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# **Civil Society Dialogue Between Türkiye and the European Union Programme VI**

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# Foreword

*Since 2008, Türkiye and the European Union (EU) have been implementing the Civil Society Dialogue Programme between Türkiye and the EU, with the goal of bringing together civil society organisations from Türkiye and EU member states around a common issue in our EU accession process, and assisting societies in getting to know each other, exchanging information, and establishing a permanent dialogue.*

*Implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs under the Instrument of Pre-Accession (IPA) Civil Society Sector, the Civil Society Dialogue Programme has been a vital tool for fostering social and cultural dialogue between Türkiye and the EU by removing the existing prejudices.*

*In the last phase of the Civil Society Dialogue Programme which is 2021 - 2023, a total of 4.7 million euros was provided for 33 dialogue projects implemented in cooperation with civil society organisations from Türkiye and EU member/candidate countries. The supported projects included activities of public disclosure in Türkiye and the EU on Türkiye's EU accession process as well as the establishment of cooperation, partnership and networking on EU acquis issues. These grant projects were implemented by 27 beneficiary institutions from Türkiye and 6 of them from EU Member States.*

*As the Directorate for EU Affairs, we are pleased to share with you the success stories and achievements of the projects we have supported during our journey towards full EU membership. Through the grant projects involving many activities in Türkiye and EU countries, our civil society organisations have contributed to our EU accession process as important actors. We would like to thank all civil society organisations and public institutions that have been together with us throughout this journey for their endeavour in order to establish a stronger civil society, their cooperation and contributions to the programme.*

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

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# I. Civil Society Dialogue (CSD) Programme from Past to Present

In its 2005 Communiqué on Civil Society Dialogue between the European Union (EU) and candidate countries, the European Commission stated that it would support a strong, deep and continuous dialogue between the societies of member and candidate countries, involving the EU institutions.

Following this development, "Civil Society Dialogue" was recognized as an important part of Türkiye's EU accession negotiations. It stood out as an important step towards eliminating the existing prejudices between Türkiye and the EU, strengthening social and cultural dialogue and ensuring Türkiye's integration into the EU.

This process laid the foundations of the Civil Society Dialogue Programme. The EU-funded Civil Society Dialogue Programme between Türkiye and the EU was thus designed by the Directorate for EU Affairs (then known as the Secretariat General for EU Affairs) in 2006 as a platform that would bring together civil society organisations from Türkiye and EU member states around a common issue, enabling them to get to know each other, exchange information and establish a permanent dialogue. The programme, which has been running for more than 15 years, has provided the opportunity for the building of bridges and opening of new doors in the field of civil society.

Civil Society Dialogue, which completed its sixth term in 2023, contributed to the introduction of EU norms and examples of good practices to Türkiye and the development of mutual understanding through partnerships and networks developed between Türkiye and the EU in different thematic areas. A grant support of approximately 53 million euros was provided to civil society within the scope of the six phases of the programme. With 414 projects implemented, the regulations implemented in the EU harmonisation process in Türkiye were adopted at the local level, the project implementation capacities of associations, foundations, local administrations, universities, cooperatives, professional chambers and unions were improved, and bridges extending to the future were built over the entire process. A total of 502 organisations from 26 EU and 2 IPA countries became part of the dialogue. Almost 430,000 people from Türkiye and EU countries and more than 1800 civil society organisations came together at the events. Over 35000 people participated in nearly a thousand trainings organised within the scope of the projects. Social media campaigns reached nearly 50 million people.

## 1ST PHASE 2008-2009

In the first phase, a total of 18.7 million euros was provided to 118 projects developed by actors with significant impact on the dialogue, such as municipalities, professional associations, universities and youth organisations, together with partners from EU countries. In this process, 234 civil society partnerships were established in Türkiye and 21 EU Member States.

## 2ND PHASE 2010-2012

In the second phase, covering the areas of culture-art and agriculture-fishery, 41 partnership projects were supported with more than 5 million euros, while nearly 300 thousand euros were allocated to small-scale activities developed on different themes. The 95 partnerships established further strengthened civil society dialogue between Türkiye and the EU.

## 3RD PHASE 2014-2016

The third phase under the heading of political criteria and media, witnessed partnership projects of the media and civil society organisations from Türkiye and the EU. A grant of 1.9 million euros was provided to 15 dialogue projects developed by media organisations that would play an active role in raising public awareness on the benefits of EU membership for Türkiye and the Union. A resource of approximately 4.5 million euros was allocated to 36 partnership projects in the priority areas of human rights, anti-discrimination, democracy and the rule of law.

## 4TH PHASE 2015-2016

In the fourth phase, around 10.3 million euros in grants were awarded to 77 partnership projects on environment, energy, consumer protection, justice, freedom and security, right of establishment and freedom to provide services, regional policy and coordination of structural instruments, enterprise and industrial policy, agriculture and fisheries and education.

## 5TH PHASE 2019-2022

In the fifth phase, a grant support of about 6.9 million euros was awarded to 40 partnership projects focusing on dialogue development and cooperation in areas such as the disabled, the elderly, refugees, gender equality, education, health, agriculture, food and environment.

## 6th Phase 2021-2023

In the sixth phase, around 4.7 million euros was granted to 33 partnership projects, involving activities to inform the public in Türkiye and the EU about Türkiye's EU accession process and cooperation, partnership and networking on the EU acquis and related issues. Nearly 5,000 participants benefited from 334 training activities organised within the scope of the projects implemented in this phase. In addition to the training activities, 120 events were organised in Türkiye and 31 in EU countries. More than 8,000 people attended the events conducted in the EU and Türkiye. 78 videos and 15 TV/radio programmes were prepared for the promotion and awareness raising activities of the projects. The program's social media campaigns reached nearly 7 million people. 33 partnership/goodwill documents were signed between civil society organisations in the EU and Türkiye. Within the scope of the projects, 7 policy documents were prepared by CSOs to be submitted to public institutions and 6 cooperation protocols were signed between public institutions and CSOs.



## II. Reflections from the Sixth Phase of the Dialogue

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

**22** networks/platforms were created.

**428** CSOs became members of these networks and platforms.

**7** policy documents were prepared by CSOs to be submitted to public institutions.

**6** cooperation protocols were signed between public institutions and CSOs.

### Cooperation of CSOs in the EU and Türkiye

**33** partnership & goodwill documents were signed between Türkiye and EU civil society organisations.

### Visibility and Communication Activities

**7** websites were created.

**9720** brochures and posters were produced.

**21** reports and books/booklets were prepared.

**13480** reports and books/booklets were distributed.

**6.951.800** accesses were reached.

**15** publications/TV/radio programmes were prepared.

**78** movies/videos/animations/games/spots were produced.

### CSOs in Civil Society Dialogue Activities

**31** events were organised in EU countries.

**835** people participated in events in EU countries.

**120** events were organised in Türkiye.

**7415** people participated in events in Türkiye.

**251** CSOs participated in events.

**334** training activities were organised.

**4737** people participated in training activities.

**40** activities were realized in EU countries.

**218** people participated in activities in the EU.

**25** activities were carried out in Türkiye.

**93** people participated in the activities in Türkiye.

# 33

Grant Projects

### Distribution of Coordinator Beneficiaries in EU Countries:

Belgium	2
The Netherlands	1
Italy	2
Hungary	1

# 27

Türkiye

# 6

EU member states

### General Distribution of Grant Beneficiaries

### EU Countries Co-Beneficiary Distribution:

Germany	1
Belgium	5
Bulgaria	3
Czechia	2
Estonia	1
France	2
Croatia	2
The Netherlands	5

**4.747.460,38**

Total Grant Amount (EUR)

**5.280.016,71**

Total Budget Including Co-financing (EUR)

Spain	1
Sweden	2
Italy	5
Lithuania	2
Hungary	3
Poland	1
Portugal	1
Romania	3
Greece	1
Slovakia	1



### III. Activities organised under the Civil Society Dialogue-VI Programme and Civil Society Support Programme-III Technical Assistance Project

➤ 5-7 April, 7-9 April, 12-14 April 2021

#### Grant Implementation Training Activities

Grant Implementation Training for CSD-VI and CSSP-III projects was organised in three categories. The first of these included face-to-face activities; the second group was organised online for grant beneficiaries of Türkiye-based CSOs and the last training was organised for grant beneficiaries of EU-based CSOs. A total of 152 participants from 66 grant projects attended the trainings.

➤ 7 October 2021

#### Communication Training

The Launch Event was combined with the Grant Programs Communication Training, allowing participants to interact for a longer period of time.

➤ 8 October 2021

#### Civil Society Dialogue-VI and Civil Society Support-III Launch Event

Grant programmes were introduced to the public at the Launch Event in Istanbul with the participation of 203 participants. A networking event was organised within the scope of the event. The importance of the relevant grant scheme support for CSOs to strengthen their capacities and increase their cooperation with other partners in the EU was highlighted. A total of 88 news items were covered in different media outlets through a special press release and video served to national and local media in Türkiye.

➤ 22 November 2021

#### Focus Group Meeting titled "Why does the Civil Society Sector Care about Social Entrepreneurship?"

As part of the Global Entrepreneurship Week, an online event was organised with the participation of 99 people to raise awareness on social entrepreneurship, share information on current developments and good practices, and discuss the needs of grant beneficiaries together with social entrepreneurs.

➤ 25 November 2021

#### Civil Society Meetings: 2nd National Consultation Meeting on Civil Society Dialogue and Civil Society Support Programmes

In the meeting organised with the participation of 190 participants from civil society, public and stakeholder groups, the thematic priorities of the grant programme were emphasized and consultations were held on the 5 thematic support areas of the grant programmes.

➤ 23 February 2022

#### Post-Grant Evaluation Interviews

Online in-depth interviews were conducted with 14 projects from CSD-VI and 12 from CSSP-III to assess the overall impact of the programmes. Other projects not selected for interviews were referred to online surveys. 57 grant projects participated in the surveys.

➤ 24-25 February 2022

#### Social Entrepreneurship Training

During the training held in Ankara with the participation of 25 experts from the Directorate for EU Affairs, participants shared knowledge and experience on social entrepreneurship and its impact and role in the civil society sector. Following the face-to-face training, a half-day online interactive event was organised to reinforce the information conveyed during the training process.

➤ 9-11 March 2022

#### Final Report Training

The final report preparation training was organised in Ankara with the participation of 8 experts from the Directorate for EU Affairs, 15 representatives from the Central Finance and Contracts Unit and 68 grant beneficiaries.

➤ 14-16 March 2022

#### Online "Final Report Training" for grant beneficiaries from Türkiye and EU Countries

Within the scope of the grant implementation training activities, online training on final report preparation was held between 14 - 16 March 2022 in two different sessions in English and Turkish. A total of 40 representatives from 32 different grant projects of CSD-VI and CSSP-III participated in the online training sessions.

➤ 29 March 2022

#### Impact Investing and Civil Society Conference

A small-scale meeting was organised in Istanbul with the participation of 60 representatives from 33 different organisations, including public institutions and CSOs. The meeting aimed to discuss the impact investing model, which focuses on generating financial returns by creating positive and measurable social and environmental benefits and has reached the level of 2.3 trillion dollars worldwide, with civil society representatives and impact investors in our country.

➤ 19 April 2022

#### **Social Entrepreneurship Training**

During the online training with the participation of experts from the Directorate for EU Affairs, experts were informed about the basic concepts of social entrepreneurship. During the training, experts were provided with detailed and up-to-date information to follow the practices of grant beneficiaries implementing social entrepreneurship projects and contribute to their future planning.

➤ 29 April, 20 May and 25 May 2022

#### **Civil Society Dialogue Türkiye Network Meetings**

Three meetings were held with the participation of the project team. During these meetings, potential benefits, boundaries, limitations, network types and models in Türkiye, work plan, potential stakeholders, methodology were discussed.

➤ 14–20 June 2022

#### **Civil Society Dialogue Türkiye Network (CSDTN) – Pre-planning meetings**

Within the scope of the establishment of the Civil Society Dialogue Türkiye Network, consultation meetings were held in Istanbul and Ankara with the project team, experts from the Directorate for EU Affairs and potential CSOs (Economic Development Foundation, Women Entrepreneurs Association of Türkiye, Türkiye Europe Foundation, Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation, Third Sector Foundation of Türkiye, Civil Society Development Centre and Vehbi Koç Foundation) for the secretariat of the network.

➤ 5 July 2022

#### **Good Practices at Local Level Meeting**

The meeting, held in Bursa with the participation of 63 representatives from 43 different organisations, aimed to provide a platform for sharing experiences. During the meeting, experiences and good practices on public-civil society cooperation, advocacy and capacity building of CSOs were shared and medium and long-term cooperation opportunities were discussed.

➤ 7 October 2022

#### **Focus Group Meeting on "Public-Civil Society Dialogue from the 11th Development Plan to the 12th Development Plan"**

A meeting was organised in Ankara to discuss the progress made in public-civil society cooperation practices since the adoption of the 11th Development Plan.

➤ 28–30 November 2022

#### **Dialogue and Support Programmes Evaluation Meeting**

The last focus group meetings were held in Izmir with 34 participants to assess the implementation processes and results of the CSD and CSSP programs, network and dialogue capacity and good practices.

➤ 7–8 December 2022

#### **Advanced Project Management Training**

The training was held with the participation of 25 experts from the Directorate for EU Affairs.

➤ 19 December 2022

#### **Closing Event**

A closing event for the CSSP-III and CSD-VI Grant Schemes was organised in Antalya with the participation of 210 participants.

➤ 20 December 2022

#### **National Consultation Meeting with the theme "Civil Society Seeks Its Future"**

The meeting, which was organised to evaluate the programs from different perspectives and discuss the mechanisms established for the sustainability of cooperation and dialogue, was attended by 178 participants from CSOs, public institutions and other stakeholder groups.

➤ 24–25 January 2023

#### **Study Visit to Spain**

In order to promote the Civil Society Dialogue Türkiye Network, a study visit to Barcelona was organised with the participation of 14 participants from network member civil society organisations, the Directorate for EU Affairs and the Central Finance and Contracts Unit.

➤ 16–17 May 2023

#### **Study Visit to Germany**

In order to promote the Civil Society Dialogue Türkiye Network, a study visit to Berlin was organised with the participation of 14 participants from the network member civil society organisations and the Directorate for EU Affairs.

➤ 29–30 May 2023

#### **Study Visit to Italy**

In order to promote the Civil Society Dialogue Türkiye Network, a study visit to Rome was organised with the participation of 16 participants from the network member civil society organisations and the Directorate for EU Affairs.





## IV. Project List

### Vulnerable Groups

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- A Common Challenge-Two Different Cultural Perspectives
- Fostering Social Inclusion in Multicultural Regions
- Spend a Day with Me
- We Unite in the Council of Consumer Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Stand by Me
- Project for the Development of Rehabilitation Programme through Art Activities for Children in Prisons
- Strengthening the Elderly through Dialogue between CSOs in EU and Türkiye
- Europe and Disability
- Digital Inclusion for Older People
- Enable Bridges with Sustainable Dialogue
- Making the Invisible Visible: Mentally Disabled People in Europe and Türkiye
- Learning and Collaborating on Countering Hate Speech in Türkiye and New EU Member States

### Collaboration

- Milk Matters: All You Need is Quality Milk
- Facilitating ESCO and EPC Sector Through CSO Partnership (FACILITEE)
- Innovative Approach for Developing Social Entrepreneurship
- Excellence Platform for Social Cooperative Development
- Civilogue: Deepening Active Dialogue
- Let's Aware of Unpaid Labour Among Women
- Building Networks for Social Enterprises: Fair Trade Türkiye
- Euro-Turkish Civil Society Recognition
- TO BE COOP-Territorial Organizations Boosting EU-Turkish COOPeratives

### Environment

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- Pesticide Free Towns Türkiye
- Continued Dialogue, Closer to Europe

### Culture and Tourism

- Getting Back to Nature for a Healthy Life

### Education and Youth

- Sustained CSO Dialogue on Employment of Youth with Disability
- Peace Culture Education Network-PeaCE Net
- Civil Society Dialogue for Empowering Youth-Works in Local

# VULNERABLE GROUPS



“ The overall objective of the Strengthening Dialogue Between the EU and Türkiye in the Area of Migration and Security project is to strengthen the dialogue between the EU and Türkiye in the areas of 'Information Society and Media (Chapter 10), Justice, Freedom and Security (Chapter 24), Foreign Affairs (Chapter 30), Foreign, Security and Defence Policy (Chapter 31)' in the EU Acquis and to develop policy recommendations in the relevant areas. Specifically, the project aims to increase cooperation between civil society organisations, academics and policy makers in the field of migration and society and to raise awareness in the media in the EU and Türkiye. The project also aims to change the perception of migration in the EU and Türkiye and to close the knowledge gap on the causes and positive effects of migration. ”

Efe Can Çeliksoy  
The European Union and Global Research Association  
Project Assistant

# Strengthening Dialogue Between the EU and Türkiye in the Area of Migration and Security

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:**  
 Dialogue for Europe, Belgium

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**  
 The European Union and Global Research Association (ABKAD)

**ASSOCIATE(S)**  
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**DURATION OF THE PROJECT:**  
 12 Months

**GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:**  
 EUR 147,583.60 / EUR 163,981.78

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):**  
 Ankara, Istanbul, Gaziantep, Brussels, Bruges (Belgium)

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Dialogue-for-Europe-109866927858840/>  
<https://twitter.com/dialogueeurope>



## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to ensure inclusion of CSOs in the decision making process in Türkiye and the EU as regards immigration and security policies of the EU as well as their contributions to potential future policies. Within this context, it was aimed to establish institutional cooperation between CSOs in Türkiye and Belgium, to share good practices and to build the capacities of CSOs for policy engagement.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- A conference on migration was organized at VUB University with the participation of 35 people. By webcasting the event, more viewers were reached than planned.
- A conference focusing on migration was organized at the Belgian Press Club with the participation of 50 people. The event was broadcast online, reaching a large number of external audiences in addition to the participants who were physically present.
- A press conference was organized at the Belgian Press Club with the aim of changing the perception of migration in the European and Turkish media.



Meetings were organized with European Commission's Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission's Department for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME), EU External Action Service (EEAS) and European Parliament to discuss the external dimensions of migration issues and the security aspects of migration management.

5 civil society representatives and academics from Türkiye, a networking meeting was organized in Brussels with the participation of 10 representatives from the EU.

3 policy recommendations were prepared and shared with relevant institutions.

#### 4-day visit to Türkiye for cooperation on "Migration and Security"

A meeting with academics was organised at Sabancı University in Istanbul with the participation of 4 people from Belgium.

In Ankara, the visit included meetings with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs and a roundtable discussion on migration and security issues at Ankara University's European Communities Research and Application Centre (ATAUM).

A conference on strengthening migration cooperation between the EU and Türkiye was organised at TOBB University with the participation of 300 people physically and 1000 people online.

A research report was prepared within the scope of the activities.

#### 4-day visit to "Belgium" focusing on "security"

Interviews were held with experts from DG NEAR and EEAS, as well as policy makers, academics, journalists and civil society representatives.

Views were exchanged with the European Parliament's Türkiye Rapporteur and cabinet members and policy advisors in the EU institutions.

A conference on enhancing cooperation in the field of foreign defence and security policies was held at the press club with the participation of 50 people and project representatives. The event was broadcast online, reaching a large number of external audiences in addition to the participants who were physically present.

A conference was organised by the European Security and Defence Network at the College of Europe, hosting 20 physically present and 20 online participants.

A networking meeting was organised in Brussels with the participation of 7 people from Türkiye and 10 from the EU, including civil society representatives and academics.

Upon completion of the activities, 3 policy recommendations were prepared and shared with policy makers in both the EU and Türkiye.

In order to break down negative perceptions of EU-Türkiye relations in the field of security and migration in European and Turkish media, 22 news items were covered.

Social media posts in Türkiye reached more than 1.5 million viewers.



“A sustainable communication network was established between the CSOs of Türkiye and EU member states through the exchange of information on implementations of 'women-friendly cities' and on the approach of 'women with disabilities' in CSOs dealing with the women issue. Thus, the level of knowledge and awareness of disadvantaged women living in the rural areas of Rize and Ordu on 'women-friendly city practices' and 'women with disabilities in CSOs concerned with women' increased.”

Berrin Yeğen  
The Association for Women's Movement in  
Rural Areas (BİZ DE VARIZ),  
Chairperson of the Board of Directors

## Civil Society Dialogue for Strong Women

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

The Association of Women's Movement in Rural Areas (Biz de Varız)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Gender Studies NGO, Czechia (Gender Studies, o.p.s)

Estonian Association of Disabled Women, Estonia (Eesti Puuetega Naiste Ühenduste Liit -EPNÜL)

Lithuanian Women's Association, Lithuania (Lietuvos Moteru Draugijos – LMD)

### ASSOCIATE(S):

Prague Municipality

Ordu Gülyalı Municipality

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 149,923.69 / EUR 166,581.88

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Rize, Ordu, Prague (Czechia), Estonia and Lithuania

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

[www.bizdevarizdernegi.org](http://www.bizdevarizdernegi.org)

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

<https://twitter.com/bizdevarizderne>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083737238241>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/bizdevariz-derne%C4%9Fi-a11749245/>


<https://www.youtube.com/@womenmovementassociationat6435>





### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out to improve dialogue between CSOs in Türkiye, Czechia, Estonia and Lithuania in order to bring women CSOs to a more active and stronger level. Through this dialogue, it was aimed to exchange information between Turkish and European CSOs on "women-friendly cities" and "women with disabilities approach" of women CSOs and to inform local governments on the issue.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

 A coordination team was established to carry out monitoring, measurement, evaluation and reporting activities.

 Prague Municipality, Fındıklı Municipality, Gülyalı Municipality, Ardeşen Municipality, Pazar Municipality, Çamlıhemşin Municipality, Görele Municipality, Trabzon Metropolitan Municipality and Ordu Metropolitan Municipality participated in all stages of the activities and supported the project at every step. The project was not limited to Rize and Ordu, but had a great impact on the entire Black Sea region.

 2-day round table meeting was organised in Prague where experiences on "Women Friendly City Practices" were shared and good practices of Prague Municipality were examined on site.







“The project examined how 'aging', which is a global problem, is handled in the Netherlands and Türkiye and what the cultural differences are in the two countries, especially in providing the support they need for elderly individuals. The civil society dialogue aimed to shed light on what the two countries can learn from each other and how they can improve their approaches.”

Mehmet Gürbüz  
Güven Education and Health Foundation  
Project Coordinator

## A Common Challenge-Two Different Cultural Perspectives

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Kennisland Foundation, The Netherlands (Stichting Nederland Kennisland)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Güven Education and Health Foundation

### ASSOCIATE(S):

Ankara Social Sciences University Social Innovation Centre (ASBU)

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

14 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 144,961.41 / EUR 161,139.86

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Ankara, Amsterdam (the Netherlands)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

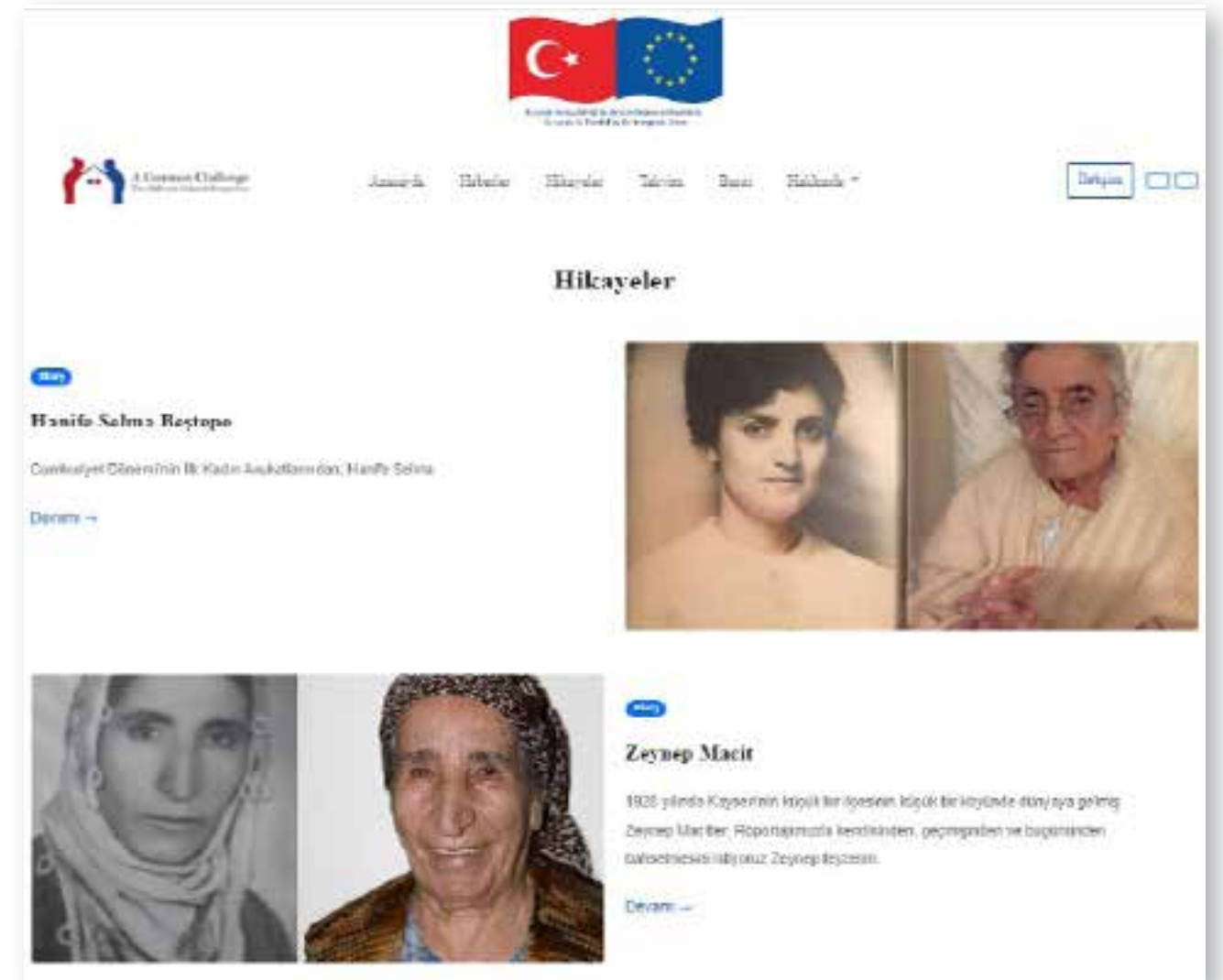
[www.kl.nl](http://www.kl.nl)

<https://twitter.com/Kennisland/>

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

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/kennisland/>

<https://acommonchallenge.org/tr>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project examined the issues of the aging population and elderly care in the Netherlands and Türkiye, taking into account the cultural characteristics of both countries. In this way, it was aimed to reveal the approaches of the two countries on aging, to identify the strengths and weaknesses and to reach a more inclusive synthesis through mutual learning.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

A total of 6 working groups, 3 in each country, were formed with the participation of experts from Türkiye and the Netherlands.

A comparative report was prepared to determine the current situation of elderly care in Türkiye and the Netherlands from different cultural perspectives.

An opening ceremony was organised in Ankara with the participation of 100 people and news concerning the event was covered in the mainstream media.



📢 Within the scope of awareness raising activities, meetings were held with representatives of relevant public institutions and and H.E. Ambassador of the Netherlands to Ankara.

📄 The project website ([acommonchallenge.org](http://acommonchallenge.org)) was prepared and project activities and outputs were included on the website.

📖 A total of 10 stories from both countries were compiled on the topics of aging and elderly care. A selection of these stories was also featured on the website and at the closing conference.

📅 Study visits were organised to the Netherlands and Türkiye. 3 seminars were organised during the Ankara study visit and 2 seminars were organised during the Netherlands study visit. 21 people attended the events in Ankara and 30 people attended the events in the Netherlands. At the meeting held in Ankara, a protocol was signed to continue the cooperation between the two CSOs.

📅 A closing conference was organised in Ankara to announce the results of the project to a wider audience.

🗣️ The project enabled actors from the academia, public and private sectors, including 14 CSOs, to work and learn together on aging and to establish international cooperation.





“ The cooperation of civil society organisations and municipalities is very important for the social inclusion of disadvantaged groups. We tried to bring together good examples from our country and Europe and disseminate them. ”

Erdem Vardar  
Yuva Association  
Founding Director & Project Coordinator

## Fostering Social Inclusion in Multicultural Regions

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Yuva Association

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Support Group Network, Sweden (SGN)

### ASSOCIATE(S):

Avcılar Municipality  
Şişli Municipality  
Möndal Municipality (Sweden)  
Trollhättan Municipality (Sweden)

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 149,697.10 / EUR 166,998.11

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Istanbul, Hatay, Möndal, Trollhättan (Sweden)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

[www.yuva.org.tr](http://www.yuva.org.tr)  
<https://twitter.com/yuvadernegi>  
<https://www.instagram.com/yuvadernegi/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/yuvadernegi>  
<https://www.youtube.com/@yuvadernegi5451>  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/yuvadernegi/>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to improve the dialogue between CSOs in Türkiye and Sweden. The dialogue aimed to improve the working methods of CSOs in both countries to promote social inclusion in multicultural areas through cooperation with local authorities.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

👥 A briefing committee was formed; consisting of 4 municipality representatives from Türkiye and Sweden, 2 managers representing the applicants and 2 experts.

✈️ 3 study visits to Germany, Sweden and Türkiye were organised with the participation of 20 CSOs.

👥 A workshop was organised with the participation of 15 representatives to discuss and determine the ways of working, achievements and recommendations to be shared in the White Paper.

🗣️ An online panel discussion on the White Paper was organised with the participation of 62 CSOs and municipalities from Türkiye and Europe, including FIER (Fast Track Integration in European Regions) project partners.

📄 The White Paper was prepared in Turkish and Swedish and distributed to CSOs working on social inclusion.

🗣️ A panel discussion was organised in Istanbul with the participation of 119 representatives from 29 different CSOs to raise awareness on social inclusion interventions under the Social Policy and Employment Acquis (Chapter 19).

🎓 Yuva Association's Migration Awareness and Social Inclusion Training Program was revised and digitized. The training sessions were conducted 5 times with the participation of municipalities in Türkiye. A social impact analysis report was prepared at the end of the training activities.

👥 With the participation of 12 people, an assessment meeting was held to share feedback and suggestions for possible future work.

“ Our aim with the project was to make a small touch to the lives of people with disabilities and to help people recognize people with disabilities. We wanted to show people the necessity of living together with people with disabilities at any moment, at any time of life. We prepared awareness films with our Lithuanian partner to raise social awareness of people with disabilities. Our motto in this field: We Are Great Together, If we are together, we can live together. How About That?

”

Murat Gürkan  
International Association of Great Educators  
and Special Educators  
Vice President

## Spend a Day with Me

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

International Association of Great Educators and Special Educators

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Psychosocial and Work Integration Centre, Lithuania (Psichosocialines ir Darbo Integracijos Centras)

### ASSOCIATE(S):

Altındağ District Directorate of National Education  
Bionic Eared Children Social Assistance and Solidarity Association

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 148.924,09 / EUR 165,471.22

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Ankara, Vilnius (Lithuania)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

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

<https://www.instagram.com/ubed.tr/>

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfkvWWZY3Qj04N35JlIFug>








## PROJECT OBJECTIVES


The project was carried out to contribute to the public understanding of problems faced by people with disabilities in their daily lives in Türkiye and Lithuania and to establish a dialogue between the relevant CSOs. The dialogue aimed to create support groups among people with disabilities and their families and experts working with people with disabilities; to help people with disabilities overcome the difficulties in daily life; to support the development of the "subjective well-being" of the families of people with disabilities; and, to create short films to raise awareness about the difficulties experienced by people with disabilities in daily life.


## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS


 In order to help people with disabilities overcome difficulties in daily life, 5 awareness-raising films were prepared, covering the daily lives (home life, school/work life, friendships, social life, etc.) of 10 people with disabilities (five types of disabilities) and their families in Türkiye and Lithuania. The films were released in Turkish, Lithuanian and English with a sign language option.


 Two workshops were organised in Türkiye and Lithuania to create dialogue and support groups among persons with disabilities, their families and experts working with persons with disabilities. 130 people from Türkiye and 60 people from Lithuania participated.


 219 people from Türkiye and 46 people from Lithuania participated in 3 online seminars organised to create dialogue and support groups between target groups in Türkiye and Lithuania.


 Five social media platforms were established for people with disabilities and their families living in Türkiye and Lithuania.

 Two workshops were organised in Türkiye and Lithuania to establish dialogue between disabled people, their families and experts working with disabled people. The workshop in Ankara was organised with 130 participants and the workshop in Vilnius with 60 participants. 2 workshop papers were prepared.

 Training was provided to 30 parents from Türkiye and 8 parents from Lithuania on the subjective well-being of the parents of disabled persons.

 A book of parents' stories about their experiences was prepared and 1500 copies were printed.

 Parents' feelings of having a child with a disability, the problems they experience, their social lives were described and published in the form of a book in Turkish, Lithuanian and English.

 The Subjective Well-Being Training Program, which helps parents of children with special needs to improve their psychology and self-regulation with the help of creative drama and social support groups, was delivered to 38 families with disabled children from Türkiye and Lithuania.



“

We have worked for the creation of new policies on consumer rights of persons with disabilities in Türkiye and international level. We tried to disseminate the policy document both at national and international levels. We created a network of consumer rights of persons with disabilities. The main message of our work is that consumer right is a fundamental human right and this right should be ensured for all segments of society, including persons with disabilities.

”

Coşkun Gök

The Confederation of Persons with Disabilities  
Project Coordinator

## We Unite in the Council of Consumer Rights of Persons with Disabilities

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

The Confederation of Persons with Disabilities

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

The Association of Consumer Rights  
Federation of Sports for People With Visual Disabilities, Bulgaria  
Bulgarian National Association Active Consumers

### ASSOCIATE(S):

The Federation of the Blind in Türkiye  
The Federation of the Disability Rights  
The Samsun Federation of the Disabled  
The Federation of Associations for Barrier Free Living  
Federation of Mental Disability

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 127,751.04 / EUR 143,540.50

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Türkiye and Bulgaria

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<https://www.engellilerkonfederasyonu.org.tr>  
<https://twitter.com/EKonfederasyonu>  
<https://www.instagram.com/engellilerkonf/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7A6raKMKi2bDV1M2GjmbpA>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to create a network for bringing together disability and consumer CSOs. Within this framework, the project aimed to establish the “Confederation of Disabled Consumer Rights” among CSOs in Türkiye and EU member states, to identify best practices on disability legislation and consumer rights in EU countries and to set a model for Türkiye.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

👥 The “Disabled Consumer Rights Network” (ETHA) was established. 15 CSOs representatives took part in ETHA’s executive board. 7 CSOs from consumer rights and 36 CSOs from disability rights fields became network members; engellituketicihaklari.org was prepared in Bulgarian-Turkish-English.

🌐 A virtual platform, engellilericindiyalog.org was published in Turkish-English-Bulgarian for ETHA members for communication and planning their joint work.

👥 ETHA’s 2022-2024 strategic plan was prepared; an international Consumer Rights of Persons with Disabilities Workshop was organised with the participation of 75 people.

📄 A Manifesto on Consumer Rights of Persons with Disabilities presented at the end of meetings with the participation of more than 70 representatives from 20 CSOs; a DiploHack event was organised with the participation of 13 people.

✂️ A 5-day study visit was held in Sofia. Within the activity, Turkish Embassy and press institutions were visited.

🏠 Training activities were organised in Ankara, İstanbul, Bilecik, Gaziantep, Hatay and Diyarbakır on how Türkiye’s EU accession is beneficial for the field; 188 people participated in 6 trainings.

💻 2 online seminars were organised with the participation of 103 people, for raising awareness on Türkiye’s EU accession and sharing international best practices on the field of consumer rights of persons with disabilities.

🌐 The project turned out to be first study in Türkiye that established the perspective of “people with disabilities have consumer rights”. Before the start of the project, the number of internet search about consumer rights of persons with disabilities was not even 10, and then this number rose to 7500 by the end of the project period.



“ It is the fundamental right of every child to benefit from equal opportunities in education. We defend the right of children with autism to receive the same education as their peers in kindergartens to ensure their integration. With our Stand By Me project, we aim to solve the adaptation problems faced by children with autism in daily life at an early stage and to support our kindergarten teachers informatically. Our children with autism are not alone, their shadow teachers are with them. ”

Nejla Arslankurt  
İlgi Autism Association  
Board Member

## Stand by Me

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** İlgi Autism Association

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**

Natsionalna Asotsiatsia Na Resursnite Uchiteli, National Association of Resource Teachers (Bulgaria)  
RATA O.Z (Slovakia)

**ASSOCIATE(S):** –

**DURATION OF THE PROJECT:** 18 Months

**GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:**

EUR 145,060.47 / EUR 161,178.30

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):**

Ankara, Sofia (Bulgaria), Slovakia

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS**

<https://ilgiotizm.org.tr/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/ilgiotizm>  
<https://www.instagram.com/ilgiotizm/>  
<https://twitter.com/ilgiotizm>  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMSt\\_BNpKkPZXmnp1l7V92g?app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMSt_BNpKkPZXmnp1l7V92g?app=desktop)  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/ilgiotizm>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to contribute to the provision of adequate and appropriate early intervention for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Türkiye by increasing the cooperation of CSOs in Türkiye and EU member states. Within this context, it was aimed to develop mechanisms for the widespread and regular implementation of the shadow teacher practice in pre-school and primary school education of children with ASD in Türkiye.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 🎓 20 qualified shadow teachers/paraprofessional educators were trained to provide service in preschool and primary school education for children with ASD in Türkiye.
- 🎓 250 experts were qualified to become shadow teachers.
- 🎓 300 school administrators and education staff and 500 parents of children with ASD were informed about the importance of well-trained shadow teachers in the education of children with ASD.
- 🎓 A supporting staff training module was developed in order to support children with ASD.
- 📄 1 informative brochure for families and 2 informative booklets for students and graduates of child development and education departments were prepared about ASD.
- 🌐 A online platform was developed for training shadow teachers and steering them to the association.
- ✈️ Experiences were shared through study visits to different institutions which work on ASD in Austria, Czechia and Germany.

“ We ran a project about developing a rehabilitation programme for children in prisons through artistic activities. We have developed a programme to improve the communication skills of children in penal institutions, to strengthen their self-expression skills, and to solve the problems they experience in issues such as conflict resolution. ”

Ezgi Baltalı  
Turkish Association of Social Workers  
Project Coordinator

## Project for the Development of Rehabilitation Programme through Art Activities for Children in Prisons

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:**

Turkish Association of Social Workers (SHUDER)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**

Centre of the Association for Promoting Lifelong Learning, Romania  
(Asociatia Centrala Pentru Promovarea Invatarii Permanente Timisoara – CPIP)

**ASSOCIATE(S):**

Ministry of Justice General Directorate of Prisons and Detention Houses  
Izmir Juvenile and Youth Closed Penitentiary Institution  
Urla Women's Open Penal Institution

**DURATION OF THE PROJECT:**

15 Months

**GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:**

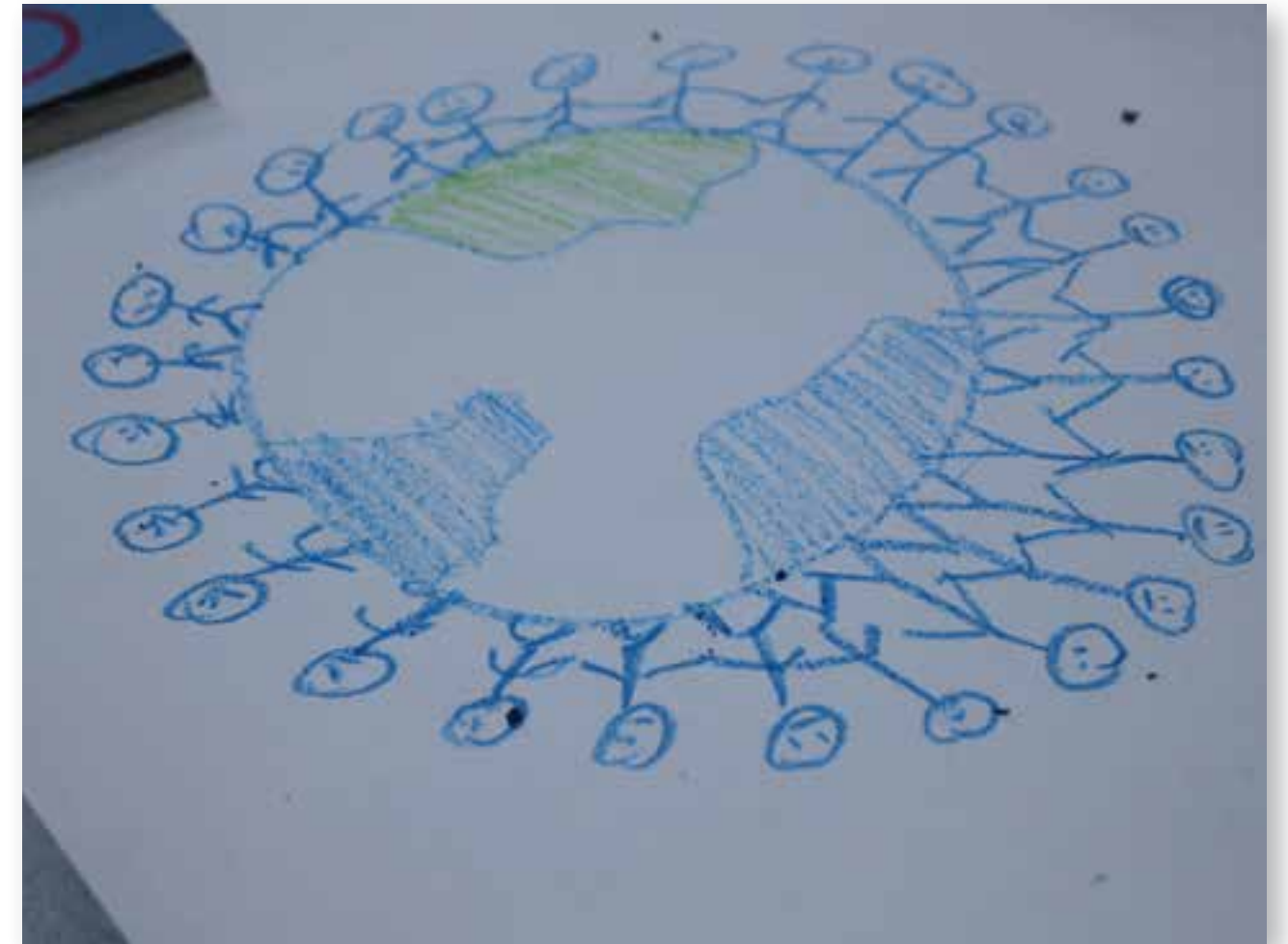
EUR 149,177.36 / EUR 165,752.63

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):**

Izmir, Romania, Belgium

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:**

<http://www.shuder.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/shudernegi>  
<https://twitter.com/SHUdernegiGM>  
<https://www.instagram.com/shudernegi/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UczDU-v49qUwebHv8wwPocVQ>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out to build a strong and sustainable dialogue between CSOs in Türkiye and Romania in order to contribute to the reduction of the rate of juvenile recidivism after release from prison. Within this context, it was aimed to develop an alternative rehabilitation program to be implemented in juvenile prisons in Türkiye.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

🗨️ During the study visit to Romania, ideas were exchanged on the needs of the justice and prison system.

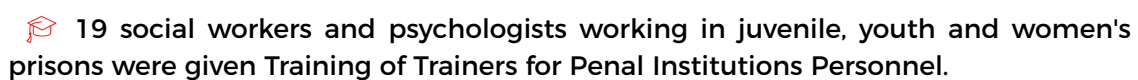
🌐 Connection with 10 CSOs from Europe was established through the networking event in Brussels.


🤝 A sustainable partnership was established between SHUDER and CPIP.


👤 An alternative rehabilitation program called Sa-Re was developed to be implemented in juvenile prisons in Türkiye.

📄 A 92-page training kit was prepared and printed. The training kit was shared with the General Directorate of Prisons and Detention Houses of the Ministry of Justice and it was also published digitally.





 An academic research was prepared on the comparison of prison and justice systems. A policy recommendation on medical treatment practices in prisons was submitted to the Ministry of Justice.

 At the Closing Event, CPIP, SHUDER and participants jointly developed 3 project proposals.





“ The fact that struck us during the activities of our project and which we want to share with people is that Türkiye will also turn into an elderly society in the future and various measures should be taken in this regard immediately ”

Okan Doğan  
Yoruk Turkmen Foundation  
Project Assistant

# Strengthening the Elderly through Dialogue between CSOs in EU and Türkiye

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Yoruk-Turkmen Culture Service, Science, Health, Education, Research, Development and Solidarity Foundation (YÖRTÜRK)

## CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Association for Research, Study and Promotion of Food for the Elderly, France (Association de Recherche, d'Etude et de Promotion de l'Alimentation des Seniors – ALIM50+)  
Campus Arnau d'Escala Private Foundation, Spain (Fundació Privada Campus Arnau d'Escala)

## ASSOCIATE(S):

Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT)  
Birlik Haber-Sen

## DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

17 Months

## GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 149,698.35 / EUR 166,331.50

## PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Türkiye, Spain and France

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<https://yorukturkmenvakfi.com/>  
<https://twitter.com/VakfYorturk>  
<https://www.instagram.com/yorturkvakfi/?hl=tr>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8no-fW9BSzs&feature=youtu.be>




## PROJECT OBJECTIVES


The project was implemented to create mechanisms between CSOs in Türkiye and EU member states working on the sustainability of the social and economic lives of the elderly persons. This dialogue mechanism aimed to raise awareness on Türkiye's accession to the EU by investigating the economic and social living standards of elderly people living in Türkiye and EU member states.


## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS


- 👥 The institutional mechanisms of the 3 CSOs involved in the project were strengthened through a structured 3-year partnership plan.
- 🗣️ 45 people from France, Spain and Türkiye participated in the workshops on social inclusion and employment of the elderly.
- 📄 More than 200 people were consulted for the analysis on the adaptation of the elderly to social and economic life.
- 📊 28 private sector representatives and 85 elderly people participated in the survey conducted to examine the occupations suitable for the elderly in Türkiye and the EU.





 A letter written by 25 elderly people, emphasizing the importance of the employment of old people, was submitted to private sector organisations .

 A comparative report on the employment of the elderly in Türkiye and the EU was prepared and 300 reports were shared with relevant institutions and individuals.

 Three story nights were organised with the participation of 30 elderly people from Türkiye, Spain and France who told their true stories about the social life and employment of the elderly in Türkiye, Spain and France. A 45-minute documentary consisting of the stories compiled at these events was prepared to be broadcast on TRT Documentary channel.

 At the local level, partnerships were established with institutions such as Ankara University Centre for Ageing Studies, 65+ Elderly Rights Association or SENEX Association for Ageing Studies.

 An Integrated Model Report for the Elderly was prepared and 300 reports were shared with relevant persons and institutions.

 Following the completion of the renovation of the hobby workshop at Yörtürk Foundation's Elderly Care Centre in Ankara, 20 elderly people participated in training programs on topics such as handicrafts and podcast production, and the works produced by the elderly were exhibited at the closing meeting.

 1 youtube channel was launched.





“ With our Europe and Disability project, we evaluated the impact of the EU on disabled people and civil society organisations working with disabled people and tried to raise awareness on this issue. We cooperated with many associations of the disabled from abroad. We distributed the reports we prepared all over Türkiye. ”

Mustafa Hakan Tanyeli  
Sinop Spastic Children Association  
Project Coordinator

## Europe and Disability

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Sinop Spastic Children Association

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

International Centre for the Promotion of Education and Development, Italy (Centro Internazionale per la Promozione dell'Educazione e lo Sviluppo - CEIPES)  
PHOENIX Postgraduate Institute, Romania (Institutul Postliceal "PHOENIX")

### ASSOCIATE(S):

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 140,273.17 / EUR 155,945.72

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Ankara, Antalya, Aydın, Istanbul, Izmir, Gaziantep, Yalova, Malatya, Mardin, Samsun,

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<https://www.sinopscd.org.tr/>  
<https://twitter.com/DernegiSinop>  
<https://www.instagram.com/sinopozelilkevim/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/sscdozelilkevimreabilitasyon>





### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out to encourage a strong dialogue between CSOs dealing with the disabled in Türkiye and EU countries. The dialogue aimed at analysing the EU's contribution to disabled people living in member and candidate countries and raising awareness on the impact of the EU process on the rights of persons with disabilities.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

 A network was established between CSOs working on the field of disability in Türkiye and EU countries.

 With the participation of 20 representatives from different CSOs, the cooperation capacity of network member CSOs was increased.

 An online networking meeting was organised with the participation of 58 people from 45 different CSOs.

 In 10 provinces, regional meetings targeting CSOs dealing with the disabled were held. Representatives from 14 CSOs attended the meetings.

 2 strategy meetings were organised.

📋 The perception of stakeholders in the field of disability was investigated through quantitative and qualitative analyses, and reports were developed on the contribution of the EU process to the lives of persons with disabilities.

📋 The 6 reports prepared under the project were translated into sign language for the hearing impaired. Audio description versions were prepared for the visually impaired.

💬 Questionnaires were administered to 4015 people from the target groups and in-depth interviews were conducted with 100 people. 4 focus group meetings were organised with 20 stakeholders.

📡 133 CSOs working in the field of disability were reached directly and 641 CSOs were reached indirectly through the activities.

📢 “avrupaengellilik.org website” was prepared in Turkish and English. More than 6000 people visited the website.

📢 The awareness-raising film reached nearly 5000 viewings on the social media.

📋 2000 brochures, 500 qualitative reports, 1500 quantitative reports were printed and distributed.

🌐 12 Turkish and 4 English news bulletins were prepared.

🌐 An email address database was created with the contact details of 1300 CSOs dealing with disabilities.





“ We defend that everyone has the right to live without isolation, deprivation and exclusion. With our digital inclusion project, we supported individuals over the age of 65 and even over the age of 50, who are the immigrants of this world. Our slogan is: The world is ours with a touch. ”

Nergis Dökmeci  
65+ Elder Rights Association  
Project Coordinator

## Digital Inclusion for Older People

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** 65+ Elder Rights Association

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**

Hellas 50+ Civil Society Organization (50Plus Hellas), Greece

**ASSOCIATE(S):**

Bezmialem Foundation University  
Istanbul Technical University Computer and Information Engineering Faculty  
Boğaziçi University Computer Engineering Department  
Bağcılar Municipality  
Bayrampaşa Municipality  
Beşiktaş Municipality  
Şişli Municipality  
Zeytinburnu Municipality

**DURATION OF THE PROJECT:**

18 Months

**GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:**

EUR 135,696.33 / EUR 150,773.70

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):**

Istanbul, Athens (Greece)

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:**

<https://yaslihaklaridernegi.org>  
<https://tr-tr.facebook.com/65YHD/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/yaslihaklaridernegi/>  
<https://twitter.com/65yhd>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX1b9vsPnlkXylgtbvZrQw>  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/65-yaşlı-hakları-derneği/>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented with the aim of developing a sustainable dialogue between CSOs working on the elderly in Türkiye and Greece to contribute to the improvement the living conditions and standards of the elderly. The dialogue aimed to share best practices among CSOs on issues related to the elderly, to emphasize the importance of digital inclusion of the elderly, and to inform the public on the participation of the elderly in social and cultural life in both countries.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 🎓 A digital literacy training program was prepared for the elderly in Turkish, Greek and English.
- 🎓 300 volunteers received training of trainers as "digital friend" volunteers.
- 🎓 A total of 724 elderly people received training under the project.
- 🗣️ Awareness raising and advocacy activities were organised in Istanbul and Athens.
- 🗣️ Experience sharing meetings were held in Istanbul and Athens.
- 🗣️ Continuous dialogue between partner CSOs was increased.



“Through our project "Enable Bridges with Sustainable Dialogue", we created structured dialogue processes between civil society organisations and public institutions in Romania and Türkiye. Our motto is to create new bridges between civil society organisations and public institutions working in the field of disability, to strengthen the piers of these bridges and to establish connections with new bridges in other parts of the world.”

Zeynep Öztürk  
 Association for the Development Centre for Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families (EBAGEM)  
 Project Assistant

# Enable Bridges with Sustainable Dialogue

- COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:**  
 Association for the Development Centre for Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families (EBAGEM)
- CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**  
 Association for Promoting Equality among Young People, Romania (Asociatia pentru Promovarea Egalitatii intre Tineri (ADAPTO))
- ASSOCIATE(S):**  
 Yenisehir Municipality  
 Mersin Provincial Directorate of National Education
- DURATION OF THE PROJECT:**  
 12 Months
- GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:**  
 EUR 141,079.50 / EUR 156,755.00
- PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):**  
 Mersin, Constanta (Romania)
- COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:**  
<https://ebagem.org.tr/>  
<https://m.facebook.com/ebagemdernegi/posts/>  
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## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to contribute to the development of cooperation between CSOs and public institutions in Türkiye and EU member states on the rights of the disabled. Within this context, it was aimed to raise the awareness of both persons with disabilities along with their families and the society on the rights of persons with disabilities.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- The number EBAGEM volunteers increased and the number of ADAPTO members rose from 20 to 35.
- A blended learning module was created, including e-learning. “ebridged.org”, an online learning platform in English, Turkish and Romanian, was established.
- A 75-page guide was prepared in 3 different languages for the training of local youth workers. The guidelines were shared with 300 organisations dealing with the disabled.
- A total of 17 trainers consisting of representatives of public institutions and CSOs from Türkiye and Romania were certified. The certified trainers organised 17 trainings.
- 237 people working in CSOs in Türkiye and Romania were trained on disability rights.



- 26 CSO and public institution managers increased their knowledge on structured dialogue, sustainability and social policy making at local level.
- 237 youth workers were involved in local workshops and seminars and informed about disability policies in the EU and Türkiye.
- A European Network was established through 12 CSOs from Türkiye and Romania and 12 more CSOs from other EU member states were involved in the project.
- 161 people attended the Sustainable Dialogue Bridge Summit in Mersin.
- Two platforms were established; one in Mersin and one in Constanta. 2 policy recommendations were prepared.
- Advocacy skills of 12 Local CSO managers from 2 countries were enhanced.
- 16 people from Türkiye had the chance to observe good practices in Romania through the study visit.
- A closing conference was organised in Mersin with the participation of 83 people.
- 58 public institutions, 87 CSOs and 567 stakeholders in the field of disability were reached and informed about European Social Policies.
- 10,081 people were reached through 2 animated films, 5 event videos and 1 project film.



“*Making the Invisible Visible!*” With the project, we strived to increase the visibility of people with intellectual disabilities in society in Türkiye and Europe and to create a Europe-wide solidarity network between civil society organisations dealing with people with intellectual disabilities; we had very useful experiences and sharings. The most important thing was the beautiful moments we lived through during the focus group meetings when we witnessed the efforts of disabled people to express themselves.

Çiçek Tutuş  
Elazığ Schizophrenia Solidarity Association  
President

## Making the Invisible Visible: Mentally Disabled People in Europe and Türkiye

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Elazığ Schizophrenia Solidarity Association

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Coimbra Cerebral Palsy Association, (Associação de Paralisia Cerebral de Coimbra) Portugal

### ASSOCIATE(S):

Elazığ Provincial Directorate of Family, Labor and Social Services

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 131,049.82 / EUR 145,610.92

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Elazığ, Coimbra (Portugal)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<https://sizofrenidernegi.wordpress.com/>  
<https://tr-tr.facebook.com/sizofrendelazig/>  
<https://twitter.com/elazigsizofreni>  
<https://www.instagram.com/elazigkulturahanekitapcafe/>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project implemented with an aim to increase the visibility of people with intellectual disabilities in the society, to encourage the inclusion of people with disabilities in education and to raise awareness in the society on this issue by creating a solidarity network between CSOs working on intellectual disabilities in Türkiye and EU member states.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

📄 A comparative research report on the problems of persons with disabilities in Portugal and Türkiye and recommendations on the implementation of policies for persons with intellectual disabilities was developed and published in the languages of the partner countries. Throughout the research activities, 198 individuals with intellectual disabilities and 71 family members living in Elazığ and Coimbra were involved.

🤝 Through the project activities, partnerships with Elazığ Directorate of National Education and Elazığ Governorship were developed and the existing partnership with Elazığ Provincial Directorate of Family, Labor and Social Services was strengthened.

👥 A stakeholder meeting was held with 20 participants representing institutions in Elazığ.

🎓 32 CSO representatives, social workers and trainers attended the training.

🏠 During the seminars organised with the participation of 24 family members in Türkiye and 18 in Portugal, families received information on emotional support mechanisms and communicating with their children at home.

🌐 EU Solidarity CSO Disability Network and Workshop was organised with 45 participants from Türkiye and EU countries as well as other IPA countries. A report including policy recommendations was prepared at the end of the workshop. Partnerships were established with international and national organisations concerned with intellectually disabled people. 3 new projects were developed.

🤝 Representatives of 33 CSOs, social workers and educators working in the field of disability from EU member states met in Elazığ and developed ideas for cooperation at EU level.

✈️ With the participation of 15 people from Türkiye and 3 people from Portugal, 2 study visits were organised to Elazığ and Coimbra.

📢 A 10-month online campaign was carried out, telling the stories of people with intellectual disabilities in three languages. The campaign, which featured more than 50 stories, reached more than 16,000 people through different social media platforms.

👥 The visibility of people with intellectual disabilities in society, primarily in Elazığ and Coimbra, was enhanced.



“Through our project, we aimed to contribute to the respect for human rights and strengthen the capacity of CSOs in Türkiye and EU countries, especially the new members, to fight with hate speech against immigrants, ethnic/religious minorities and disadvantaged groups in print and online media. In this context, a total of 30 rights-based CSOs, one in Istanbul and one in Diyarbakır, received training on fighting against hate speech. Parallel to the training activities, we completed our project with counter-narrative campaigns, field visits to Budapest and Brussels for experience sharing meetings and a European Conference in Istanbul.”

Mahmut Sansarkan  
Türkiye Programme Coordinator of Minority Rights Group Europe

# Learning and Collaborating on Countering Hate Speech in Türkiye and New EU Member States

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Minority Rights Group Europe, Romania (Minority Rights Group – MRG Europe)

## CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Hrant Dink Foundation

## ASSOCIATE(S):

Minority Rights Group (MRG) (UK),  
Minority Rights Group International (MRGI) (Belgium)

## DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

## GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 135,000.00 / EUR 150,000.00

## PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Türkiye, Belgium, Hungary, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Slovakia

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<https://minorityrights.org/>  
<https://twitter.com/minorityrights>  
<https://www.instagram.com/minorityrightsgroup/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/minorityrights> <https://www.youtube.com/user/minorityrights/featured>  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/minority-rights-group-international/>



## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to contribute to the respect to be paid to the human rights of immigrants and persons belonging to ethnic and religious minorities in Türkiye and Europe and the fight with discrimination against these people. Within this context, it was aimed to strengthen dialogue and cooperation between CSOs in Türkiye and EU countries to fight with hate speech more effectively.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

📢 A common platform was formed by 30 CSOs working in the fields of minority rights, women's rights, communication, law, media, children, youth, people with disabilities, ecological rights, discrimination, equality, human rights, rights of refugees and asylum seekers and immigrants.

👥 Following the completion of the counter-narrative video production training, exchange visits and roundtable discussions on best practices, a network was established between CSOs in Türkiye and their European counterparts.

🎓 30 CSO representatives received training on fighting with hate speech in Diyarbakır and Istanbul. Of the 30 CSO representatives who received training, 80% reported that they were able to detect, monitor and analyse hate speech more effectively.

👥 30 CSO representatives were mentored as regards the organisation of campaigns against hate speech.

👥 In the meetings held in Budapest and Brussels, 10 CSOs from Türkiye, 3 from Hungary, 1 from Slovakia, 1 from Bulgaria and 3 Brussels-based organisations came together.

📰 The European conference on sharing best practices to fight against hate speech in print and online media in Türkiye was realised in Istanbul with the participation of 70 people.

🌐 With the active participation of media representatives as all parties and beneficiaries of the project, 10 media news reflecting the promotion of human rights were produced.

👥 5 counter-narrative campaigns were produced, reaching 75,000 people in sum.

# COLLABORATION



“ We conducted studies to ensure that the quality of raw milk reaches the EU level. We organised events together with representatives of the dairy sector, SETBİR members and our project partners. We attended the Cremona Livestock Fair in Italy and visited farms. We visited the dairy association in the Netherlands, one of the largest milk producers in the world, and saw their farms and prepared a comparative analysis report. What is important for us is quality in raw milk, quality in the product and the quality of life. ”

Feyza Başak Coşkun  
Union of Dairy, Meat, Food Industrialists and Producers of Türkiye  
Senior Food Engineer

## Milk Matters: All You Need is Quality Milk

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Union of Dairy, Meat, Food Industrialists and Producers of Türkiye

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Italian Food Industry Federation, Italy (Federazione Italiana Dell'industria Alimentare)

### ASSOCIATE(S):

Turkish Agricultural Milk Producers Association  
Central Union of Cattle Breeders of Türkiye  
National Milk Council  
Turkish Feed Industrialists' Association

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 140,892.67 / EUR 156,547.42

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Ankara, Izmir, Bursa, Konya, Sakarya, Milan (Italy), The Hague (Netherlands)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:


<https://www.setbir.org.tr>  
<https://twitter.com/setbir1976>  
<https://www.instagram.com/setbir/>  
[www.facebook.com/setbir1976/](https://www.facebook.com/setbir1976/)  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVdLOYsPavSmLDzBZvksBRw>





### PROJECT OBJECTIVES


The project was put into practice so as to encourage CSOs and dairy sector representatives to take an active role in the implementation of special hygiene provisions by developing a unique model for Türkiye in maintaining quality, hygiene and safety in raw milk production. Within this context, it was aimed to develop a roadmap for improving the quality of raw milk, based on the experience of Türkiye and EU member states and comparative analysis.


### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

 An opening conference was organised with 211 participants. The conference provided information on developments in the dairy sector, challenges and practices in the EU.


 A desk analysis of the EU and Türkiye Dairy Sector was conducted. A data collection team was established for the study. Surveys were prepared for associations working in the field. Two focus group meetings were held in Izmir and Ankara. As a result of the research, a status report on the dairy sector was prepared.

 In order to observe the practices that are effective in maintaining milk quality and hygiene, 3-day study visits were organised to The Hague with the participation of 11 people and to Milan with the participation of 10 people. Following the visits, a comparative analysis report was prepared.

 Four workshops were organised in Konya, Izmir, Bursa and Sakarya, bringing together farmers and producers with the participation of 142 people in total.

 An international networking event was organised with the participation of 88 people from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dairy sector representatives, SETBİR members and ambassadors and representatives of some EU member states.

 A closing event which was attended by 60 people was organised.

 “sutdegerlidirprojesi.org” website was prepared in Turkish and English. The website received nearly 16 million interactions.



“With our project, we wanted to contribute to raising the existing ESCO (Energy Efficiency Consultancy) companies in Türkiye to the level of ESCOs (Energy Service Company) in the world and in EU countries and to expand the use of EPS (Energy Performance Contracting) practices that pay for themselves with the savings to be obtained from energy efficiency investments.”

Naci Işıklı  
The Energy Efficiency and Management Association  
(EYODER)  
Project Manager

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## Facilitating ESCO and EPC Sector Through CSO Partnership (FACILITEE)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

The Energy Efficiency and Management Association (EYODER)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Esco Energy Services Federation, Italy (Federazione Nazionale delle Esco)  
Energy Law and Research Institute (EHAE)

### ASSOCIATE(S):

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 149,992.06 / EUR 166,657.85

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Ankara, Istanbul, Rome, Florence (Italy)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

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

[https://twitter.com/\\_EYODER\\_](https://twitter.com/_EYODER_)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5t9mfGsK5n77fvT4qMfpHQ>

<https://tr.linkedin.com/company/eyoder>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project aimed to create a dialogue between Turkey and the EU member states in the field of energy efficiency; to enhance institutional capacities of existing energy services companies and raising them to the levels of ESCO companies in the world; to disseminate energy performance contract practices; to develop expertise and cooperation in terms of energy efficiency.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

👥 Face-to-face meetings (İstanbul, Rome) and online meetings were organised with three working groups consisting of experts in the field of legal issues, insurance and financial issues.

👥 At the end of working group meetings, gap analysis report was prepared.

👥 For collecting ESCO and EPC sector policy recommendations, a hybrid workshop was organised with the participation of 38 person.

👥 ESCO-EPC basic training, monitoring&verification training (introductory, fundamental, IPMVP) and Training of Trainers (4 days) were organised. 62 person participated these trainings.

🎓 Two study visits to Italy were organised.

🏠 International Project Closure Event was organised during “Efficiency is Future” event series held on 12-14 October 2022 within “EIF World Energy Congress & Expo-İstanbul”. Project stand was visited by aprx.400 people in this international “Efficiency is Future” event series consisting of 42 speakers/panelists.

📄 “Communication Strategy and Communication Actions Report” was published for experience exchange and summarise activities developed for CSOs.

📄 ESCO and EPC Sector Policy Recommendation Paper was published.

“ This project has raised awareness about a sustainable social entrepreneurship ecosystem by sharing knowledge and good practices from EU countries (Sweden, the Netherlands) to Aydın by introducing social entrepreneurship to young people, business people and the public sector.

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Zeynep Aydoğan  
Aydın Young Business People Association  
Project Coordinator

## Innovative Approach for Developing Social Entrepreneurship

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Aydın Young Business People Association

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Social Impact and Progressive Education Association (SOYED)  
Integration for All, Sweden  
International Labor Association, Netherlands (Internationale Arbeidsvereniging – ILA)  
Aydın Entrepreneur Women Association

### ASSOCIATE(S):

Aydın Governorate  
Tabit SMarch Agriculture Technologies INC.

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 141,398.46 / EUR 157,109.40

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Aydın, Amsterdam (The Netherlands), Örkelljunga, Lund (Sweden)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

[www.aygiad.org.tr](http://www.aygiad.org.tr)  
<https://www.facebook.com/aygiad/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/aygiad/>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project aimed to create a sustainable social entrepreneurship ecosystem between CSOs in Türkiye and EU member states at local and national levels and to increase the knowledge, skills and awareness of CSOs, youth, public and private sectors on social entrepreneurship.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

A total of 50 people participated in the three-day study visits organised to Aydın, Amsterdam and Örkelljunga.

17 people participated in the 2-day study visit hosted by KUSIF in Istanbul.

Social entrepreneurship workshops were organised in Aydın with the participation of 90 people and in Sweden and the Netherlands with the participation of 40 people.

The networking meeting in Istanbul was attended by 60 people (39 face-to-face and 21 online).

The "Online Incubation Centre", an interactive online platform called "innosocia.com", was developed and made available to all potential social entrepreneurs. A video guide was produced to introduce the platform.

Online social entrepreneurship training modules were published.

With the participation of 60 people, face-to-face training activities were organised for the target group who completed the Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship Guide.

20 business people mentored the young social entrepreneurs of the project.

The 'Social Entrepreneurship Status Report and Best Practices' booklet was published in 4 languages (Turkish, English, Dutch and Swedish) and submitted to the relevant authorities in order to provide legal improvements for social enterprises in Türkiye.

A strategy plan was created for an awareness raising campaign for 3 sectors, 37 social media posts were prepared, 14 social media films were shot, 3 videos were produced.

"Social Entrepreneurship Business Ideas Competition for a Sustainable Future" was organised. Out of a total of 10 applications, 3 were awarded.



“ Within the scope of our project to establish a network of social cooperatives in Türkiye, we aimed to increase communication and cooperation between social cooperatives in Türkiye and the EU at local, regional and national levels. With the project, we brought together different actors that will create value in the social cooperative ecosystem and, thus, contributed to the expansion of the social impact of cooperatives.

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Kemal Çelik  
L.R. Needs Map Assistance Cooperative for Intellectual  
Property Rights and Project Consultancy  
Project Coordinator

## Excellence Platform for Social Cooperative Development

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

L.R. Needs Map Assistance Cooperative for Intellectual Property Rights and Project Consultancy

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Emilia Romagna Cooperative, Italy (Confcooperative Emilia Romagna)

### ASSOCIATE(S):

Civil Society Development Centre (STGM)

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 144,000 / EUR 160,000

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Türkiye (Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Antalya and Mersin), Italy (Emilia Romagna)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

[www.ihdiyacharitasi.org](http://www.ihdiyacharitasi.org)  
<https://twitter.com/ihdiyacharitasi>  
<https://www.instagram.com/ihdiyacharitasiofficial>  
<https://www.facebook.com/ihdiyacharitasi>  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIqZYI\\_-bMvYnSTIWcKbD-A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIqZYI_-bMvYnSTIWcKbD-A)  
<https://tr.linkedin.com/company/ihdiyacharitasi>




### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project aims to strengthen cooperation and dialogue between CSOs in Türkiye and Italy on social cooperatives in Türkiye. Through this dialogue, it was aimed to strengthen ties among social cooperatives in Türkiye and develop their capacities.


### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS


 7 meetings were organised to monitor project activities as well as to share knowledge, experience and good practices among social cooperatives.


 10 roundtable meetings were held in 5 different cities with the participation of 76 people from municipalities, social cooperative representatives and CSOs to create a dialogue mechanism among public administrators to discuss the needs of social cooperatives in Türkiye.


 The digital platform of the Centre of Excellence for Social Cooperatives was established. A total of 150 social cooperatives from all regions of Türkiye became members of the platform.

 7 social cooperative representatives and 3 project management teams participated in "The Social Enterprise Open Camp - Planet & People 2021" in Venice.

 During the study visit to Bologna, Italy, discussions were held with 10 social cooperatives on their business models. The information gathered was shared with other social cooperatives through newsletters and social media posts.

 The stories of 16 social cooperatives were prepared as "best practices of social cooperatives".

 A total of 175 people from the public/private sector, social cooperatives and academics from Türkiye and the EU attended a 3-day conference in Istanbul to bring together the best social cooperative practices.

 109 people (52 social cooperative employees, members, co-founders and board members) participated in training activities in 5 provinces, developing the capacities of social cooperatives in terms of advocacy, policy engagement, dialogue and network management.

“ The project was put into practice as a result of the effort by the Türkiye Europe Foundation to demonstrate the impact of the EU accession process on society. Within this context, on the one hand, good practices and the financial assistance process were presented to a wide audience through videos, and on the other hand, a step towards the institutionalization of cooperation was taken with the first Türkiye-Europe Civil Society Forum. ”

Büşra Karakuş  
Türkiye Europe Foundation (TAV)  
Project Coordinator

## Civilogue: Deepening Active Dialogue

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Türkiye Europe Foundation (TAV)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Centre for International European Education, France, (Centre International de Formation Européenne – CIFE)

### ASSOCIATE(S):

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 149,311.22 / EUR 165,901.36

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Istanbul, Brussels (Belgium)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

[www.turkiyeavrupavakfi.org](http://www.turkiyeavrupavakfi.org)

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

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

<https://tr.linkedin.com/company/turkiye-avrupa-vakfi>

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

<https://twitter.com/sivilog>

<https://tr-tr.facebook.com/sivilog/>

<https://tr.linkedin.com/showcase/civilogue>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to contribute to a sustainable civil society dialogue between Türkiye and the EU through capacity building and cooperation. Through this dialogue, it was aimed to increase the knowledge of CSOs and the public about the EU accession process and its impact.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

📋 A survey was conducted with 50 CSOs working in different thematic areas on the perception of CSOs in Türkiye concerning the impact of Türkiye's accession to the EU on civil society.

📺 A training video on the EU accession process and its reflections in Türkiye was prepared and watched by over 1000 people.

📺 The top 10 EU-funded projects were presented through storytelling. Among the organisations whose projects were presented were the Association for Individual and Community Mental Health, Buğday Association for Supporting Ecological Living, Mediterranean Natural Life Association, Antakya Grove of Civilizations Association, Celiac and Organic Nutrition Association, Association of Journalists, Hrant Dink Foundation, Basic Needs Association, Tohum Autism Early Diagnosis and Education Foundation, Pi Youth Association and Women Entrepreneurs Association of Türkiye. 38,166 people watched the videos.

🏠 The Türkiye-Europe Civil Society Forum was organised in Brussels with the participation of 17 CSOs, 2 public institutions and 4 key actors from Türkiye and 6 CSOs and 16 key actors from EU countries.

🌐 A network was created between 15 CSOs from Türkiye and 15 CSOs from EU member states.



“ Many women work for their families, spouses or relatives without remuneration. Therefore, in this project, we have attempted to raise awareness concerning women's labour, inform them about new digital job opportunities, increase women's employment, ensure more registered employment of women, establish interactive and constructive dialogues on gender equality, equality at work and women's unpaid labour. ”

Gülhan Akyazı  
President of Women's Association in Business  
World

## Let's Aware of Unpaid Labour Among Women

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Women's Association in Business World

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Favour Foundation, Hungary (JOL-LET Foundation)  
Adiyaman Young Generation Entrepreneur Women and Employment Association

### ASSOCIATE(S): -

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

18 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 143,589.27 / EUR 159,543.64

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATIONS:

Adiyaman, Istanbul, Budapest (Hungary)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

[www.istekadin.org.tr](http://www.istekadin.org.tr)  
<https://twitter.com/istekadindernek>  
<https://www.instagram.com/istekadindernek>  
<https://www.facebook.com/istekadindernek>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Ez82VIsTOoNoY3oMSU1JA>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to develop a common and sustainable civil society dialogue with the participation of women CSOs in Türkiye and Hungary. This interaction aimed to generate constructive work on registered employment of women, gender equality and women's unpaid labour among the relevant public, CSO and private sector stakeholders.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

📱 A digital platform "emegimifarket.com" was developed for interactive dialogue between CSOs in Türkiye and Hungary in 3 languages: Turkish, English and Hungarian.

📋 A joint "2022-2027 CSOs Initiative Plan" and "Women's Labour Policy Proposal" were prepared in 3 languages.

👥 A total of 11 focus group meetings were held in 3 provinces. After interviews with 111 women, policy recommendations were developed to solve the problems. 19 workplaces and trade unions prepared observation reports.

📄 Three reports were prepared on the results of research and evaluation on new business opportunities and digital business ideas.

🗣️ International Women's Labour Forum was organised in Istanbul with 46 participants and International Women's Labour Conferences were organised in Budapest and Adiyaman.

🎓 In Budapest, 48 people were trained on women's labour.

🎓 In Istanbul and Adiyaman, 158 people were trained on strategic planning, corporate development, project management, organization chart development, national and international financial resource development, and sponsorship management.

🗣️ Consultancy services were provided to 15 people in Istanbul and 5 people in Adiyaman on organizational development issues for CSOs.

🎭 4 virtual reality (VR) applications in 3 languages on women's unpaid labour were developed and dramatised.

📢 150 participants were informed about digital transformation.

🌐 The website "emegimifarket.com" and a short promotional video were prepared in English, Turkish and Hungarian.

“ The aim of our project was to facilitate the process of connecting entrepreneurs interested in trade to the global fair trade network. Another goal was to enable entrepreneurs to advocate fair trade practices, supply chains and markets. ”

Mehmet Sarıca  
Chairman of INOGAR

## Building Networks for Social Enterprises: Fair Trade Türkiye

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

L.R. Inogar Social Development Assistance Innovation and Project Consultancy Business Cooperative (INOGAR)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

World Fair Trade Organization, the Netherlands (WFTO)

### ASSOCIATE(S):

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 141,192.75 / EUR 158,643.55

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Adana, Ankara, Denizli, Gaziantep, Istanbul, Izmir, Mersin, Culemborg (the Netherlands)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<http://inogar.com/>

<https://twitter.com/inogaroofficial>

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmeEEUtpSh4xxqouLZoga2Q/>  
featured

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/inogaroofficial>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out to support dialogue between stakeholders from Türkiye and the World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO). This dialogue aimed to transfer WFTO's knowledge on fair trade to Türkiye and to raise awareness of stakeholders in the Turkish social economy ecosystem on fair trade practices.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

🏠 Türkiye Fair Trade Network was established.

🎓 Within the scope of the adaptation of WFTO's know-how on Fair Trade to Türkiye, 3 project staff received extensive training in the Netherlands. Later, 5 more INOGAR employees in Türkiye were trained by the project staff who received this training.

🏠 Fair Trade Training was localized in Türkiye and 140 social enterprises and 182 social economy stakeholders participated in the training activities organised in 7 provinces. The preliminary-test and the final-test showed that at least 80% of the participants had increased their awareness of Fair Trade.

🏠 For the training activities, 500 training kits were printed and shared with participants.

🏠 5 social enterprises from Türkiye applied to become WFTO members. In addition, 15 organisations contacted INOGAR to become fair trade members and apply for WFTO Membership.

🏠 In order to identify policies and strategies for fair trade in Türkiye, 3 roundtable meetings were organised in Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir with the participation of 87 social economy stakeholders. In addition, 3 Fair Trade Board Meetings were held, during which 10 advocacy strategies based on 10 principles of fairness were identified.

✈️ A 5-day study visit to Brussels was organised with a team of 11 people including INOGAR staff, social economy stakeholders, social enterprise representatives and Fair Trade Board members.

📢 Social media accounts were formed for the project and the project website was launched in Turkish and English. 2 short and 1 long informative video on fair trade, 3 roll-up brochures and 500 booklets were produced.



“ Thanks to this project, we had the opportunity to meet other CSOs who were doing similar things for society and had similar missions. We learned from each other what was being performed in rural areas, urban areas and for immigrants. In addition, we understood that the dialogue between organisations in Türkiye and the EU could be further strengthened and lead to fruitful cooperation. ”

Tommaso Pescetto Cosentino  
General Director of Joint Association

## Euro-Turkish Civil Society Recognition

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Joint Association (Italy)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Antalya Center of Support for EU Studies Association

The Network of International Voluntary Service organisations, Italy

### ASSOCIATE(S):

Abdullah Gul University

L.R. Needs Map Assistance Cooperative for Intellectual Property Rights and Project Consultancy

Youth organisations Forum Association

Girls are in the Football Field

Serve the City Portugal

EMERGENCY- Life Support for Civilian War Victims ONG ONLUS, Italy

Butterflies in Our Heads Cooperative Society, Italy (Farfalle Nella Testa, Società Cooperativa)

Il Cesto Social Cooperative, Italy (Il Cesto Cooperativa Sociale)

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 149,099.40 / EUR 165,666.00

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Antalya, Milan (Italy)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

[www.associazionejoint.org](http://www.associazionejoint.org)

<https://local.glorecertificate.net/tr/euroturec/>

[www.instagram.com/associazionejoint\\_milano](https://www.instagram.com/associazionejoint_milano)

<https://www.facebook.com/joint.milano>

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

<https://it.linkedin.com/company/associazione-joint>



## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to strengthen partnerships and develop opportunities for cooperation between CSOs in Türkiye and EU countries to further develop GloRe Certification and support tools for volunteers and CSOs. The aim was to train CSOs on volunteer management, networking and project development, and to increase the number of CSOs and young people benefiting from the GloRe system and network.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

✈ With the participation of 20 CSOs, study visits were organised to Istanbul and Sesto San Giovanni. 11 organisations were visited as good practices.

👥 A total of 124 people attended the conferences and a total of 10 projects were developed by the participants in small groups.

👤 47 stakeholders were interviewed online. As a result of their studies, 28 CSOs, 1 university and 3 municipalities participated in the piloting process of the GloRe Network. 20 CSOs, 1 university, 2 municipalities and 2 private companies signed the MoU.

🎓 A new e-learning environment consisting of 17 modules in English, Turkish and Italian was created and launched in the GloRe Network. E-learning modules were used by 116 individuals and 42 organisations.

🎓 A training was organised at Belvedere Marittimo with the participation of 21 CSO representatives. Participants developed 4 project ideas.

👥 313 volunteers went through the certification process, and 228 received certificates.

🌐 In 2022, a simplified version of the GloRe Rewards was implemented. Antalya Metropolitan Municipality, Community Support Association, Serve The City and Il CeSto Social Cooperative received awards. The awards are made available on the partner map on the GloRe website “local.glorecertificate.net”.

📢 Dissemination events were organised in Türkiye and Italy with the participation of 31 people in total.

📢 More than 1 million people were reached through the social media campaign. The website was visited by over 58 thousand people.

“ The project strengthened local organisations of the Turkish cooperative movement and strengthened their integration into the EU cooperative movement. Thanks to the cooperation between the Italian and Turkish cooperative movements, a network has been established among cooperatives in Rize province. The project objectives were achieved through a diagnostic assessment report on the situation of registered cooperatives, a study visit to Italy, and structured capacity building studies designed for cooperative leaders and members to structure the network and identify strategies. ”

Claudia Colabella  
Haliéus  
Project Officer

## TO BE COOP-Territorial Organizations Boosting EU-Turkish COOPeratives

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Haliéus – International Development Cooperation Organization, Italy  
(Organizzazione di cooperazione internazionale per lo sviluppo)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Black Sea Science, Technology and Culture Association

### ASSOCIATE(S):

Rize Artvin Provinces Fisheries Cooperatives Union  
Rize Credit Cooperatives Union  
Rize Provincial Directorate of Trade  
Rize Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 146,414.52 / EUR 162,682.80

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Rize

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

[www.halieus.it](http://www.halieus.it)  
[https://twitter.com/Halieus\\_](https://twitter.com/Halieus_)  
<https://www.facebook.com/halieus.coop>  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/halieus/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFPohTKZyY4UgxUogud9raQ>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to contribute to a sustainable dialogue between cooperatives in Türkiye and EU member states, which are actors in Türkiye's EU accession process. The dialogue aimed to support the integration of cooperative activities in Türkiye into the EU cooperative approach and to strengthen local cross-sectoral organisations.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

📄 An evaluation report on the institutional structures of cooperatives in the Rize- Artvin region was prepared following 122 interviews. The report, prepared in English and Turkish, was published on the website and 25 printed copies of the report were distributed to relevant organisations.

🤝 A cross-sectoral network of cooperatives was established. 49 cooperatives that joined the network approved rules and procedures along with the strategies.

👥 The thematic working groups of the network organised 3 thematic meetings with the participation of 49 local cooperative network representatives to identify new strategies.

✈️ With the participation of cooperatives operating in different fields in Rize, a 7-day study visit was organised to Puglia Region and Rome, where the structures of cooperatives in Italy were examined in detail.

👥 To build the capacity of cooperative leaders and members, 10 workshops were organised on finance, audit system, agriculture, consortia, permanent training, business planning and marketing, youth and innovative cooperatives, women and gender equality, principles of cooperation and intergenerational transfer. 244 people attended the workshops.

📢 At the Rize Municipality Youth Festival, 300 people were informed about the project.



# ENVIRONMENT



“ With the project we carried out with Sinop Governorship, Special Provincial Administration, Sinop University, MareNostrum Association of Romania and Tunien University of Germany under the initiative of Sinop L.R. Abalı Village Fisheries Cooperative; we developed a sustainable dialogue between non-governmental organisations for the management of marine mammal species living in the Black Sea, Baltic Sea and North Sea; we carried out technology-based activities to improve fisheries by protecting marine mammals. ”

Ümit Aydın  
L.R. Abalı Village Fisheries Cooperative  
Project Coordinator

## Strengthening the EU-Türkiye Civil Society Cooperation for the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea (ConCeta)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

L.R. Abalı Village Fisheries Cooperative

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Mare Nostrum, Romania

### ASSOCIATE(S):

Thünen-Institut Thünen Institute (Germany)  
Sinop University  
Sinop Special Provincial Administration

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 134,224.00 / EUR 149,136.00

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Sinop, Constanta (Romania), Rostock (Germany)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

[www.conceta.org](http://www.conceta.org)



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to promote a strong and sustainable civil society dialogue between CSOs in Türkiye, Romania and Germany for fisheries management in line with EU policies and legislation. This dialogue aimed to create a basis for experience sharing and cooperation among CSOs on the conservation of marine mammals in the Black Sea.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

👥 A kick-off meeting was organised in Sinop and a scientific meeting was organised in Constanta.

🎓 Approximately 2,200 students and 100 fishermen were trained by Sinop University lecturers.

📡 In the workshop with 35 participants, basic issues such as how to attach the imported pinger devices to the nets were covered.

✈️ A 7-day study visit was organised to Germany and Denmark. A strong and sustainable dialogue based on the conservation of marine mammals was established. EU institutions that had previously implemented similar projects were visited and information and experiences on good practices were shared.

📡 Pinger devices imported from Germany were distributed to volunteer fishermen for testing and the pilot application was carried out. Thanks to the pingers used, dolphin and porpoise deaths were reduced in the Sinop Region.

📢 Participation in the European Cetacean Society (ECS) was attained within the scope of social networking activities.

📢 Poetry and photography competitions were organised to raise public awareness, and prizes were distributed to winners.

🌐 Knowledge and implementation capacity of project stakeholders living in the Sinop Region on the conservation of marine mammals, EU legislation and practices were enhanced.



“ Our aim with this project was to facilitate road transport between Türkiye and EU member states and to develop a sustainable dialogue mechanism. We have endeavoured to support networking efforts and to make the dialogue mechanism work.

Beril Altundal  
The European Union and Global Research Association  
Project Coordinator

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## A New Road Transport Cooperation Between Türkiye and European Union: Expectations and Possibilities

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

The European Union and Global Research Association (ABKAD)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

International Transporters' Association (UND)  
Polish International Road Carriers Association – ZMPD in Poland,  
(Zrzeszenie Międzynarodowych Przewoźników Drogowych w Polsce)  
European Neighbourhood Council – ENC, Belgium

### ASSOCIATE(S):

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 146,922.98 / EUR 163,247.76

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Ankara, Istanbul, Brussels (Belgium), Warsaw (Poland)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<http://abkad.org/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/abkad2019/>  
<https://twitter.com/abvekad>  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/avrupa-birliđi-ve-küresel-arastirmalar-derneđi-722698a2/>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project aimed to increase information sharing and cooperation among CSOs and stakeholders of the road transport sector in Türkiye, Poland and Belgium at local, regional and national levels. Within this framework, the project aimed to develop a dialogue that would provide solutions for transportation problems between Türkiye and the EU.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

🤝 A long-term network was established between 51 CSOs from the EU and Türkiye implementing projects on road transport at national and international level.

🤝 A networking meeting was organised in Brussels by ENC as host. The meeting was attended by 2 representatives from ABKAD, 4 representatives from UND, 2 representatives from ENC, 2 representatives from ZMPD and the project management team. ENC created 2 podcasts during the event.

✈️ A study visit was organised to the EU Parliament.

🤝 TOBB and IKV Brussels representatives came together during the visit to TOBB organised with the participation of 17 people.

📅 72 CSOs interested in the transport acquis participated in 5 consultation meetings.

📄 Documents on Türkiye's alignment with the EU road transport acquis were prepared.

📅 At the closing meeting in Istanbul, 113 beneficiaries came together and exchanged information.

🌐 A website was set up to allow users to sign up for the platform. Thus, a digital environment was created to support and promote new collaborations between CSOs in the field of road transport.

“ The aim of our project was to establish a consistent dialogue between civil society organisations in Türkiye and EU countries on climate change policies. We successfully achieved this goal and brought together important CSOs such as some industrial associations. Within the scope of the project activities, we met with 18 CSOs and 569 relevant stakeholders and ensured their participation.

Andrei Marcu  
ERCST  
Project Manager

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## EU–Türkiye Climate Policy Dialogue

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition – ERCST, Belgium

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Climate Research Association (IAD)

### ASSOCIATE(S):

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 148,497.60 / EUR 164,997.33

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Türkiye, Belgium

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

[www.ercst.org](http://www.ercst.org)

[https://twitter.com/ercst\\_org](https://twitter.com/ercst_org)

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/ercst-european-roundtable-on-climate-change-and-sustainable-transition/>

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





### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to establish a dialogue between civil society organisations in Türkiye and EU member states to discuss EU climate policies. The dialogue aimed to assess the climate change policies and impacts most relevant to Türkiye and to improve the knowledge of relevant CSOs on the climate change policy of the EU.


### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

 A desk study was conducted on developments within the scope of the European Green Deal and its possible implications for Türkiye, as well as Türkiye's climate policy.


 18 consultation meetings were held with key CSOs and other stakeholders for the mapping of relevant stakeholders and identification of the needs of CSOs.

 A Policy Vision Roadmap was prepared, aiming to provide recommendations for better articulation and harmonization of the EU's and Türkiye's climate change policy.

 Information materials were produced for the workshops.

 A total of 3 workshops were organised both in Türkiye and Belgium to harmonize Türkiye's climate policy with the EU.

 18 CSOs and 569 relevant stakeholders were involved in project activities.

 The project's website page “climatepolicydialogue.com” reached 4257 singular visitors, and dissemination activities were carried out through social media accounts.



“ With the Improved EU-Türkiye Civil Dialogue for Better Conservation of Marine and Costal Protected Areas (MCPA) project, we aimed to increase experience sharing by bringing together CSOs operating in marine and coastal areas of Türkiye. Within this context, we will carry on working to sustain and expand the dialogue we have created thanks to the project by establishing Türkiye's first Marine Protected Areas CSO Network . Protecting our seas and coasts is #TogetherPossible. ”

Ebru Çelik  
WWF Türkiye (World Wildlife Fund)  
Project Officer

## Improved EU-Türkiye Civil Dialogue for Better Conservation of Marine and Costal Protected Areas (MCPA)

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

World Wildlife Fund Türkiye (WWF Türkiye)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative (MMI)

### ASSOCIATE(S):

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 139,096.94 / EUR 154,552.16

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Antalya, Aydın, Istanbul

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<http://www.wwf.org.tr>

[https://twitter.com/WWF\\_TURKIYE](https://twitter.com/WWF_TURKIYE)

[https://www.instagram.com/wwf\\_turkiye](https://www.instagram.com/wwf_turkiye)

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



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project aimed to strengthen civil society dialogue between Türkiye and the EU to ensure the effective conservation and management of areas for marine and coastal protection in Türkiye. The dialogue aimed to enhance the advocacy, communication and campaigning skills of CSOs in the south-western and western coastline of Türkiye.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

👥 A workshop was organized in İstanbul with the participation of nation wide CSOs and CSO representatives coming from pilot cities (İstanbul, Antalya and Aydın) of the project.

👥 3 roundtable meetings, 3 workshops and trainings were held in pilot cities with the participation of stakeholders.

📚 Training materials were shared with participants, so that the training could be disseminated by the participants.

📖 A guide for MCPAs on participatory and sustainable management has been prepared with the support of experts.

✈️ A study visit to Italy was organised for examining best practices and sharing experiences.

📋 Following the networking meeting a national Marine Protected Areas Network was established with 8 CSOs. “Procedures and principles” text was prepared and signed by the CSOs. A roadmap for the network has been prepared.

👥 3 local CSOs in İstanbul, Antalya, Aydın are actively engaged in advocacy in their regions. They have become more active in advocacy and their action capacity has developed.

👥 The impact of CSOs on local administrative structures has been increased.

“ Our main goal in the Pesticide Free Towns Türkiye project was to raise awareness among both citizens and municipalities about the pesticides used in cities by municipalities, the harms of pesticides and alternative methods that can be used. Poison Free Cities are possible when together! ”

Duygu Kayadelen  
Buğday Association for Supporting Ecological Living  
Project Coordinator

## Pesticide Free Towns Türkiye

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Buğday Association for Supporting Ecological Living

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Pesticide Action Network Europe, Belgium (PAN Europe)

### ASSOCIATE(S):

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### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

14 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 149,004.58 / EUR 165,560.65

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Whole Türkiye

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

[www.bugday.org](http://www.bugday.org)

<https://twitter.com/BugdayDerneği>

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

<https://www.youtube.com/@bugdaymedya>

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

[https://twitter.com/zehirsiz\\_ag](https://twitter.com/zehirsiz_ag)

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


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



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES


The project was implemented to increase cooperation between CSOs and local authorities working on pesticides, environment and health issues in Türkiye and EU member states. Through this, collaboration, it was aimed to contribute to public health and environmental protection by reducing the use of pesticides.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

 The Pesticide-Free Cities Working Group was established under the No Pesticides on My Plate Civil Society Network (NPoMP CSN), which included 42 CSOs and civil initiatives.

 The total number of members of the NPoMP Network reached 127.

 A situation analysis on pesticide use in municipalities in Türkiye was made following a survey conducted with 54 units of 47 municipalities.

 A survey was conducted to identify good practices in terms of policies, strategies and techniques related to alternative methods in both the EU and Türkiye. A report on the situation and good practices on pesticide use in Europe was prepared.



📅 A meeting on good practices for municipalities was organised in Istanbul. Good practices were discussed and the negative effects of pesticides and biocidal products were emphasized. Field visits were organised. The events were attended by 50 representatives from 23 municipalities and 2 municipal unions.

👤 A total of 423 people participated in 5 online seminars targeting both municipalities and citizens.

📝 A letter of undertaking was prepared for municipalities to sign, committing to reduced use of pesticides in their towns and cities. A petition was organised on Change.org (change.org/zehirsizkentler). The signature campaign attracted 24,400 supporters. 10 more signature campaigns were created, targeting individual municipalities and enabling citizens to demand that their municipalities would sign a commitment to reduce pesticide use.

📖 Key resources on pesticides and pesticide-free cities were translated into Turkish and published on the project website and used as resources for press releases, handbooks and brochures. In total, 33 documents were translated.

📖 A handbook on alternative pest management methods was prepared for local authorities. The handbook was sent to 1462 municipalities and stakeholders. The English and Turkish versions of the book were published online.

- 📢 15 press releases were prepared and sent to an average of 3500 press members.
- 📺 12 short videos and 2 videos of good practices were produced.
- 📢 A total of 51 social media posts were made to raise awareness on pesticide-free cities.
- 🌐 “zehirsizkentler.org” website was visited 16,619 times during the project.





“As the Lifelong Learning Vocational Education and Development Association, we believe that success in solving global problems can be achieved through national and international cooperation and the culture of collaboration. With the "Green Academy" training platform we launched in the Continued Dialogue, Closer to Europe project, which we set out with the idea of building a sustainable world with the right steps we would take today, we aim to play a positive role in guiding young people on current issues such as climate change, clean energy, digitalization in education, and we are continuing to raise awareness.”

Aygün Pakyürek  
Lifelong Learning Vocational Training and Development Association (HBODER)  
Executive Board Secretary

## Continued Dialogue, Closer to Europe

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Lifelong Learning, Vocational Training and Development Association (HBODER)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

RENAC energy & climate gGmbH (Germany)  
Osrodek Badawczo-Educational in Zielonowo (OBEZ) (Poland)  
Aegean Forest Foundation  
Turkish Foresters Association

### ASSOCIATE(S):

Karşıyaka Municipality  
Bayraklı Nuri Atik Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School  
Private Aegean High School  
Buca Suleyman Shah Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School  
Izmir Commodity Exchange

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 146,011.16 / EUR 162,234.63

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Izmir, Germany and Poland

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

www.hboder.org.tr  
www.twitter.com/Hhboder  
www.instagram.com/hayat\_boyu\_ogrenme\_dernegi  
www.facebook.com/hayatboyuogrenme.hboder.5



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out within the scope of the Zero Carbon Point Project, one of the previous Civil Society Dialogue Grant Scheme projects, so as to increase cooperation through the involvement of Poland into the joint working model that was established with Germany. In this context, it was aimed to create a sustainable network between educational institutions, municipalities and other local actors through cooperation with CSOs to expand EU energy, environment, education and cultural policies.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

-  Zero Carbon Point Training Center was established in Izmir.
-  Increased dialogue and cooperation between CSOs in Türkiye, Germany and Poland resulted in a sustainable network for the expansion of EU energy, education and environmental policies.
-  With the participation of 15 people, a study visit and workshop was organised at RENAC's Berlin headquarters. The framework of the training activities to be prepared during the project was determined, the outputs were compiled into a report and an e-learning curriculum plan was developed.
-  The e-learning contents of the Green Academy training platform were created. English subtitles and sign language interpretation were added to the videos. Mobile application was developed for Android and iOS operating systems.
-  621 people became members of the Green Academy training platform, and 87 people who successfully completed the training received certificates. Among 87 people, 3 people who met the required conditions were invited to the Ideathon event and the final meeting.
-  The target audience was reached with the Hackathon/ideathon event organised on the axis of environmental protection, economic growth and social development. The project ideas of 52 people who competed in the hackathon/ideathon were exhibited. Plaques were presented to the top 3 teams.
-  An evaluation meeting of the learning model and workshop was held in Poznan, Poland.
-  The project fair and final meeting brought together representatives from the public, local government, CSOs and the private sector to raise public awareness.
-  17 news articles and 71 social media posts were produced about the project.



# CULTURE AND TOURISM



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With our project, we organised sessions of safe food training, hygiene training, phytotherapy and aromatherapy training. We created our virtual market localemek.com.”

Dilek Genç  
Samsun Tourism Association  
President

## Getting Back to Nature for a Healthy Life

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Samsun Tourism Association

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Intercultural Youth in Europe, Spain (Nexes Interculturals de Joves per Europa Nexes)  
Ondokuz Mayıs Local Action Group Association (OMYEGDER)

### ASSOCIATE(S):

Samsun Metropolitan Municipality  
Turkish Chefs and Chefs Federation (TAŞFED)

### DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

19 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 146,812.60 / EUR 163,125.12

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Samsun

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:


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





### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out to contribute at the local level to Türkiye's efforts towards EU membership by developing agriculture and rural tourism in Samsun. Within this framework, it was aimed to strengthen entrepreneurs working in the field of gastronomy and agritourism in rural Samsun and to encourage these entrepreneurs to new initiatives.


### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS


 To promote and strengthen entrepreneurial capacity, 58 women entrepreneurs were trained in safe food training and 40 women entrepreneurs were trained in applied culinary training.

 30 women received 2-day phytotherapy training.


 20 women received empowerment training and 18 women received counselling services.


 A digital marketplace was set up for women to sell their local products.

 An inventory including current situation information, desk and field research on edible herbal food, supply chains, market access channels, production areas of medicinal aromatic plants, value-added secondary products, etc., was prepared. 300 books were distributed to relevant stakeholders.


 A total of 256 people participated in the 4 workshops organised to develop rural tourism, to take the views of stakeholders, to reveal the importance of the issue locally and to encourage further studies.

 73 people participated in 2 focus group meetings to discuss the organization of productive women and the establishment of a digital marketplace.

 128 women participated in the festival organised with the slogan "Taste Local Flavors - Add to Your Kitchen" with booths.

 The conference, where agro-tourism and gastro-tourism potential in rural Samsun was discussed, was held with 78 participants. 300 copies of the conference report was printed.

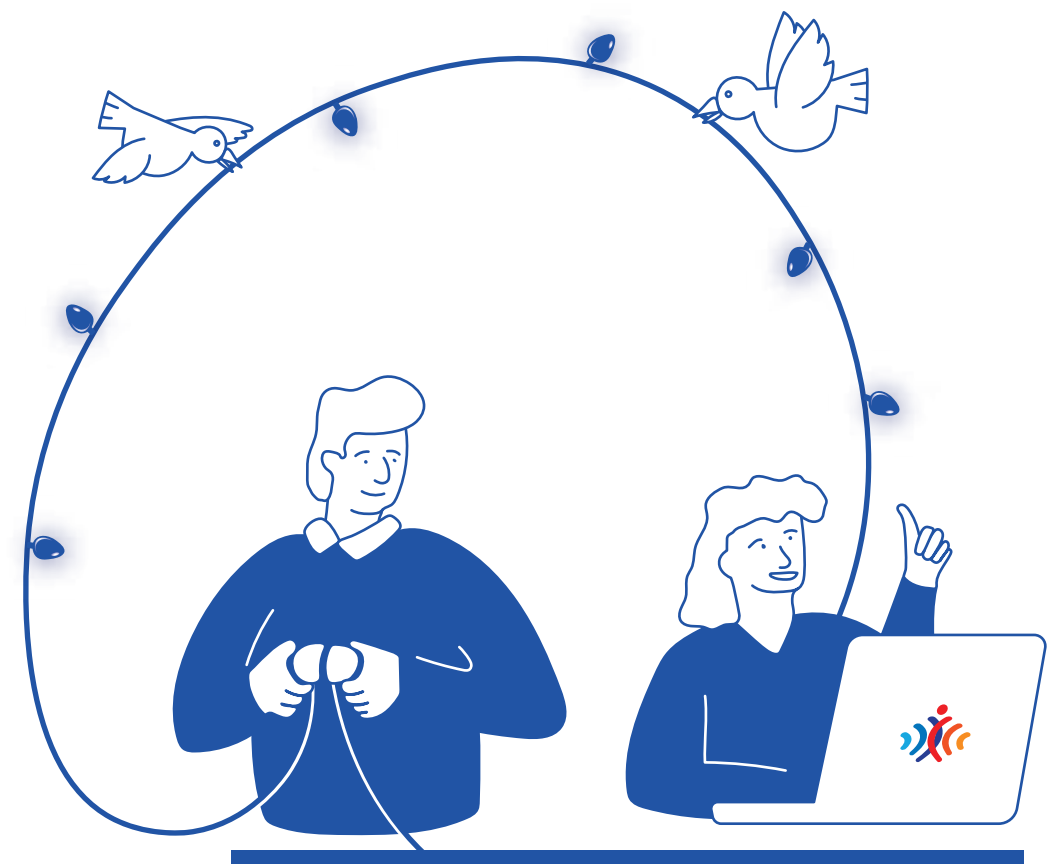
 A 3-day domestic study visit covering Amasya, Tokat, Ordu and Giresun provinces was organised. The study visit abroad was realised as online and physical visits.

 Social awareness was raised on local flavours, complementary medicinal products and women's handicraft products.

 Locally scaled data for rural tourism planning was revealed.



# EDUCATION AND YOUTH



“ We endeavoured to increase the employment of people with disabilities through mentoring and guidance services in terms of career planning. During this process, we discovered the strengths of young people with disabilities, identified which competencies and skills they possess to find jobs in Türkiye and Europe, and connected them with the right resources. Disability is not an obstacle ”

Gizem Polat  
Anatolia Youth Federation Association  
Mentor

## Sustained CSO Dialogue on Employment of Youth with Disability

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:**  
Anatolia Youth Federation

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**  
COMPASS European Youth Mutual Aid Association, Hungary (COMPASS  
Avropai Ifjusági Közösséget Egyesület)

**ASSOCIATE(S):**  
Osmaniye Korkut Ata University  
Disabled Public Employees Solidarity and Assistance Association  
(ENKAMUDER)

**DURATION OF THE PROJECT:** 15 Months

**GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:**  
EUR 144,143.84 / EUR 161,036.58

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):**  
Ankara, Osmaniye, Kaposhvar (Hungary)

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:**  
[www.angef.org.tr](http://www.angef.org.tr)  
<https://twitter.com/angefgenclik>  
<https://www.instagram.com/angefgenclik/?hl=tr>  
<https://www.facebook.com/angef.org.tr>



### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to contribute to the employment of young people with disabilities by building a strong and sustainable dialogue between youth CSOs in Türkiye and Hungary. Within this context, it was aimed to provide guidance to increase the employability of young people with disabilities.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 169 young people with disabilities were mentored to increase their employability.
- During the mentoring activities, the project partners closely experienced the problems faced by people with disabilities. The project partners received training to improve their knowledge and skills in order to communicate correctly with these people.
- Free online courses were offered to people with disabilities who wanted to participate in the mentoring activity.
- In order to reach people with disabilities in Hungary, interviews were held with the disabled individual, his/her family and teacher, and mentoring support was provided. As a result of the mentoring process, 9 people were employed.
- A survey was conducted with a total of 460 respondents. A report was prepared at the end of the study.
- ASWOT analysis was conducted to identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats related to the employment of persons with disabilities.
- A strategy document was developed for the employment of persons with disabilities in white-collar jobs.
- Visits were made to non-governmental organisations and special education schools working with people with disabilities in Türkiye.
- A report on Türkiye's EU membership was prepared by taking the opinions of 401 people from Türkiye and 107 people from Hungary. The report's conclusions were disseminated through a communication campaign and roundtable meetings in each country.
- A social media campaign was conducted to raise disability awareness in the society and to raise awareness about the rights of persons with disabilities. A 5-minute video, 15 social media messages, an infographic video and a booklet were prepared.
- A website was launched in English, Turkish and Hungarian. An online forum and resource centre was established for young people with disabilities to exchange information and experiences.



“ We have developed a cooperation and network with all associations and civil society organisations working for peace and dialogue in the EU and Türkiye. We organised dialogue and peace culture training workshops in Türkiye. Together, we can make living together possible. ”

Nilüfer Sayılan  
The Beraberce Association  
Project Coordinator

# Peace Culture Education Network–PeaCE Net

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

The Beraberce Association

## CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Monte Sole Peace School Foundation, Italy (Fondazione Scuola Di Pace Di Monte Sole), Italy

## ASSOCIATE(S):

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## DURATION OF THE PROJECT:

12 Months

## GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 141,717.00 / EUR 157,463.34

## PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Aegean Region, Marmara Region, Southeastern Anatolia Region, Bologna (Italy)

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

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

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## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented to develop a sustainable dialogue between CSOs focusing on citizenship education in Türkiye and Italy. Within this context, it was aimed to promote cooperation between CSOs in Türkiye and EU member states on "dialogue and peace culture education".


## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS


 A network was formed with the participation of 20 CSOs from Türkiye, 10 CSOs from Europe and 53 trainers.

 Dialogue and Culture of Peace Training Workshops were held online for 4 days with 53 participants. Workshop participants became expert educators.


 39 participants from Türkiye took part in a hybrid study visit with the Monte Sole Peace School Foundation.


 With the participation of Monte Sole Peace School, 10 new training modules were created.

 A total of 108 face-to-face and online Culture of Peace Training activities were organised in Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Gaziantep, Adiyaman, Samsun, Mersin, Diyarbakir, Mardin, Rize, Erzincan and Lisbon with the participation of 1208 people from Türkiye and Portugal.

 Through 6 meetings between CSOs in Türkiye and EU member states, cooperation between organisations was increased and experience sharing was ensured.

 A face-to-face camp was organised in Bodrum with 39 participants.

 The International Conference on Education for Culture of Peace and Dialogue was attended by 94 participants. The conference videos were posted on YouTube in Turkish and English and have been viewed more than 350 times.

 The experiences, sharing, networking and cooperation activities of the workshop and conference participants were published in 3 languages: Turkish, Italian and English. 200 copies of the book were printed and distributed to stakeholders, other CSOs, municipalities and universities. The e-book version of the book is available on the website.

“ With our project, we strengthened the dialogue between civil society organisations working in the field of youth in Türkiye and the Netherlands. We designed a survey among youth workers to identify their expectations, needs and shortcomings. We determined the training topics with the survey results. These training programmes were held in Izmir, Ankara and Gaziantep. We organised a Youth Summit in Izmir to bring together youth workers in Türkiye and the Netherlands and ensure their cooperation. The motto of our project is: From Local to National.

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# Civil Society Dialogue for Empowering Youth-Works in Local

- COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Pi Youth Association
- CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** Blom Foundation, the Netherlands (Stichting Bloom)
- ASSOCIATE(S):**  
Izmir Metropolitan Municipality
- DURATION OF THE PROJECT:**  
20 Months
- GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:**  
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- PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):**  
Izmir, Voorschoten (the Netherlands)
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## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out to create a sustainable civil society dialogue between youth CSOs in Türkiye and the Netherlands. The dialogue aimed at raising awareness of CSOs on Chapter 19 (Social Policy and Employment) of the EU Acquis and laying the foundation for the youth network.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Youth Network Platform (youthngos.org) was established with 40 different local youth associations across Türkiye and 20 associations from the Netherlands as members.
- Topics such as Dutch laws showing good practices on youth work, Chapter 19, EU Enlargement Policy and EU Youth Policy were added to the platform.
- The international cooperation capacity of local youth CSOs utilizing the online network was increased.
- A survey was carried out with a total of 320 people from 47 cities in Türkiye and 19 cities in the Netherlands as a result of which a 35-page report was prepared. The needs and expectations of young people were identified in line with the sub-headings of Chapter 19.
- A face-to-face conference was organised in Ankara with the participation of 55 youth workers and an online conference was organised in the Netherlands with the participation of 22 youth workers.
- The International Youth Workers Summit was organised in Izmir with the participation of 88 people.
- A 3-day training on Social Policy and Employment chapter was organised for 20 youth workers in Izmir.
- Three different training programs were organised for 87 youth workers from Izmir, Malatya and the Netherlands.
- A study visit to the Netherlands was organised with the participation of 6 representatives from CSOs working in the field of youth in Türkiye.



  
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