **Civil Society Support Programme-III Briefing Meetings**

July 29th- August 2nd, 2019

The first briefing meeting of the Civil Society Support Programme – III was held in Ankara with the participation of Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs, Ambassador Faruk Kaymakcı, on 29 July 2019. Subsequent meetings were held in Antalya on July 30th, 2019, in Bursa on July 31st, 2019, in Istanbul and Izmir on August 1st, 2019, and in Trabzon on August 2nd, 2019.

### **First Steering Committee Meeting**

September 2nd, 2019

The first Steering Committee Meeting of the “Technical Assistance for Implementation of Civil Society Dialogue and Civil Society Support Programmes” Project was held on September 2nd, 2019, under the coordination of the Directorate for EU Affairs. At the meeting held under the chairmanship of the Head of the Department of Project Implementation, A. Hakan Atik, activities were evaluated, and the work planned for the next period was discussed.

### **Digital Tools Training**

September 4th, 2019

Digital Tools Training, designed for the staff of the Directorate for EU Affairs, was held in Ankara. The training programme focused on the use of applications that facilitate business and daily life. During the two-day training period, a total of five modules were completed and case studies were conducted at the end of the day. The titles of the modules were: “Digital Tools for Collaborative Work”, “Interactive Presentation and Feedback Tools- What is Multimedia Design Theory?”, “Visualization of Information, and Data and Data Analysis Tools”, “Social Media Usage and Design Elements”, and “Digital Content Development-Analysis with Social Media Tools”.

### **Civil Society Gathering: Social Entrepreneurship Support Meeting**

September 14th, 2019

The “Civil Society Gathering” meetings, coordinated by the Directorate for EU Affairs, brought relevant parties together on September 14th, 2019, by hosting the Social Entrepreneurship Support event. The opening of the meeting was carried out by A. Hakan Atik, Head of the Department of Project Implementation, Directorate for EU Affairs, and Ahmet Karan, Social Policy and Employment Sector

Manager of the Delegation of the European Union to Türkiye. Nejat Doğan, a social entrepreneurship expert, was the moderator. Civil society organisations working in the field of social entrepreneurship, related departments of universities, and participants consisting of academics and experts exchanged views on the subject at the meeting held online.

### **Civil Society Dialogue-VI Programme Briefing Meetings**

October 4th- 21st, 2019

Civil Society Dialogue-VI Programme Briefing Meetings were held in Istanbul on 4 October 2019, in Ankara on 7 October 2019, in Ordu on 9 October 2019, in Brussels on 10 October 2019, in Eskişehir and Mersin on 11 October 2019, in Malatya on 15 October 2019, in Izmir and Antalya on 18 October 2019, and in Edirne on 21 October 2019. Approximately 1200 civil society representatives participated in the meetings.

### **Advanced Presentation Techniques Training**

December 2nd, 2019

On the first day of the Advanced Presentation Techniques Training held in Ankara for the staff of the Directorate for EU Affairs, topics such as time management, the miracle of motivation, persuasion communication, and body language tips were discussed. On the second day, the participants were informed on the Microsoft Office PowerPoint Program (Advanced Level), Microsoft Sway Application, and Prezi Application.

### **Final Report Preparation Training**

March 2nd- 4th, 2020

While detailed information on “technical reporting” and “financial reporting” was shared on the first and second days of the Civil Society Dialogue-V and the Civil Society Support -II Grant Programmes Final Report Preparation Training sessions, in which 70 different civil society organisations participated, the “Communication Strategy” of the Directorate for EU Affairs was emphasized on the third day.

### **Online Social Media Management and Digital Event Management Training**

May 6th- 8th, 2020

Digital applications that facilitate business and daily life were shared during the three-day Social Media Management and Digital Event Management Training course designed for the staff of the Directorate for EU Affairs. In the online training course “Tools for Webinars and Other Online Meetings”, “Social Media Management” and “Social Media and Technology Tools” were discussed.

## “Join Us” Civil Society Consultation Meeting

July 2nd, 2020

The “Join Us!” briefing meeting was held by the Directorate for EU Affairs to contribute to the planning of civil society support projects. The participants of the online briefing meeting had the opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions to the EU experts who provided information on the planned EU support for the upcoming period. The opening speech of the meeting was delivered by Bülent Özcan, Director General for Financial Cooperation and Project Implementation at the Directorate for EU Affairs. A. Hakan Atik, Head of Department of Project Implementation, and Mustafa Murat Özçelebi, EU Affairs Expert at the Directorate for EU Affairs, provided information on civil society projects and the IPA III Period within the scope of “Pre-Accession Financial Assistance”. Independent expert, Ayça Bulut Bican, gave a briefing on the consultation process.

## Second Meeting of the Steering Committee

December 22nd, 2020

The second Management Meeting of the “Technical Assistance for Implementation of Civil Society Dialogue and Civil Society Support Programmes” Project was held online. Technical assistance activities provided for the grant project and related programmes were evaluated. The activities to be carried out in 2021 were also discussed during the meeting.

## B. PROJECT LIST

### JUDICIARY AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

- The Reinforcing Capacity of Birlik Foundation
- Improving the Influence Capacity of Civil Society Sector in the EU Accession Process - Infl(Eu)Nce
- Route to the Aegean Region for Stronger Civil Society
- Turkish Youth and Women for Democracy
- CSOs are Getting Stronger with Civil Society Support Centre
- Women Will Change the World
- Robust and Connected Civil Society for Refugees
- The More Transparency the More Powerful NGOs in The Region
- Monitoring Judicial Practices in Türkiye & Strengthening EU Human Rights Mechanisms
- EU Integration and Minority Protection in Türkiye

### SOCIAL POLICY AND EMPLOYMENT

- Social Cooperative Development Programme
- Hearing-impaired CSOs Together
- Stronger When Together
- A Scene of Life
- Get the NGOs to be Active
- Enhancing Advocacy Capacities of Youth CSOs in Türkiye: Guiding CSOs through Research
- Sustainable Fund Raising Management and Systems Projects
- Stronger Civil Society for Involved Fatherhood
- Hear the CSOs

### EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- Leveraging Sustainability Through Management Innovation: Building Sustainability Management and Reporting System Based on Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Sustainability Framework in Aegean Contemporary Education Foundation (EÇEV)
- Roots: Rooting for Democracy in Education Cooperatives
- Schools of Society – Strengthening the Capacity of Community Based Schools
- Cin Ali at “Six Dots”
- Capacity Building of the Antakya Medeniyetler Korosu (The Antioch Civilization Choir-SACC)

### THE ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, AND FOOD

- Get Türkiye Cycling
- Strengthening Policy Dialogue and Joint Lobbying Perspectives among Farmer and Food Industry Associations
- Increasing the Reputation Management Capacity of CSOs in Türkiye
- Capacity Building of the Food Rescue Association for Food Waste Prevention and Reduction in Türkiye
- Capacity Building in Türkiye’s Food Banking



# **JUDICIARY AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS**



## THE REINFORCING CAPACITY OF THE BIRLIK FOUNDATION

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Birlik Foundation

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT/BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

128.250,41 Euros / 142.50,56 Euros

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## Highlights from the Project

- Seminars on “Promoting Youth Participation” were held in Sivas, Batman, Kahramanmaraş, Nevşehir, and Bursa.
- The “CSO Summit” was held.
- Social media activities for youth participation were carried out.
- A study visit to Germany was organised.
- The “Institutionalization Workshop” and the “Birlik Foundation Future Projection Workshop” were held.
- “Budget Management Training”, “Project Management Training” and “Social Media Management Training” were held.
- The “Accounting Manual” was published.



*“The Birlik Foundation, with a history of more than a hundred years, is a CSO that takes action quickly in response to the current needs of the society. With this point of view, we have based our project on community service. Our foundation acts with the vision of supporting young people to become well-equipped, scientifically well-educated modern individuals. We can say that the youth population is the most dynamic and sensitive group in Türkiye. The youth population, aged 12-24, constitutes 31% of Türkiye’s population. We believe that young people in Türkiye should be involved in decision-making processes by communicating their problems to the decision-makers. A highly qualified youth will make a great contribution to the development of the country in social, economic, and political terms. Within the scope of our project, we carried out activities aimed at helping young people become more active citizens and raising their awareness of active citizenship based on volunteerism. We were delighted by the interest that our young people showed in our project and for the positive feedback we received.”*

*Birlik Foundation*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to improve the mentorship skills of the Birlik Foundation, improve its administrative and financial sustainability, increase its prestige, and develop its effective budget management.



## IMPROVING THE INFLUENCE CAPACITY OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY SECTOR IN THE EU ACCESSION PROCESS - INFL(EU)NCE

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Economic Development Foundation (İKV)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

The Jean Monnet Scholars' Association

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

1103.294,19 Euros / 122.881,50 Euros

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## Highlights from the Project

- Training programmes on “EU Project Proposal Writing”, “Advocacy”, and “Social Media Management” were delivered to relevant CSOs and parties.
- Meetings were held with the participation of officials from the Directorate for EU Affairs, the Ministry of Family and Social Services, the Ministry of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change, and the Ministry of Trade.
- Policy documents were prepared in the fields of the environment, foreign relations, regional policy, and social policies.



*Since Türkiye is a candidate country for the EU, CSOs in our country play an extremely important role in addressing the main challenges that the country is facing in areas that are directly related to the fundamental values of the EU, such as fundamental and social rights. More than 23,000 CSOs in Türkiye are conducting research/advocacy studies on political and social issues. CSO activities also accelerate Türkiye's participation process. Within the scope of the project, current developments in the harmonization of the four parts (environment, foreign relations, regional policy, and social policies) in the EU accession negotiations were discussed, and the CSOs working in these fields presented their contributions. Additionally, the capacities of CSOs and relevant parties in the fields of project writing, social media, and advocacy have been increased through training.*

*Economic Development Foundation*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to strengthen the capacity of CSOs for participation and reputation by increasing their communication and advocacy skills.



## THE ROUTE TO THE AEGEAN REGION FOR A STRONGER CIVIL SOCIETY

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Aegean Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association (ESIAD)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

Denizli Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association (DESIAD)

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

146.449,34 Euros /162.721,49 Euros

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## Highlights from the Project

- A "CSO Capacity Evaluation Survey" was conducted for the CSOs in Afyonkarahisar, Izmir, Denizli, and Muğla, and the results were published as a report.
- Based on the survey report's results, capacity-building training was held for the CSOs in Afyonkarahisar, Izmir, Denizli, and Muğla.
- Dialogue Meetings were held.
- A "Communication and Consultancy Office" was opened in Ankara.
- A study visit to EU-related institutions in Ankara with the participation of 20 CSO representatives from the Aegean Region was realised.
- A workshop on public-CSO cooperation was held in the communication and consultancy office in Ankara.
- Manuals for strengthening the organizational capacities of CSOs were published.
- The closing meeting of the project was held.



*We designed our project, which lasted for 15 months, to improve the administrative and financial sustainability of civil society organizations in the Aegean Region, to support active citizenship, and to ensure the participation of civil society organizations in decision-making processes at local and national levels. Within this scope, a situation assessment with preliminary survey studies in İzmir, Denizli, Muğla, and Afyonkarahisar was carried out. Based on the survey results, we provided "strategic planning" and "project cycle management" training to civil society organizations in these provinces to ensure administrative and financial sustainability. Additionally, we opened a communication and consultancy office in Ankara within the scope of the project. We held a workshop, and a video conference, and conducted study visits to support the participation of civil society organizations in the decision-making process. We believe that all these steps will be guiding our CSOs and that their results will go beyond those four provinces and set an example for civil society organizations in other provinces."*

*Aegean Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to encourage the active participation of CSOs in decision-making processes in four provinces in the Aegean Region.



## TURKISH YOUTH AND WOMEN FOR DEMOCRACY

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Marmara Group for Strategic and Social Research Foundation

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

Association of Turkish Women Union,  
DTI-Deutsch-Türkisches Institut Für Bildung, Kultur und Politik,  
Germany

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT/BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

124.554,42 Euros / 138.393,80 Euros

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## Highlights from the Project

- The following training sessions were held: “Project Cycle Management Training”, “Website Content and Social Media Management Training”, and “Grant Proposal Writing Training”.
- The following seminars were held: “Seminar on Participation of the Youth in the Democratic Processes”, “Seminar on Participation of Women in the Democratic Processes”, “Seminar on Youth Rights in Türkiye and the EU”, “Seminar on Women’s Rights in Türkiye and the EU”, “Seminar on Democratic Participation Mechanisms ” and “Seminar on Best Practices in Policy and Decision Making”.
- Municipalities, CSOs, and universities were visited.
- Internal and external evaluation reports were prepared.



*We believe that our project has contributed to the training of more participatory and active individuals through the democracy-themed activities we carried out for university students. The feedback we received from students indicates that we conducted an efficient and proper process. We shared theoretical knowledge and conducted field visits to increase the participation of young people and women in democratic processes. With this understanding, we believe that we can build a more participatory society together.*

*Marmara Group for Strategic and Social Research Foundation*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to increase the capacities of the Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation and The Association of Turkish Women Union, to encourage young people and women to participate in policy-making and decision-making processes, and to carry out advocacy activities for them.



## CSOs ARE GETTING STRONGER WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT CENTRE

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Development Foundation of Uşak Province

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

133.585,65 Euros / 148.428,50 Euros

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## Highlights from the Project

- A "Civil Society Support Centre" was established.
- Capacity-building training sessions were held on "Democratic Participation and Advocacy", "Campaign Management", "Communication and Social Media", "Public-CSO Cooperation and Networking", "Strategic Planning", "Project Cycle Management and Grant Schemes", "Human Resources Management", "Volunteer Management", "Financial Management", "Event Management".
- As a result of the workshops held, 6 campaigns, 5 projects, 5 working reports, 5 joint strategy documents, and 6 policy documents were prepared.
- The "CSO Experience-Knowledge Sharing and Networking Meeting" and the "Public-CSO-University Cooperation Meeting" were held to increase the dialogue and cooperation between institutions and organizations in Uşak.



*We have organised capacity building training courses and workshops as well as meetings within the scope of our project. Our aim was to contribute to the improvement of the role of civil society in the EU membership process, and to increase the effective participation of CSOs in society and local, regional, and national decision-making processes. We established a physical platform for CSOs under the name of "Civil Society Support Centre" and started to work on establishing a civil society network under the name of "City Network". We contributed to the development of the capacities of CSOs in Uşak by improving their communication, advocacy, and management skills, and also to the improvement of CSO-public-university dialogue through these activities.*

*Development Foundation of Uşak Province*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to strengthen the capacities of the CSOs in Uşak, protect their administrative and financial sustainability, develop CSO-public-university cooperation, and establish a civil society support centre for CSOs.





## WOMEN WILL CHANGE THE WORLD

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Women's Centralized Education, Production, Consultation and Solidarity Foundation (KAMER)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

149.280,80 Euros / 179.144,13 Euros

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[www.kamer.org.tr](http://www.kamer.org.tr)

## Highlights from the Project

- Visits were conducted to contribute to the sharing of experience and knowledge.
- Capacity-building activities were carried out for 47 women's organizations on their internal corporate management, financial management and project management, lobbying activities, and advocacy.
- In the meetings held, discussions focused on mutual experience sharing and cooperation on future projects.



*Within the scope of the project, the experience of the KAMER Foundation in terms of institutional and economic sustainability was shared with 47 institutions working on women's human rights, such as the Yüksekova Association of Social Support for Women, Yüksekova Social Impact and Culture Association, and the Bitlis Women Entrepreneurs Association, most of which are located in Eastern and South-eastern Anatolia Regions. Expert support was provided to CSOs on issues that would provide institutional, economic, and political empowerment. Presentations that contributed to the clarification of goals, target groups, and the fields of activity of each institution were also prepared. We hope to have contributed positively to the institutions that include the issue of gender equality in their work and to the lives of women who receive support from these institutions via these activities.*

*Women's Centralized Education, Production, Consultation and Solidarity Foundation (KAMER)*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to contribute to the strengthening of women's organizations working on gender-based violence, to strengthen relevant CSOs in terms of institutional and financial sustainability, and to encourage the participation of these CSOs in local, national, and international decision-making processes.



## ROBUST CIVIL SOCIETY FOR REFUGEES

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Women and Democracy Association (KADEM)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

Centro Internazionale per la Promozione dell'Educazione e lo Sviluppo (CEIPES) / Italy

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

142.032,87 Euros / 157.814,30 Euros

<https://kadem.org.tr/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Kademorgtr>

## Highlights from the Project

- The “CSO Networking Technical Support Centre” was established.
- “CSO Needs Assessment Workshops” were held.
- The “CSO Capacity Building Training Kit”, consisting of sections on CSO management, strategic plan development, human resources management, financial management, transparency, advocacy, observation, and development, was prepared.
- “CSO Capacity Building Training” sessions were provided in Istanbul and Gaziantep.
- The meeting on the establishment of a public institutions consultation mechanism was held.
- Best practices study visits were carried out.
- Public institutions’ consultation mechanism indicators were prepared.
- A public institutions’ “Needs Assessment Workshop” was held.
- Basic training on law, psychology, and vulnerable groups in the field of refugees was given to the staff of public institutions.
- “Public Institutions Cooperation Meetings” were held.
- The closing meeting was held.



*More than three million people took refuge in Türkiye after the Syrian refugee crisis, and both public institutions and civil society mobilized for the needs arising from this sudden and unexpected situation. Many civil society organizations started to take action in areas they saw as necessary for Syrian refugees starting to provide aid and services. We put our project into practice to increase the management skills and organizational capacities of CSOs working with asylum seekers in the cities of Istanbul and Gaziantep. Within this scope, we conveyed information to relevant CSOs on topics such as strategic planning, sensitivity to gender issues, research, analysis, human resources, financial management, transparency, accountability, project management, the monitoring of results, diversification of financial resources, lobbying activities, and advocacy. Within the scope of our project, surveys were conducted on the building capacities of CSOs, and their progress was observed. We received very positive comments about the projects from the participating CSOs that we included in the closing program.*

*Women and Democracy Association (KADEM)*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to contribute to the CSOs to create a better civil dialogue by working with asylum seekers, and by providing information and mentoring on strategic planning, sensitivity to gender issues, diversification of financial resources, lobbying activities, and advocacy.



## THE MORE TRANSPARENCY THE MORE POWERFUL NGOs IN THE REGION

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Hayata Gülümse Association

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

117.839,42 Euros / 130.932,69 Euros

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<https://www.facebook.com/hayatagulumsederneji>  
<https://twitter.com/HayataGulumseD>  
[www.hayatagulumse.org.tr](http://www.hayatagulumse.org.tr)

## Highlights from the Project

- Strategic documents and action plans were created.
- “Strategic Plan Preparation Training” was given to relevant CSOs.
- A “Local CSO Network” was established by organizing “Networking Reconciliation Meeting” and “CSO Solidarity Days” in the South-eastern Anatolia Region.
- South-eastern Anatolia Region “CSO Solidarity Days” were organised.



*Within the scope of our project, we organized training for CSOs and produced strategy documents and action plans. With these activities, we aimed to increase the management and planning capacities of 50 CSOs in the South-eastern Anatolia Region, and to strengthen the transparency and accountability of the documents, plans and reports produced. Within the scope of “CSO Solidarity Activities in the Fight Against Corona”, in which the CSOs in the South-eastern Anatolia Region participated; we held online thematic meetings, forums, and training. We acted to improve the communication skills of CSOs with their fellow citizens and decision-makers, to support the participation of civil society in the decision-making processes, and to build their capacities to help them emerge as stronger structures after the pandemic. Through our project, we wanted CSOs to ask themselves questions such as “Where are we?”, “Where do we want to go?”, “How can we get where we want to go?”, “How do we track and evaluate our success?”. With all these approaches, we contributed to CSOs creating their own road maps.*

*Hayata Gülümse Association*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to contribute to the strengthening of democratic structures and processes, fundamental rights, and the rule of law by increasing the capacity of CSOs in the South-eastern Anatolia Region to achieve better civil dialogue and participation, and to elevate their reputation.



## MONITORING JUDICIAL PRACTICES IN TÜRKİYE AND STRENGTHENING THE EU HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Media and Law Studies Association

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

The International Press Institute, Austria

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

124.099,03 Euros / 144.116,87 Euros

<https://www.instagram.com/mlsa.Türkiye/?hl=tr>

<https://twitter.com/mlsaTürkiye>

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## Highlights from the Project

- A template was created that İstanbul, Ankara, and Diyarbakir Bar Associations could use in case monitoring.
- Case monitoring seminars were held for lawyers and court reporters in bar associations in Türkiye.
- Training was provided to the lawyers in Türkiye.
- Strategy meetings were held with representatives of different bar associations in Türkiye.
- All collected data and analyses were presented to CSOs.
- Advocacy activities were carried out regarding the development of strategies for the rule of law in Türkiye in line with the European Union and Council of Europe institutions' regulations.

*“ We put our project into practice to strengthen the capacities of bar associations and affiliated lawyers all over Türkiye to effectively monitor the respect for the rule of law in Türkiye and to bring violations to the attention of the public and selected institutions. Accordingly, we carried out our activities to improve the skills of 5 bar associations and 300 human rights lawyers in Türkiye in reporting violations in judicial proceedings, provide the basis for Turkish bar associations and their European counterparts to work in cooperation in accordance with an agreed strategy, and increase the quality of applications to the Constitutional Court and the European Court of Human Rights. We hope that we have contributed to the supervision of judicial practices and the strengthening of the EU human rights mechanisms through our project.*

*Media and Law Studies Association*

## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to strengthen the capacities of bar associations and affiliated lawyers to these bar associations across Türkiye in combating violations in judicial processes.



## EU INTEGRATION AND MINORITY PROTECTION IN TÜRKİYE

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Boyacıköy Surp Yerits Mangants Armenian Church Foundation

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

149.977,62 Euros / 166.641,8 Euros

## Highlights from the Project

- A platform was created for minority foundations in İstanbul.
- Training seminars on minority rights were held.
- Capacity-building training courses were delivered to CSOs.



*We have implemented our project so as to bring different religious and ethnic minorities in Türkiye together on a common definition of citizenship within the framework of democracy and human rights, to improve the democratic participation capacity of citizens belonging to minority groups, to strengthen their access to public service and justice mechanisms, to resolve disputes in the public sphere and to support relevant social integration efforts. In line with this aim, we organized training seminars for non-Muslims to learn about good practices and applicable laws regarding minority rights, and carried out activities to improve the project preparation, development, and management capacities of the CSOs that work on minority and human rights. Additionally, we created an e-platform for minority foundations in İstanbul. We believe that all these steps will contribute to the protection of minorities.*

*Boyacıköy Surp Yerits Mangants Armenian Church Foundation*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project brings together different religious and ethnic minorities in Türkiye, within the framework of the definition of common citizenship, based on democracy and human rights. It was also implemented to enhance the democratic participation capacities of citizens belonging to minority groups; improve the access of minorities to public services and justice mechanisms; resolve disputes in the public sphere, and find support for related social integration efforts.



# **SOCIAL POLICY AND EMPLOYMENT**



## THE SOCIAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Needs Map

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

Habitat Association

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

135.273,17 Euros / 151.464,75 Euros

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<https://sosyal Kooperatif.org/>

## Highlights from the Project

- A website was prepared where Türkiye's social cooperative map is shared.
- A "needs assessment" was conducted for social cooperatives.
- A training programme was designed and shared for social cooperatives in accordance with their needs (examples of good practice, financial management, business models, innovative thinking, business planning, networking, and membership management).
- A "Training of Trainers Programme" for trainers involved in the "Social Cooperative Development Programme" was held.
- Mentoring support services were provided to social cooperatives.



*We designed our project to increase the management capacity of social cooperatives in Türkiye in the long term, with special training content and the design of training sessions. Within this scope, as civil society actors, we analysed the capacities and needs of social cooperatives in Türkiye and prepared a training programme specific to social cooperatives in accordance with the analysis findings. The Social Cooperative Development Training Programme was implemented for social cooperatives and social entrepreneurs who want to establish social cooperatives in 14 provinces. Social cooperative enterprises and initiatives that came forward as a result of the programme were supported through mentoring. We believe that we provided support to social cooperatives in Türkiye so that they could achieve financial and social success in the long term with our project."*

*Needs Maps*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to improve the administrative, financial, communication, and advocacy capacities of social cooperatives in Türkiye and to increase their social impact.



## HEARING-IMPAIRED CSOs TOGETHER

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Van Hearing-Impaired and Their Families Association

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

Hearing-Impaired and Families Association

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

148.017,91 Euros / 164.464,35 Euros

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## Highlights from the Project

- Workshops, namely “Disability Rights Workshop”, “Advocacy Campaign Workshop”, “Communication Workshop” and “Organization Training Workshop” were organised.
- The “Social Rights Guide” for the disabled was published.
- Leaflets and posters were prepared.
- To increase the accessibility to all the work done, videos using sign language, audio descriptions and subtitles were prepared.
- The “Hearing Impaired CSOs Platform” was established for the first time in Türkiye.
- The “Project Result Booklet”, in which the project results are shared, was published.



*We established a platform as a result of the 4 workshops we organized in Van with CSOs from all over Türkiye. On this platform, we carried out studies to ensure institutional capacity, advocacy, lobbying activities, disability rights, and cooperation so as to become stronger together. Thanks to the workshops, CSOs were informed about ways to ensure the rights of deaf and hearing-impaired children who were denied admittance to schools and who face with discrimination. CSOs learned about the national and international rights-seeking mechanisms both on hearing aids and rights violations and discrimination and employed these mechanisms through administrative applications.*

*Audiologists, doctors, and speech specialists from the Association of Hearing and Speech Scientists – a platform member – from Ankara, examined and provided guidance to 14 children from nearby towns and villages. These activities were very important for the disabled in the province where there were no speech disorder specialists or audiologists. Thus, we have not only touched CSOs but also made a difference in the lives of the hearing-impaired and deaf children and their families. Our project is very valuable with respect to this feature as well, inasmuch as it is the first and only study to strengthen the deaf and hearing-impaired CSOs. Our goal was to expand the platform and empower CSOs in every aspect. We are very happy that we made our dreams come true.”*

*Van Hearing-Impaired and Their Families Association / VİED*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to strengthen the capacities of the hearing-impaired CSOs and to improve their dialogue with the public.





## STRONGER WHEN TOGETHER

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Association of Trace in Individual and Human Psychological Health

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

Human Resources Development Foundation (IKGV)

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

144.328,18 Euros / 160.364,65 Euros

[www.instagram.com/musterekproje/](https://www.instagram.com/musterekproje/)

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<http://www.musterekproje.org/>

## Highlights from the Project

- A "Needs Analysis Report" and a "Guide for Working with Refugees" were published and disseminated to CSOs working with refugees.
- 6 personal development workshops and 12 capacity-building training sessions were held for CSO employees and volunteers.
- A 10-week group therapy programme was completed with 8 groups of CSO employees and volunteers participating.
- 7 capacity-building and experience-sharing webinars were held.
- 6 meetings were held to create a network between CSOs.
- A website with a volunteering module and a CSO map was prepared.
- The "Dissemination and Advocacy Conference" was held, and the "Conference Book" was published.
- The "Social Impact Report" was published.



*We designed our project for CSOs working with refugees in partnership with IKGV because we know the value and difficulties of the work of these CSOs. They heal the "other", advocate and negotiate for the "other", they deal with their health, shelter, and other needs. We have been working together since April 1st, 2019 to heal and support them. The exhaustion rate of employees in this field is very high. While it is very difficult being "the other", it is also very difficult to testify to the tough process encountered on behalf of the "other". The trauma of witnessing their struggles takes a heavy toll on employees and it requires serious self-sacrifice. It is a serious effort to try to give life and hope to people who have lost their place, homeland, self, possessions, respect, dignity, hope, and sometimes their honour; it is a work full of pain, sadness, and despair. "Someone thought of us too," said one of our colleagues at one of the project events. We have always asked why our colleagues working in this field despite witnessing all kinds of trauma, choose to do so day after day. When they explain why they are in this profession, the motivation to change something is evident. Even when the effort on behalf of the "other" gives good and beautiful results, those who feel the pains of the process will become more human; then really someone should think of "YOU".*

*Association of Trace in Individual and Human Psychological Health*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to develop a tool for CSOs working with refugees, to strengthen the staff and volunteers, to create communication-advocacy opportunities, to develop the volunteer human resources of CSOs, and to raise awareness at the social level.



## A SCENE OF LIFE

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Association for Supporting Women Entrepreneurs

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

Pamukkale Rotary Club Association, The Denizli Soroptimist Club Association

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

87.303,34 Euros / 97.600,16 Euros

[https://www.instagram.com/yasam\\_sahnesi/](https://www.instagram.com/yasam_sahnesi/)

## Highlights from the Project

- Organizational capacity-building training was given to the members of the project stakeholders.
- Emotion-oriented artwork studies were carried out with the members of the project stakeholders and the final beneficiaries.
- Common-idea meetings were held between CSOs.
- A social impact analysis was completed.
- CSO meetings were held on the digital platform.



*Within the scope of our project designed to strengthen the institutional capacity of CSOs, we organized “advocacy and lobbying training”, “strategic plan preparation training”, “CSO legislation training”, “communication training”, “governance training” and “teamwork training” for the members of project stakeholders. In addition, we provided “stereotyping and discrimination”, “gender equality and women’s rights trainings” to project stakeholders, members and final beneficiaries. On the basis of emotion sharing and empathy meetings, we carried out emotion-oriented art activities. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we moved the project closing meeting and the NGO festival/antique city trip to the digital environment. We conducted “Effective Social Media Usage Training” and “Writing-Writing Content Production Training” online. We achieved all the goals we planned in our project by exceeding the numbers we expected. The visibility and recognition of our associations increased throughout the province and before public institutions. Within the scope of the project, many CSOs met each other for the first time and developed collaborations. A noticeable increase in the institutional capacities of the project implementing and co-applicant associations and in the personal equipment and awareness of the members of the associations became a reality. This increase was reflected in the number of members and volunteers.*

*Association for Supporting Women Entrepreneurs*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to increase the dialogue between CSOs, develop the institutional capacity of CSO members and the concept of their rights, strengthen women’s ways of expressing themselves, increase women’s participation in life, and to ensure that women work in CSOs not only as beneficiaries but also as members.



## GET THE NGOs TO BE ACTIVE

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Social Assistance and Solidarity Association for Midyat Women

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

Midyat Disabled Social Assistance and Solidarity Association

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

123.003,99 Euros / 136.671,10 Euros

<https://www.facebook.com/midyatkadinlaridernegi>

<https://www.instagram.com/midyatkadinlari/>

## Highlights from the Project

- A platform was created for CSOs operating at the local level.
- The reports on “The Situation of CSOs in Midyat”, “The Situation of Women in Midyat” and “The Situation of the Disabled in Midyat” were published.
- The CSOs received capacity-building training.
- The CSOs received training on “Women’s Rights” and “Disabled Rights”.
- A kite festival and picnic were held to draw attention to women’s rights and the rights of the disabled.
- A short film was produced about the situation of women and disabled people at the local level.

“ Within the framework of our project, we created a platform consisting of 20 CSOs. In our platform’ training courses, seminars, and meetings we emphasized that it was necessary to act together and by doing so our combined voices would be louder. A good development, through which we witnessed the power of acting together, took place during the project. We have only one gynaecologist in Midyat. Our doctor was appointed to move to Mardin Centre from Midyat. As expressed in our project, we acted together with an active CSO understanding and we made our voice heard; we ensured that our gynaecologist stayed in Midyat.

*Social Assistance and Solidarity Association for Midyat Women*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to develop research and problem assessment skills of the CSOs, guide the CSOs on how to use research and studies while developing projects and conducting advocacy campaigns, introduce impact assessment techniques to CSOs, and guide the CSOs that want to have a say in policy-making processes.



## ENHANCING THE ADVOCACY CAPACITIES OF YOUTH CSOs IN TÜRKİYE: GUIDING CSOs THROUGH RESEARCH

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Development Analytics Research and Education Association

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

Young Guru Academy

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

133.064,21 Euros / 147.947,75 Euros

<https://www.facebook.com/DevelopmentAnalytics>

<https://www.developmentanalytics.org/harnessing-the-power-of-youth>

## Highlights from the Project

- A report entitled “Putting Youth Power into Action: A Study on the Young People Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) in Türkiye & Policy and Civil Society Models Promoting Active Participation of the Youth” was prepared.
- The “Impact Assessment, Research Methods and Advocacy Training for Capacity-Building of Youth CSOs” seminar was held.
- The “Manual for Applied Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods Used in Development Projects” was published.
- A webinar was held to bring together policymakers and youth CSOs and to facilitate idea-sharing.
- A second webinar open to the public, especially to the academics, was held.



*We designed this project in partnership with the Dream-Partners Association (YGA), considering the problem of the youth who are not in education or employment in Türkiye, the contribution and importance of youth CSOs in empowering young people, and their participation in economic and social life. We aimed to bring this issue to the attention of policymakers and those working on or in youth-related fields by presenting a quantitative-based case study about youth not in education or employment. Additionally, we focused on highlighting these models and building their capacities in the field of advocacy by drawing attention to the working models of CSOs working on youth empowerment. With this perspective, we organized the “Impact Assessment, Research Methods and Advocacy Training for Youth CSOs” for the personnel of relevant CSOs from various provinces in Türkiye. We prepared the “Manual for Applied Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods Used in Development Projects” that can be useful for CSOs and policymakers working not only on youth issues but also on all issues regarding development. We have prepared a comprehensive research report that includes an extensive literature review, analyses of various micro-datasets, and CSO models and policies that address youth issues. We organized webinars with policymakers and academics to disseminate the research results. We hope that we raised awareness on the situation of young people who are not in education or employment, improved the capacity of CSOs in research methods, and thus contributed to the empowerment of young people in Türkiye through all these activities.*

*Development Analytics Research and Education Association*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to develop the research and problem assessment skills of the CSOs, to guide the CSOs on how to use the research while developing projects and conducting advocacy campaigns, to introduce impact assessment techniques to CSOs, and guide the CSOs that want to have a say in the policy-making processes.



## SUSTAINABLE FUND-RAISING MANAGEMENT AND SYSTEMS PROJECTS

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Hope Foundation for Children with Cancer (KAÇUV)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

107.049,42 Euros / 119.009,92 Euros

<https://www.facebook.com/Kacuv>  
<https://www.instagram.com/kacuv/>  
<https://kacuv.org/>

## Highlights from the Project

- A donor database (CRM) was created, and this system was integrated into the accounting system with a web donation option.
- The transfer of 83,817 individual support records to the CRM system was completed.
- During the project, 8,557 potential supporters were talked with, and 1,138 new supporters were reached via "Tele-Fund".
- 6,172 potential supporters were contacted, and 618 new supporters were reached through "face-to-face" activities.
- The "KAÇUV Hope Run" was organised with the participation of 1200 runners. 20 billboards, 15 advertising units, and 500 printed posters were used to promote the race.
- Digital communication and awareness-raising activities were carried out.
- Resource development training programme consisting of 3 modules was delivered to 28 CSOs.
- The "Project Final Report" was prepared and sent to 140 CSOs in print.



*We supported the strengthening of the infrastructure of both our foundation and related CSOs through our project that we carried out with the idea of strengthening the financial and administrative infrastructures of our foundation, developing its support and supporter capacity, and creating an innovative communication system. Within the scope of our project, we provided resource development training courses to CSOs. We believe that, in this way, they have created a difference on behalf of the institutions they are affiliated with. Nearly 2000 people participated in the Hope Run, with which we aimed to draw attention to childhood cancer, raise public awareness on this issue, and emphasize the importance of early diagnosis, while volunteers of all ages ran to raise awareness about childhood cancer. Awareness about the institution increased through this run. We believe that this project has indirectly touched the lives of individuals who are beneficiaries of the institution.*

*Hope Foundation for Children with Cancer (KAÇUV)*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to increase the recognition of KAÇUV among potential donors, establish a donation system based on feedback and accountability, and increase the donation capacity by creating an individual donation strategy.



## STRONGER CIVIL SOCIETY FOR INVOLVED FATHERHOOD

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Mother-Child Education Foundation (AÇEV)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

143.549,69 Euros / 160.624,03 Euros

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AnneCocukEgitimVakfi>

<https://www.facebook.com/annecocukegitimvakfi>

<https://www.instagram.com/acevkurumsal/?hl=tr>

<https://ilkisbabalik.acev.org/>

## Highlights from the Project

- Approximately 2000 fathers were reached through the “Father Support Programme”.
- Training was delivered for 30 volunteer trainers from different cities.
- Capacity-building training and strategy-development meetings were held for local Involved Fatherhood organizations.
- Local Involved Fatherhood organizations received support for their special needs.
- In cities where local Involved Fatherhood organizations are located advocacy activities, masculinity perception, and combating against violence workshops were held.
- 20.000 people were reached through campaigns and advocacy activities organized by local Involved Fatherhood organizations in the cities where they are operating.



*Fathers who have completed the Father Support Programme (FADEP) run by our foundation started to establish local Involved Fatherhood organizations to maintain the gains they have obtained, create solidarity among themselves, and popularize the involved fatherhood norms in their region. As a result of our project, which we designed to create an effective civil society within the scope of supporting, strengthening, and disseminating involved fatherhood in Türkiye, we observed that Local Fatherhood organizations took action on the issue of “involved fatherhood” by advocating in the cities they live in. We received a lot of positive feedback about their own fatherhood experiences from fathers who participated in these activities as local Involved Fatherhood members. Fathers stated that they have started to take more responsibility for their children’s nutrition, care, and education, as well as spending more quality time with their children. We were very happy to hear the stories of the fathers about the relationships they developed and strengthened with their children, as well as with their spouses, as a result of these efforts.*

*Mother-Child Education Foundation (AÇEV)*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to strengthen the management, communication, and advocacy skills of local fatherhood networks and to develop the capacity to create contents such as discourse and messages on involved fatherhood.



## HEAR THE CSOs

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

European Union and Global Studies Association (ABKAD)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

Economic Development Foundation (IKV)

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

131.833,55 Euros / 146.481,72 Euros

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<http://abkad.org/cssp-ii-062/>

## Highlights from the Project

- Networking initiatives were initiated with 50 CSOs on “Customs Union Reform”.
- Surveys on expanding the scope of the Customs Union were designed and conducted for CSOs in 5 provinces.
- Meetings were held in which policy recommendations on the expansion and updating of the Customs Union were shared.
- The “Seminar on Negotiation and Communication Techniques” was held and “Negotiation and Communication Techniques Training” was delivered for 50 CSOs.



*Within the scope of our project, with the participation of civil society organizations from different provinces (Kayseri, Eskişehir, Bursa, Antalya, İzmir); meetings were held to create a network among CSOs, increase the communication skills of CSOs by conducting surveys and study visits, and thus contribute to the policy-making processes regarding the expansion of the Customs Union. We designed these meetings, which enabled the CSOs to meet with the public sector, private sector, and academicians, as environments that prepared the ground for briefing and mutual exchange of views. We gave priority to media literacy in the “Seminar on Negotiation and Communication Techniques Training” which we organized. We held a short training session on negotiation techniques and communication skills attended by a group of 30 CSO representatives. We believe that we contributed to the development of cooperation between CSOs by strengthening the information infrastructure of the CSOs related to all these activities.*

*European Union and Global Studies Association*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to promote the creation of a network process among CSOs for their active participation in decision-making processes related to the Customs Union reform and Türkiye’s economic integration into the EU at the local and national level, and to increase the capacity of The European Union and Global Studies Association and other CSOs to participate in the policy-making process regarding the Customs Union reform.



# EDUCATION AND CULTURE





## BUILDING A SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING SYSTEM BASED ON THE GLOBAL REPORTING INITIATIVE (GRI) SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK IN AEGEAN CONTEMPORARY EDUCATION FOUNDATION (EÇEV)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Aegean Contemporary Education Foundation (EÇEV)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

134.845,71 Euros / 149.828,57 Euros

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<https://www.facebook.com/egecagdasegitimvakfi/>  
<https://ecev.org.tr/>

## Highlights from the Project

- One-to-one meetings were held with stakeholders and field visits were carried out to identify organizational needs and to analyse the current situation.
- Institutional revision studies were carried out on economic, environmental, and social dimensions, which are the main components of sustainability.
- The "Governance Internal Directives and Volunteer Guide" was published.
- A data collection and information management system was established in accordance with sustainability standards.
- Committees were established to monitor sustainability standards.
- The "Sustainability Report" of the Aegean Contemporary Education Foundation was published in both Turkish and English.

*Just a good idea, a good project, or even a good practice is no longer enough for a sustainable system. You need to monitor the implementation and the results of the implementation carefully and report it with indicators in compliance with global standards. While determining the strategic and operational requirements to measure the impact of our activities in the field of education through our project, we set out to ensure the establishment of the necessary infrastructure, to put into practice and report on a data-based management approach. The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), headquartered in Amsterdam, providing data on the impact of sustainability work on businesses, governments, and CSOs in more than 100 countries around the world, constituted the infrastructure of our reporting and communication activities. We aimed to inspire our stakeholders in the field of civil society with the "Sustainability Report" we published as a foundation operating in the field of education and voluntarily reporting on sustainability in Türkiye. This report, in which our social, economic, and environmental performance and the practices we have put into effect within the framework of our sustainability vision are shared, also represents the commitment we make to our stakeholders. With our project, it is among our top business priorities to render continuous support as part of our sustainability journey towards students, stakeholder schools and teachers, public institutions, and organizations, the CSOs we cooperate with, donors, volunteers, and employees of these CSOs, especially disadvantaged groups, and those who need scholarship and educational support. We will continue to support the social, economic, and environmental development of our society and to create sustainable value for our stakeholders with our responsible and accountable business model in the future, as in the past, through our activities.*

*Aegean Contemporary Education Foundation (EÇEV)*

## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to increase the administrative and financial sustainability of the Aegean Contemporary Education Foundation, improve its communication and advocacy skills, and strengthen its transparency and accountability.



## ROOTS: ROOTING FOR DEMOCRACY IN EDUCATION COOPERATIVES

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Limited Liability Ankara Another School is Possible Education Cooperative

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

Institut für Demokratieentwicklung, Germany

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

148.253,62 Euros / 164.726,25 Euros

<https://www.instagram.com/koklerprojesi/>

<https://www.koklerprojesi.org/>

## Highlights from the Project

- “Deep Democracy” and “Non-Violent Communication Training” courses were held for parents and educators.
- Study visits were made to Berlin and the Netherlands.
- An online workshop on “Rooting Democratic Cooperatives in Education and Rooting Democratic Communities Surrounding Education” was held.
- An online conference on “CSOs and Education” was held.

“ We designed our project to search for solutions to the problems in different fields of sustainability by improving the decision-making and implementation processes, and to contribute to the culture of democracy, which includes the civil society sector and especially CSOs working in the field of education. We observed that our democracy and non-violent communication training courses, which make the decision-making processes of our cooperative more democratic and faster, have also influenced the private lives of the participants. The fact that these methods were applied in intra-family communication stood out as a rapidly developed stakeholder effect.

*Limited Liability Ankara Another School is Possible Education Cooperative*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to improve the democratic processes for decision-making and implementation of the decision in the civil society sector, and to contribute to the culture of democracy by offering a new model for CSOs working in the field of education .



## SCHOOLS OF SOCIETY – STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY-BASED SCHOOLS

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Association of Solidarity Council of Turkish Education Foundations  
(TEVDAK)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

İstanbul High School Foundation (IELEV)  
Kabataş High School Education Foundation  
Nişantaşı Anatolian High School Education Foundation  
Vefa High School Education Foundation  
Edirne High School Education Foundation  
Zonguldak Mehmet Celikel High School Education Foundation

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

148.200,56 Euros / 164.667,29 Euros

<http://www.tevdak.org/ab-projesi/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Toplumun-Okullar%C4%B1-2356418657923247>  
<https://twitter.com/toplumokullari>  
<https://instagram.com/toplumunokullari>

## Highlights from the Project

- Workshops and capacity-building training were held in İstanbul, İzmir, and Ankara.
- An “Institutional Strategic Plan” was prepared between TEVDAK with its member education foundations to strengthen civil dialogue and increase the institutional capacity of these CSOs.
- A “Strategic Plan for the Development of Funding Resources” was prepared.
- A network was created to increase internship opportunities for the students and graduates of schools represented by TEVDAK member foundations.
- A short introductory film was prepared for the project.
- An online closing meeting was held.

“Our project resulted in warmer than expected relations between our target groups and new ideas were developed. Education law enforcement agents and actors led our target groups. One of our training and capacity-building activities in İzmir brought the Provincial Director of National Education and our teachers together. During this event, our teachers had the opportunity to convey the difficulties they experienced while working in the field directly to the Provincial Director of National Education. In the network development event held in İstanbul, we also had the opportunity to give detailed information about our project to the law enforcement agents. Students were also among the guests at our İstanbul capacity-building meeting. They had the opportunity to convey their ideas to higher departments. The networks established during these events were useful for students, teachers, and educational law enforcement agents to obtain information about each other. These activities, which concluded with evaluating students’ projects and teachers sharing their experiences, were important steps in achieving the goals of our project.”

Association of Solidarity Council of Turkish Education Foundations

## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to strengthen the communication, advocacy, financial sustainability, administrative, and fund raising capacities of TEVDAK and 15 TEVDAK member foundations.



## CIN ALI AT “SIX DOTS”

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

The Cin Ali Foundation for Education and Culture

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

The Association on Voice Description (SEBEDER)

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

60.283,61 Euros / 70.680,75 Euros

<https://www.instagram.com/cinalibizim/?hl=tr>

<https://twitter.com/CinAliBizim>

[www.cinali.com.tr](http://www.cinali.com.tr)

## Highlights from the Project

- “Cin Ali Story Books Series” consisting of 10 books were published in its original size in braille.
- “Cin Ali Reading Slips and Playing Cards” were printed on plexiglass plates in braille, and “Cin Ali Figures” were made with an embossed painting technique, as supportive educational material.
- The educational tools produced were distributed to all the schools for the visually impaired in Türkiye.
- The book “Study Notes and Life Stories”, which includes the life stories of the visually impaired participants and their thoughts on the rights of the visually impaired, was published in braille.
- 6 visually impaired participants visited 6 schools across the country.
- A fifteen-minute documentary introducing all the stages of the project was prepared and published on YouTube.
- The “Impact Analysis Report” was published.
- Training sessions were held on “Advocacy of Disability Rights”, “Communication Skills”, “Social Impact Analysis” and “Good Governance Practices”.

“ Within the scope of the project, which we designed to develop specific educational tools for our visually impaired children; Cin Ali Books and learning tools with games were published in braille. Shape training tools were prepared featuring the cartoon characters of Cin Ali books. These educational materials were distributed to all schools providing education for the visually impaired within the structure of the Ministry of National Education. We talked to students, teachers, and directors and prepared an “impact analysis report” after investigating the impact the project had. We visited the schools for the visually impaired in 6 provinces together with our visually impaired participants who have been successful in different fields. We prepared a book describing the lives of our participants and a film introducing the project. We strengthened our institutional capacity with the training we provided. Thanks to our project, our childhood friend, Cin Ali, who never grows up, is now in the world of the visually impaired.

Cin Ali Foundation for Education and Culture

## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice with the aim to contribute to the supportive educational tools available, to make the process of learning to read of the visually impaired first-grade students easier and more enjoyable.



## CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE ANTIOCH CIVILIZATION CHOIR

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Association of the Antioch Civilization Choir (AMKD)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

141.037,28 Euros / 156.795,20 Euros

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/antakyamedeniyetlerkorosu>

[www.medeniyetlerkorosu.com.tr](http://www.medeniyetlerkorosu.com.tr)

## Highlights from the Project

- A search conference was held in Hatay.
- Good practice guides were published and distributed.
- With the “CSO-CSO Dialogue Workshop” held in İstanbul, approximately 40 CSOs were reached on the national platform.
- An eight-day “Communication Training” course was given to the members of the association to improve their communication skills and increase their effectiveness.
- “Increasing Volunteer Skills Training” was given to various CSO members across Hatay.
- Capacity-building training was given to approximately 60 participants (association members and employees of local CSOs).
- The online concert held in cooperation with the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs, reached more than 2000 participants within Türkiye and abroad.
- During the online “Public-CSO Dialogue Workshop”, a “Lobbying Roadmap” was created with the participation of 60 stakeholders.
- With the concerts held in Hatay and İstanbul within the scope of the CSO-CSO dialogue, a civil network of approximately 1000 people was established.
- The “Common Sense Workshop” was held in Hatay with the participation of 65 CSO representatives.
- The “Best Practices Guide” was shared at the “Experience Sharing Conference” in which 90 local CSO officials participated.

“ We focused on preparing long-term institutional and strategic plans to improve the capacity of our association with our project. Additionally, we focused on cultural diversity, the inclusion of gender equality in general practices, and the importance and necessity of equal opportunities. One of our project activities was Volunteering Skills Development Training. Participants from many local CSOs and universities took part in the training that we successfully completed. Later, we organized a music workshop to support the “A New Perspective on the Adaptation and Harmonization Process of Urban Refugees: Social Innovation Experiment Project for Inclusive City Construction” jointly held by Hatay Mustafa Kemal University and Yıldız Technical University. In this workshop, we were very impressed by a refugee who had previously participated in the Volunteering Skills Development Training that was given within the scope of our project. He learned and sang the song “My Country” to show his appreciation for us. We think that this is the sincerest indicator of how we touched people’s lives with our activities when someone who cannot speak Turkish fluently memorized this song that has a deep meaning for the Turkish people and sang it to us.

Association of the Antioch Civilization Choir (AMKD)

## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to increase the prestige of The Association of the Antioch Civilization Choir (AMKD) and to turn it into a nationally and internationally powerful CSO by improving its administrative, communication, fund raising, and advocacy capacities and ensuring its financial sustainability.



**THE ENVIRONMENT,  
AGRICULTURE,  
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY  
AND FOOD**



## GET TÜRKİYE CYCLING

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Sustainable Transport and Cities Association Türkiye (WRI Türkiye)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

Stichting Dutch Cycling Embassy (DCE), The Netherlands

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

149.933,61 Euros / 166.592,90 Euros

<https://www.instagram.com/wrisehirler/>

<https://www.facebook.com/wrisehirler/>

<https://wrisehirler.org/>

## Highlights from the Project

- A study visit to Amsterdam was realised and training programmes were implemented.
- “Strategic and Effective Communication Training” was given to the staff of the pilot municipalities (İzmir Metropolitan Municipality, Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality, and Lüleburgaz Municipality) and related CSOs.
- Mentoring support was provided to pilot municipalities during the campaign development process.
- Bicycle transportation campaigns were held in pilot cities.
- The project report was completed.



*We put our project into effect to encourage the municipalities that wanted to turn bicycles into a means of transportation to organize communication campaigns on this issue. Participants from İzmir Metropolitan Municipality, Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality, and Lüleburgaz Municipality, the pilot centres of the project, and local CSOs working with bicycles, received training and carried out study visits both in Türkiye and in the Netherlands on organizing communication campaigns to encourage the use of bicycles as a means of transportation within cities. At the end of the training and mentoring processes, the municipalities designed their own communication campaigns on bicycle transportation. All three municipalities have stated at every opportunity how valuable and productive it was to work with different units of the municipality (technical, communication, operational) and with CSOs. At the end of the project, we published a report containing the experiences, communication campaigns, and results obtained by each municipality during this period. We hope that this report will be a roadmap for other municipalities in Türkiye that want to turn to bicycle transportation.*

*Sustainable Transport and Cities Association Türkiye (WRI Türkiye)*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to improve the capacities of WRI Türkiye and municipalities for a more sustainable dialogue on the issue of use of bicycles and to enable CSOs to participate in policy determination and decision-making processes at local and national levels.



## STRENGTHENING POLICY DIALOGUE AND JOINT LOBBYING AMONG FARMER AND FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Food, Beverage, and Agricultural Policy Research Association

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

113.556,60 Euros / 133.596,00 Euros

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<https://www.facebook.com/giftarastirma/>

<https://twitter.com/giftarastirma>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfWZ7B5H2v6j-dCHEYLLgSA/videos>

<http://gift.org.tr/>

## Highlights from the Project

- An “Advisory Committee” which included important actors from the food and agriculture sectors was established.
- 3 “Advisory Committee Meetings” were held.
- “Advocacy Training” was given to civil society representatives from the Agriculture and Food Sector of İstanbul, Adana, Şanlıurfa, Antalya, İzmir and Ankara.
- Meetings and stakeholder visits where farmers and industrialists came together, were held.
- The “Agriculture-Food Policies Workshop” was held.
- A “Comparative Report” was prepared on common advocacy frameworks, consensus building, and common policy advocacy.
- A guide on “Policy Advocacy Tools” was published.
- A web platform was established.
- 10 animated videos on advocacy were prepared.
- Policy proposals were prepared under 6 headings to be submitted to the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye.



*Communication between the different actors of the food value chain is of vital importance in overcoming the common problems experienced by these parties. If these actors identified their problems correctly, learn to advocate effectively, and manage to act together for joint lobbying, they could influence the course of the agriculture food agenda by being involved in policymaking. We believe that we have touched the lives of farmers with our project. In many cities where we met with farmers, we listened to their problems and expectations and we believe that we were able to show them different perspectives through these activities. We are happy to report that the farmers stated they were influenced and inspired by each other through this project. Additionally, we worked with various stakeholders and prepared policy recommendations under 6 main headings to be submitted to the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye. We also prepared and posted advocacy-related animated videos and training materials on our “Ortakpolitika.org” web platform to make them available to relevant stakeholders.*

*Food, Beverage, and Agricultural Policy Research Association*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to increase the democratic participation of private sector parties in public policy and decision-making processes in the field of food and agriculture.





## INCREASING THE REPUTATION MANAGEMENT CAPACITY OF CSOs IN TÜRKİYE

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Association of Eastern Anatolia Agricultural Manufacturers and Nutrition

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

IFOAM Organics International, Germany

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

148.496,00 Euros / 164.995,56 Euros

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<http://www.siviltoplumprojem.com/>

## Highlights from the Project

- The “Strategy Planning Workshop” and the “Communication Planning Workshop” were held to improve the management capacities of the participating CSOs.
- A study visit to Germany was organised.
- “Strategy Planning” and “Communication Planning” training were given to participating associations.



*We designed our project, in which 12 associations from Türkiye and 10 associations from Germany participated as contributors, to expand the spheres of influence of CSOs by improving their management capacities and to increase their success in achieving their goals. During the implementation of our project activities, we contacted associations other than our associate associations and they also wanted to take part in our project. The association strategy, communication strategies and related presentations, and the input from experts from our partner, IFOAM, excited our participating association members. They had the opportunity to observe innovative and international practices.*

*Association of Eastern Anatolia Agricultural Manufacturers and Nutrition*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to create a platform for the capacity building of CSOs operating in the field of organic agriculture in Türkiye and to strengthen the administrative and financial capacities of the relevant CSOs.



## CAPACITY BUILDING OF FRA (FOOD RESCUE ASSOCIATION) FOR FOOD WASTE PREVENTION AND REDUCTION IN TÜRKIYE

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

Food Rescue Association

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

104.165,45 Euros / 117.039,83 Euros

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<https://gidanikurtar.org/>

## Highlights from the Project

- Workshops were held in İstanbul and Antalya with the participation of food banks, CSO representatives, retail and producer corporate companies, HORECAs (hotel, restaurant, catering), public institutions, local administrations, and government representatives to create a “common sense and action” strategy to prevent food waste.
- The first “Advocacy Guide” to guide CSOs to build a strong advocacy for the reduction and prevention of food waste was prepared.
- The “Legislative Proposal Report” on food waste management and food donation was compiled.
- The “Industrial Symbiosis Feasibility Report” was prepared to guide the mapping of food waste, recycling of the waste, and the operation of circular economy processes in Türkiye.
- At the final meeting, all reports and guides created during the project were shared with the public.
- A national network that started with the manifesto of “Save Your Food” and that brought together all its stakeholders, was created.



*A strong public-CSO-private sector dialogue was exemplified during the implementation process of our project, which brought up food waste to the agenda in Türkiye, brought together all stakeholders in food, and contributed to the creation of a strong cooperation and dialogue environment among the public-civil society-private sector components. Through this dialogue environment, it was possible to create data-based project outputs that were developed with common sense. Many practices, such as ensuring the participation of civil society in decision-making mechanisms and increasing advocacy capacity, including policy proposals in public agendas, were realized through the exemplary studies directly followed in the Save Your Food Project. In the project, three main publications and reports were created, which is a first in Türkiye. The first of these, the “Advocacy Guide”, will guide civil society organizations to create strong advocacy for the reduction and prevention of food waste. The “Legislative Proposals Report”, in which national legislation was developed with proposals to reduce food waste and encourage food donation, has the characteristics of being the first report and legislation guide in Türkiye. Last, the “Industrial Symbiosis Feasibility Report”, a publication that will map food waste in Türkiye and form the basis for the operation of waste recovery and circular economy processes, was created.*

*Food Rescue Association*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to improve the technical skills and capacities of the Food Rescue Association and other CSOs in policy advocacy and impact assessment.



## CAPACITY BUILDING IN TÜRKİYE'S FOOD BANKING

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY

The Basic Needs Association (TIDER)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES)

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT

12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

136.613,25 Euros / 151.792,50 Euros

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<https://twitter.com/Tidersosyal>

<https://www.tider.org/>

## Highlights from the Project

- Meetings were held with Global Food Banking Network experts.
- A guide containing food bank standards, procedures, and principles was published.
- A guide for food bank training and consultancy processes was published.
- A guide on control mechanisms and processes of food banks was published.
- Meetings were held with local administrations and local CSOs in 24 provinces of Türkiye to promote food banking and to lead the way in opening new food banks.
- Meetings for "Food Donation" were held with producers, wholesalers, and retailers.
- The digital "Support Cloud Platform" and application, where the donation system is managed, was developed.
- Training and consultancy programmes were offered to municipalities and CSOs that will open food banks.
- Inspections were carried out in the 3 newly opened food banks.



*We aimed to strengthen the capacity of food banks to take a more active role in combating poverty and waste through this project. To achieve this goal, we created guidelines on standards and procedures and provided training and consultancy programs to enhance their administrative and financial, communication and advocacy, and transparency and accountability skills. We held meetings in 24 provinces and provided consultancy services that led to the opening of 12 new food banks. Thanks to these newly established food banks, 12,000 people in Adana, where we conducted our pilot study, and 100,400 people throughout Türkiye were able to obtain food and hygiene items to meet their basic needs. We believe that our project has laid the foundation for a sustainable and impactful initiative that will continue to grow and benefit large communities.*

*The Basic Needs Association (TIDER)*



## The Objectives of the Project

The project was put into practice to improve the capacity of Türkiye's food banking sector, increase its working capacity and enable product donations to food banks through an online platform.





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