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# Civil Society Support Programme Period III

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# Foreword

*Strengthening civil society is one of the priority areas within the scope of the financial assistance that Türkiye has benefited from during its accession process to the European Union (EU). In the third period of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) covering the years 2014-2020, "Civil Society" has been defined as a sub-sector under the Democracy and Governance Sector; and The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs has been authorised to formulate the strategy for the use of the budget allocated to support the civil society sector in Türkiye and to carry out programming, project identification and monitoring.*

*Attaching importance to the development of civil society in Türkiye, the Directorate for EU Affairs, with a sectoral and systematic perspective, has gathered the support provided to civil society and its actors under the umbrella of the "Civil Society Sector". Under this umbrella programme that brings together public institutions and civil society organisations (CSOs), many projects in different fields have been implemented, the capacities of CSOs have been improved, and the foundations of working, producing and living together have been strengthened.*

*The Civil Society Support Programme First Phase (CSSP-I), which was implemented between 2018-2021 under the Civil Society Sector, aimed to ensure more effective participation of CSOs in decision-making processes, improve public-civil society relations at local and national levels, and support CSOs' management, advocacy and communication skills. Approximately 6.3 million euros of grant was provided to 48 projects during CSSP-I.*



*CSSP-II, which was implemented as a continuation of the first period and carried out between 2019-2021, aimed to build a stronger civil dialogue and participation and to develop the capacities of CSOs with a grant support of 3.7 million euros provided for 29 projects.*

*In the CSSP-III period (2021-2022), which was a continuation of the previous Civil Society Support Programmes, it was aimed to strengthen CSOs' structures and institutional capacities, capacities to participate in decision-making processes, cooperation and networking skills; to encourage CSOs' participation in decision-making processes at local, national or international levels; and to support the development of the legal environment for active citizenship. During the CSSP-III period, 34 projects were supported with a grant of 3.2 million euros.*

*In this project catalogue, we are pleased to share with you the stories of the projects carried out in the third term of the Civil Society Support Programme. We sincerely congratulate all CSO representatives who have contributed to the projects and wish that their successfully completed projects will inspire other CSOs.*



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

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# Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP) from Past to Present

With the Negotiation Framework Document and the Copenhagen political criteria, civil society came to the fore as an important actor in Türkiye's accession negotiations to the European Union (EU). The understanding that a healthy functioning democracy, reaching EU standards and establishing lasting ties between Turkish and EU societies can only be possible with a strong civil society, thus, gained importance.

Civil society supports, provided in different areas until 2014, were gathered under the umbrella of the "Civil Society Sector" in the Second Period of the EU Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) covering the years 2014-2020. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs became the lead organisation of the Civil Society Sector, responsible for programming, implementation and monitoring.

Within this framework, Civil Society Support Programme-I (CSSP-I) and Civil Society Support Programme-II (CSSP-II) were successfully completed with 77 projects with a total budget of 11 million euros between 2018-2021.

Within the scope of the Civil Society Support Programme-III (CSSP-III), which is the continuation of CSSP-I and CSSP-II, 34 projects under the themes of environment, youth, culture and arts, vulnerable groups and cooperation were successfully implemented with a total budget of 3.6 million euros.

## Civil Society Support Programme First Phase (CSSP I) (2018-2021)

The first phase of the Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP-I) enabled CSOs to participate more effectively in decision-making processes, improved public-civil society relations at local and national levels, and CSOs' management, advocacy and communication skills were supported.

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

- Partnerships and Networks Grant Scheme for Strengthening Cooperation between Public Sector and CSOs
- Local CSOs Grant Programme

"The Partnerships and Networks Grant Programme for Strengthening Cooperation between Public Institutions and CSOs" supported partnerships and networks to be developed by CSOs that were financially and administratively strong and experienced in project management. Through these partnerships and networks, the cooperation between public institutions and CSOs and the capacities of CSOs were strengthened. Within the scope of the programme, 10 CSOs received grants of approximately 4.2 million euros.

With the "Local CSOs Grant Scheme", which has a budget of 2.1 million euros, the institutional capacities of CSOs were strengthened, lobbying and advocacy activities were supported and communication skills were improved. The programme, which included 38 projects from 15 different provinces of Türkiye, played an important part in the dissemination of EU funds to Anatolia.

Within the scope of CSSP-I, 28 networks/platforms were formed with the participation of 2223 CSOs and 14 Public-CSO cooperation protocols were signed.

## Civil Society Support Programme Second Period (CSSP-II) (2019-2021)

The Second Phase of the Civil Society Support Programme, which was implemented in 2019 as a continuation of the first phase, was implemented with a budget of approximately 4 million euros to improve the capacities of CSOs for a stronger civil dialogue and participation.

29 projects from 10 provinces in Türkiye were supported with a grant of 3.7 million euros. Although there was no partnership requirement, 18 projects set off with a co-beneficiary. Co-beneficiaries from the Netherlands, Germany, Italy and Austria also joined the programme with their Turkish partners. CSSP-II contributed to building the capacities of CSOs for stronger civil dialogue, participation and recognition.

Within the scope of CSSP-II, it was of prior concern:

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

The programme reached out to a wide range of CSOs operating in various sectors such as health, agriculture, education, environment, food, media, health, agriculture, education, environment, environment, food, media, including different target groups such as women, children, youth and disadvantaged groups.

5,349 people participated in 193 training programmes conducted under CSSP-II. The capacity of 576 CSOs was improved through the projects implemented.

## Civil Society Support Programme Third Period (CSSP-III) (2021-2022)

CSSP-III, which is a continuation of the previous Civil Society Support Programmes, was implemented in a way to cover CSOs in EU countries and candidate countries as well with respect to the same priority areas. Within this context, 34 projects were supported with a grant of 3.2 million euros.

With these supports, it was aimed to:

- Improve the institutional capacity of CSOs,
- Promote partnerships among CSOs,
- Strengthen active citizenship and the participation of CSOs in decision-making processes,
- Develop the legal framework for active citizenship.



# Reflections from the Third Phase of the Programme

**Number of Grant Projects** 34

**Total Grant Amount (Euro):** 3.242.200,8

**Total Budget Including Co-financing (Euro):** 3.625.046,03

## General Distribution of Grant Beneficiaries

### Coordinating Beneficiaries:

32 Turkey (Adana, Ankara, Antalya, Denizli, Gaziantep, Istanbul, Izmir, Konya, Mersin)

2 EU Member States (Belgium, Poland)

### EU Countries Co-Beneficiary Distribution:

Romania 1

Poland 2

Netherlands 1

Greece 1

Slovenia 1

Italy 1

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

20 networks/platforms were created.

426 CSOs became members of these networks and platforms.

### CSOs in Civil Society Support Programme Activities

338 events were organised in Turkey.

12.098 people participated in events organised in Turkey.

92 trainings were organised.

3,051 people attended the trainings.

130 CSOs participated in these trainings and developed their capacity.

118 Public-NGO co-operation protocol was signed.

### Visibility and Communication Activities

25,145,655 social media access was reached.

18 websites were created and supported.

150.501 brochures and posters were produced.

58 broadcast/TV/radio programmes produced.

# **Civil Society Dialogue (CSD)-VI Programme and Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP)- III Technical Assistance Project**

## **Grant Implementation Trainings**

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

Grant Implementation Training for CSD-VI and CSSP-III projects was organised in three groups. The first group of the training was face-to-face, the second 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 people from 66 grant projects participated in the training programmes.

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

8 October 2021

The grant programmes were introduced to the public at the Launch Event held in Istanbul with the participation of 203 people. A networking activity was organised within the scope of the event. The importance of grant programme supports for CSOs to strengthen their capacities and increase their cooperation with other partners in the EU was highlighted. 88 news items related to the launch event appeared in national and local media.

## **Communication Training**

7 October 2021

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

## **Focus Group Meeting entitled "Why Does the Civil Society Sector Care About Social Entrepreneurship?"**

22 November 2021

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.

## **Civil Society Meetings: Second National Consultation Meeting on Civil Society Dialogue and Civil Society Support Programmes**

25 November 2021

In the meeting held with the participation of 190 people from civil society organisations, public institutions and stakeholder groups, the thematic priorities of the grant programme were highlighted and 5 thematic support areas of the grant programmes were discussed.

## **Post-Grant Evaluation Interviews**

23 February 2022

In order to assess the overall impact of the programmes, online in-depth interviews were conducted with 14 project teams from CSD-IV and 12 from CSSP-III. Moreover, all project teams were directed to online surveys. 57 grant project teams participated in the surveys.

## **Social Entrepreneurship Training**

24-25 February 2022

During the training organised 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.

## **Final Report Training**

9-11 March 2022

A 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.

## **Online "Final Report Training"**

14-16 March 2022

Online training was held on 14 - 16 March 2022 for grant beneficiaries who could not attend the face-to-face final report training. The online training on preparing the project final report for grant beneficiaries from Türkiye and EU countries was held in two different sessions in English and Turkish. 40 representatives of CSD-VI and CSSP-III projects participated in the online training.

## **Impact Investing and Civil Society Conference**

29 March 2022

A small-scale meeting was held 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, with civil society representatives and impact investors in Türkiye.

## **Social Entrepreneurship Training**

19 April 2022

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. Throughout 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.



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

April-May-June 2022

A series of meetings were held in which the potential benefits, limits and constraints of the network were discussed; network types and models in Türkiye were reviewed; the vision and mission of the network were determined; the work plan was outlined; and, potential stakeholders for the establishment of the network were evaluated.

### **Local Good Practices Meeting**

5 July 2022

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 local good practices on public-civil society cooperation, advocacy and capacity building of CSOs were shared, and medium and long-term cooperation opportunities were discussed.

### **Focus Group Meeting on "Public-Civil Society Cooperation from the 11<sup>th</sup> Development Plan to the 12<sup>th</sup> Development Plan"**

7 October 2022

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

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

28–30 November 2022

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

### **Advanced Project Management Training**

7-8 December 2022

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

### **Closing Event**

19 December 2022

A closing event for the CSSP-III and CSD-VI Grant Programmes was held in Antalya with the participation of 210 people.

### **National Consultation Meeting themed "Civil Society Seeks Its Future"**

20 December 2022

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

### **Study Visit to Spain**

24–25 January 2023

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

### **Study Visit to Germany**

16–17 May 2023

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

### **Study Visit to Italy**

29–30 May 2023

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

# D. Project List

## Vulnerable Groups

- Build Together, Smile Together
- Building Capacity Through Strong Relationships
- Decreasing Discriminative Language Against Women in Media
- Empower UCIM, Empower Children
- Empowerment of Local CSOs and Increasing Communication and Collaboration for Effective Functioning and Representation
- Effective Participation of Children with Disabilities in Decision Making Processes
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- Together to Improve Family Reunification
- Mersin Non-Disability Living Platform
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- Personal Assistance as a Key Tool for Independent Living and Social Inclusion of People with Disabilities (PAKT)
- Strengthening The İzmir Jewish Community Through Inclusive Leadership
- Empowering Local CSOs in Volunteer Management
- Disability Rights Monitoring Platform Project
- Hand in Hand for Children

## Co-operation

- Increasing Equal Representation of Women in Professional Organizations for Women's Active Participation in The Decision-Making Processes Concerning Business Related Matters
- Development of Institutional Capacity of ELDER and Enhancing the Public-CSO Dialogue in Electricity Distribution Sector
- Regional Development with Stronger Business Networks
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- Increasing The Capacity of CSOs for Consumer Protection
- New Generation Cooperatives Society Newgencoop
- CSOs for Sustainable Development

## Environment

- Civil Society Development in Rural Areas
- Cycling for All
- Improving the Institutional Capacity of CSOs and Strengthening the Collaboration with Municipalities and the Private Sector
- Expanding Impact of FRA on Reducing Food Waste Through Capacity Building
- Conservation Implementation on Forest Endangered Resources of Antalya – CONIFERA
- Civil Society Network for Climate Mainstreaming of Agricultural Policy
- Strengthening Fishers' Active Participation in Fisheries Policies
- Do Not Dispose My Future! Raising Ecological Awareness Through Participation of Children

## Culture and Art

- A Stronger Civil Society to Conserve Cultural Heritage
- Accessible Cinema: Breaking the Vicious Circle

## Education and Youth

- Active Involvement of Civil Society in the Higher Education System
- Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development

# VULNERABLE GROUPS





# Build Together, Smile Together

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Laughter Heals Association

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** -

**ASSOCIATE(S):**

Pharmaceutic Entrepreneur Pharmacists Association  
Turkish Paediatric Oncology Group Association  
Psycho Oncology Association  
Sisli Municipality  
Istanbul Provincial Health Directorate  
Acibadem Hospital  
Sisli Memorial Hospital  
Bezmialem University Hospital

**PROJECT DURATION:** 12 Months

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

EUR 99.996,39 / EUR 114.991,25

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):**

Ankara, Antalya, Bursa, Istanbul, Izmir

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

<https://gulmekiyilestirir.org.tr/>  
<https://instagram.com/gulmekiyilestirir?igshid=1lb6o2543smw9>  
<https://m.facebook.com/gulmekiyilestirir>  
<https://m.youtube.com/c/Gulmekiyilestirir>  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/g%C3%BCImek-i%CC%87yi%CC%87le%C5%9Fti%CC%87ri%CC%87r-derne%C4%9Fi%CC%87/>

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We implemented and expanded the mentor family programme, which enables families of children undergoing cancer treatment to mentor each other during the treatment period. We strengthened our volunteer network through a structured volunteer training programme and contributed to the sustainability of our association through new fundraising and communication channels. Our motto is: Laughing Together Heals. Let's Laugh Together and Develop Together.














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Salih Yiğit  
Laughter Heals Association  
Finance Coordinator

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to improve the institutional capacity of the Laughter Heals Association, which acts as a resource centre for Turkish civil society representatives dedicated to improving the welfare of children with cancer. Within this framework, structured committees were formed with the support of existing volunteers, effective training/monitoring/supervision programmes were developed and communication was strengthened.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

-  A toolkit containing all the training modules developed within the project, best practices from EU Civil Society Organisations, strategic tools, communication tools, printed materials and manuals was produced.
-  45 CSOs were contacted, 20 of these CSOs volunteered to participate in the project, three meetings were organised with the participation of 28 CSO representatives and project outputs were shared.
-  22 volunteer training sessions were conducted, aiming to improve volunteers' skills in meeting the needs of children with cancer and their parents.
-  A 10-member, effectively functioning Volunteer Training Committee was established.
-  The organisational, professional and administrative skills of 148 volunteers at Laughter Heals Association were improved.
-  516 children with cancer and their families were reached, enabling them to enrol in the Hygienic Play Centres and benefit from the centre's services or online classes.
-  A "Parent Mentoring Committee" consisting of 1 mentoring coordinator, 1 psychologist and 9 volunteer parents of children with cancer was established and a communication network was created between mentors and families who wanted to benefit from mentoring services.
-  181 people participated in 13 mentoring training sessions, a total of 57 mentors and 57 beneficiary families were reached.
-  Within the framework of the project communication plan, a total of 12.4 million people, mostly women, were reached through the social media campaign.
-  47 doctors and healthcare staff from 21 hospitals in 8 provinces were interviewed through 19 online and two face-to-face meetings; 2000 brochures were sent to 23 hospitals and 29 paediatric centres in 9 different provinces.
-  News about the hospital and pharmacy visits was published in five magazines for healthcare professionals, thus reaching 490,000 people.
-  At the pharmacists' congress held in Antalya, 2000 brochures were distributed to 500 participating pharmacies; 700 pharmacists and doctors were reached in three days at the Open Stage Awards organisation, which was attended by doctors and pharmacists; 107 pharmacies actively participated in project activities.
-  A new inspection programme was organised to assess the quality of staff activities and the functioning of Hygienic Play Centres (HOMs).



## Building Capacity Through Strong Relationships

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Educational Volunteers Foundation of Türkiye (TEGV)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** -

**ASSOCIATE(S):**

Health and Education Foundation (SEV)

Koç University Social Impact Forum (KUSIF)

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

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

EUR 99.655,09 / EUR 110.727,88

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Istanbul

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

<https://tegv.org/>

<https://twitter.com/tegv>

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

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

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

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Our project has set out with the aim of improving TEGV's relations with its stakeholders and strengthening the technology skills of CSOs while doing so. The project aims to develop best practices to encourage active democratic participation of CSOs in policy and decision-making processes through capacity development. Within the project, steps have been taken to improve the effective use of CRM, the development of customised communication strategies, active citizenship and volunteering.

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Fatma Özgümüş  
Educational Volunteers Foundation of Türkiye (TEGV)  
Project Coordinator

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented so as to improve the institutional capacities of CSOs active in the field of education and to promote democratic participation of CSOs in decision-making processes. Within this context, good practices of customer relationship management (CRM) were developed, aiming to improve the communication skills of education-focused CSOs and strengthen their administrative and financial sustainability.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

📁 CRM strategies were developed to enable the establishment of relationships between CSOs, and TEGV's CRM system was developed in a comprehensive and integrated manner, thereby increasing individual and regular donors.

🎓 CSOs' technology skills for visibility and promotion of their work were enhanced; two online and one hybrid CRM training sessions were conducted with the participation of 182 CSO representatives and one hybrid human resources management training was conducted with the participation of 76 CSO representatives.

📅 Active citizenship and participation of CSOs in decision-making processes at a national level were promoted; two workshops were organised with the participation of 8 CSO representatives, resulting in a policy document.

📁 In order to increase the visibility of the project and ensure the dissemination of the project outputs, the project web page was published; social media channels were actively used; a project booklet was prepared and distributed at the project closing conference.





# Decreasing Discriminative Language Against Women in Media

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

All Communication and Media Federation (TIMEF)

## CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

19 September Journalists Association  
Ordu Women's Empowerment Association

## ASSOCIATE(S):

Ankara University Faculty of Communication (İLEF)

**PROJECT DURATION:** 12 Months

## GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 96.068,88 / EUR 106.743,20

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Ankara, Ordu

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<https://timef.org/>  
[https://twitter.com/timef\\_](https://twitter.com/timef_)  
[https://www.instagram.com/timef\\_timef/?hl=tr](https://www.instagram.com/timef_timef/?hl=tr)  
<https://www.facebook.com/timef.2012/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYTKxnFcMPEhOJQLqcvZ4MQ/featured>  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/timef-t%C3%BCm-ileti%C5%9Fim-ve-medya-federasyonu-3bba445a/>

“ In order to alleviate the use of discriminatory language against women in the media, we raised awareness through the events we organised for the dissemination of 'gender-oriented' journalism and the elimination of language that legitimises violence and discrimination against women in the media; the strengthening of women's place in society and their participation in policy and decision-making processes; and the publication of these events in conventional media and new media. We established the Media's Women's Language Call Centre. We made the short film 'I Don't Exist'.

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Sultan Tapdık

All Communication and Media Federation (TIMEF)  
Project Coordinator

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to support greater participation of women in policy and decision-making processes by using the media as a tool. Within this context, it was aimed to develop women's communication and advocacy skills to support active citizenship and to create a platform that would contribute to gender equality.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 📋 Women's awareness of discriminatory language was raised and advocacy skills were developed through printed and visual materials, workshops and training programmes.
- 📖 A one-day training was given to 135 students on "basic definitions and concepts of media literacy, media literacy in the world and in Türkiye, analysis of relevant institutions, media literacy models and techniques, the concept of critical reading, content production in the media or content production for target audience".
- 📋 A code of ethics, which sets out the scope of professional rules and responsibilities adopting the principles of justice, respect, responsibility, moderation, transparency, courtesy and confidentiality in communication and media, was prepared and sent to various media organisations.
- 📖 Advocacy and lobbying training of two days was provided in Ankara and Ordu to a group of 112 participants from communication associations, representatives of CSOs dealing with women's issues, students and media members from across Türkiye.
- 📋 A handbook on how discriminatory language exists in the media, how it is used and what kind of news should be reported in the media was produced and distributed to 600 women.
- 📢 A short film about how the discriminatory language used in the media shapes the perception of the society and what consequences this situation can lead to in the society was shot and broadcasted on social media and 10 TV channels, reaching 3000 people.
- 📢 A call centre has been established to which women can apply in cases of discrimination, violations of their rights and breaches of the respect framework.
- 👥 The Turkish Grand National Assembly Commission on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men was visited and active participation of CSOs in decision-making mechanisms was ensured.
- 🌐 A web-based platform was created with the idea of promoting gender equality and spreading human rights to everyone.
- 👥 10 volunteers were trained on discrimination, rights violations and gender equality and then these volunteers provided mentoring services through the platform.





<https://www.ucim.org.tr/>  
<https://twitter.com/ucimorgtr>  
<https://www.instagram.com/ucimorgtr/?hl=tr>  
<https://www.facebook.com/ucimorgtr/>  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9zljCPMnnauAH5N3Ve\\_QoA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9zljCPMnnauAH5N3Ve_QoA)  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/ucim-saadet-%C3%B6%C4%9Fretmen-%C3%A7ocuk-i%C3%87sti%C3%87smarii%C3%87le-m%C3%BCcadele-derne%C4%9Fi%C3%87/>

Pelin Uzun  
UCIM Saadet Teacher Association for Combating Child Abuse  
Türkiye Legal Coordinator Lawyer

 The project closing meeting realised with the participation of 121 people appeared in the national and local media and received a total of 10,000 viewings through UCIM's social media account.



## Empowerment of Local CSOs and Increasing Communication and Collaboration for Effective Functioning and Representation

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Olive Branch Association

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** Door Beyond War Organisation

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 89.958,58 / EUR 99.953,98

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Gaziantep

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<https://olivebranchorg.org/>

<https://twitter.com/OliveBranchSyr>

[https://www.instagram.com/olive\\_branch\\_organization/](https://www.instagram.com/olive_branch_organization/)

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDVdtToHp9w88eFLWfQsc4w>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/olive-branch-organization/>

“ With the Empowered CSOs project, we aimed to support the development of civil society by empowering CSOs at the grassroots level, increasing their capacities and bringing them together. As the first objective, we focused on building the institutional capacities of CSOs and providing them with the necessary knowledge and skills for community work. Secondly, we worked to improve social cohesion by focusing on increasing communication and coordination between local CSOs and CSOs established by Syrians in our country.

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Derya Cengiz  
Olive Branch Association  
Project Coordinator

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to establish a network among CSOs in Gaziantep and to enable them to better represent their communities. Within this context, it was aimed to strengthen the media and advocacy capacities of CSOs in order to increase their participation in decision-making processes and to improve communication and cooperation among them.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

📋 A total of 42 CSOs, 26 of which were established by Syrians in Türkiye, were researched and mapped. Based on this study, a capacity building plan for CSOs was prepared.

🎓 The selected CSOs participated in a 19-day training programme in Turkish and Arabic on problem solving and decision making, strategic analysis, planning, institutional development, media and advocacy.

📢 At the end of the strategic analysis, planning and institutional development training programme, 9 strategic plans were prepared by the participants.

👥 A series of 10-day workshops were organised to bring CSOs together and increase cooperation among CSOs. With these workshops, it was observed that trust and social cohesion among CSOs increased along with their knowledge and skills.





## Effective Participation of Children with Disabilities in Decision Making Processes

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Spina Bifida Association of Türkiye

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**

Dyslexia Learning Disability Association

**ASSOCIATE(S):**

Hacettepe University Child Rights Application and Research Centre

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

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

EUR 98.882,77 / EUR 109.869,74

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Ankara, Izmir

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

<https://www.spinabifida.org.tr/>

<https://twitter.com/trspinabifida>

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ0xcQq3UTsKSpALxRGcsoQ>

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Every child, whether disabled or not, has the right to express himself/herself! We are very happy that we have ensured a true child participation while developing the "ENÇOKK" board game and mobile game for all children to gain awareness about the rights of disabled people in our project, which we set out with the motto "Every child has the right to express himself/herself!" and that we have simplified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities for children together with children. We continue to work for Children's Right of Participation and disseminate our games at national and international levels.

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Selma Çalık

Spina Bifida Association of Türkiye

Project Technical Coordinator

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to support the development of civil society organisations working on the rights of children with disabilities by ensuring more active democratic participation of children with disabilities in policy and decision-making processes. Within this context; it was aimed to increase the capacities of CSOs working on "child participation", to raise awareness of public institutions, universities and CSOs on the participation of children with disabilities and to develop a cooperation mechanism.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Regular posts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts created within the scope of the project increased the impact of the project; project results and materials were shared in a publicly accessible manner and project sustainability was ensured with the board game request form.

Within the scope of the "child participation" strategy, a Child Advisory Group was established; 4 online meetings were held with 10 children from different disability groups.

The capacities of CSOs to work with children with disabilities were increased through training programmes, awareness-raising activities and cooperation mechanisms that encouraged child participation.

27 CSOs participating in the Child Participation Training were paired with 4 experts and received mentoring support and prepared Child Participation Roadmaps.

The child-friendly version of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was prepared in collaboration with experts and children.

17 children with disabilities prepared a Child Friendly "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" in online workshops with experts.

In order to raise children's awareness on the rights of people with disabilities, an online game and a board game called "ENÇOKK", a first in Türkiye, were produced with the participation of children during the production process, and a mobile application of the game was made.

The capacity of children with disabilities to participate in civil society was increased with the participation of 31 children from different provinces, together with their companions and project team representatives, in a two-day peer training in Izmir.

A handbook was prepared to increase the participation of children with disabilities.

A one-day meeting was organised with the participation of 92 people from CSOs, universities, municipalities, public sector representatives and children in order to promote public-CSO-university cooperation on the participation of children with disabilities.





## E-Pass for Equality

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Flying Broom Foundation

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** -

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

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

EUR 98.035,72 / EUR 108.928,58

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):**

Ankara and 7 Geographical Regions of Türkiye

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

<https://www.ucansupurge.org.tr/>

<https://twitter.com/ucansupurgeukff>

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC699hfIFEY8le1thLwslqig>

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*With our project, we have strengthened our relations with civil society organisations working in the field of women in 7 provinces in 7 regions of Türkiye; we increased our capacity and established a digital platform. Thanks to this digital platform, everyone in Türkiye can access the gender equality platform free of charge and receive training. We claim equality for everyone.*


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Ceren Kurt  
Flying Broom Foundation  
Project Coordinator


### PROJECT OBJECTIVES


The project was carried out so as to strengthen the capacities of women in civil society and women's CSOs by sharing the necessary information to ensure women's participation in decision-making processes. Within this context, it was aimed to increase the capacity of women's CSOs on issues such as women's rights, human rights, gender equality, participation and advocacy, to create a network among women's CSOs and to strengthen the capacity of the Flying Broom Foundation.


### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

 Online meetings were organised with the participation of 27 civil society organisations from 7 provinces in 7 different regions of Türkiye to determine the needs of CSOs and the content details of the training on advocacy, active citizenship and gender equality.

 Curricula for the training modules were prepared by the experts of the subjects determined by the CSOs.

 E-transition online training platform was developed; a training content of 44 hours in sum was developed as 80 lessons in 4 modules on the platform and videos were prepared by 15 trainers.

 E-transition Digital Training Platform was released after being tested with Flying Broom Foundation volunteers and other CSO representatives, and a total of 90 people registered to the platform during the project and the capacities of women's CSOs were increased.

 Two-day workshops were organised in 7 provinces with the participation of more than 140 CSOs, municipality and university representatives and the communication network established among CSOs was developed.



# Together to Improve Family Reunification

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Turkish Foundation for Children in Need of Protection

## CO-BENEFICIARY(IES): -

## ASSOCIATE(S):

Istanbul Foster Family Association  
Our Children Youth Academy Association

## PROJECT DURATION: 12 Months

## GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 98.802,50 / EUR 109.780,56

## PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):

Ankara, Bursa, Denizli, Istanbul, Izmir

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<https://koruncuk.org/>  
<https://twitter.com/Koruncuk>  
<https://www.instagram.com/koruncuk/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/KORUNCUKVAKFI/>  
[www.youtube.com/koruncukvakfiresmi](https://www.youtube.com/koruncukvakfiresmi)  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/koruncuk-turkish-foundation-for-children-in-need-of-protection/>

“ With the "Together to Improve Family Reunification" Project, we tried to emphasise that practices aimed at ensuring child welfare will be incomplete without protective-preventive activities that cover the entire family system. We conducted a communication campaign for this purpose and proposed a new model for the return of children under protection to the family. In addition to these activities, the biggest gain of the project was that it created the dynamic of working together and being a common voice on an issue where CSOs working with children under protection are most divided. ”

Dr. Figen SAMURAY  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees and  
Board of Directors of Koruncuk Foundation

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to develop a common strategy among CSOs working in the field of "Family Reunification" in order to improve the process of returning children under state protection to their families; and to ensure the active participation of these CSOs in policy and decision-making processes. Within this context, it was aimed to strengthen the advocacy and lobbying activities of the relevant CSOs and to increase their capacities regarding family reunification practices.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 📅 A field research report was prepared with the participation of 15 CSOs from different provinces of Türkiye.
- 👥 A focus group with 24 participants from 12 different organisations agreed on a common discourse for family reunification.
- 📢 Within the scope of creating a joint action plan, "Joint Advocacy Text" and "Advocacy Campaign Joint Action Plan and Visibility Guide" were produced by the training participants parallel to the "strategy and action planning" and "effective visibility and communication" training sessions with the participation of 22 representatives from 13 different CSOs.
- 🌐 Within the framework of advocacy activities, joint discourse and documents were published on the project website, press releases were prepared and distributed, and received wide media coverage.
- 📺 TV programmes were attended; 20 different contents were shared through 4 different social media tools.
- 🗨 Visits were made to the Ministry of Family and Social Services.
- 👥 The visibility of CSOs operating in this field was increased, their advocacy and lobbying activities were strengthened, and their participation in decision-making mechanisms at local and national levels has been encouraged more.
- 🎓 A total of 40 experts from different provinces of Türkiye were trained on "psychosocial support and basic skills in family reunification".
- 👨👩👧 During the pilot study, a total of 4 families and 6 children were supported.





## Mersin Non-Disability Living Platform

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Disabled Rights and Barrier-Free Future Association

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** Mut Disabled Hope Association

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 80.960,00 / EUR 89.956,00

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Mersin

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<http://engelsizyasamplatformu.org/>

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFn\\_1ntKIPdlq9C-Bv1KARQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFn_1ntKIPdlq9C-Bv1KARQ)

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We have created a Platform for Life without Barriers between CSOs operating in the field of disability in our region and CSOs operating in other social fields. We aimed to create perception and awareness in society about the rights of the disabled and other social rights. Our motto is: A Türkiye without barriers, a world without barriers!

”

Mustafa Özsaygı

Disabled Rights and Barrier-Free Future Association  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to ensure the active participation of CSOs working in the field of persons with disabilities in policy and decision-making processes for persons with disabilities through institutional capacity building. Within this context; it was aimed to develop the expertise and institutional capacity of CSOs working for persons with disabilities to defend the rights of persons with disabilities and their families living in Mersin.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Managers and members of CSOs working in the field of persons with disabilities and rights-based CSOs in Mersin were trained in a workshop concept and the capacities of CSOs were improved.

Training programmes on "advocacy methods, raising public awareness and lobbying", "CSO management and institutionalisation", "monitoring, archiving and reporting of CSO activities", "communication and media, resource management and volunteer management", "types of discrimination and methods of challenging discrimination against persons with disabilities", "methods of gaining disability rights perspective and increasing social participation in civil society organisations" and "project preparation trainings according to EU methodology" were organised with the participation of 271 CSO representatives.

A platform was established with the participation of civil society organisations working in the field of disability in Mersin. Thus, the capacity of CSOs was strengthened and sustained through cooperation, communication and networking.

22 CSO members and managers received mentoring training; 10 CSO representatives who received training visited associations in Ankara and Istanbul and shared their experiences.

Training modules and the online learning platform were developed.

A physical space was created to provide logistic support to disability associations experiencing space problems.

The project partners signed a cooperation and sustainability protocol.





## SOBE is Stronger with Ambassadors

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Selçuk Individuals with Autism Education Foundation (SOBE)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES): -

#### ASSOCIATE(S):

Konya Governorship  
Konya Metropolitan Municipality  
Selçuk University

**PROJECT DURATION:** 12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 89.839,84 / EUR 99.822,05

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Konya

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<http://www.sobe.org.tr/>  
<https://twitter.com/sobeotizm>  
<https://www.instagram.com/sobeotizm/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/sobeotizm>  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm4\\_sRCEIxEpY-4HxBfmow](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm4_sRCEIxEpY-4HxBfmow)













“ In our project, we aimed to raise social awareness about the diagnosis and treatment processes of individuals with autism spectrum disorder; to encourage active citizenship; and, to increase our institutional capacity. We set out by saying Stronger with SOBE Ambassadors, and we became stronger.

Mustafa Ak  
Selçuklu Individuals with Autism Education (SOBE) Foundation  
Project Officer

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented in the centre and districts of Konya so as to promote active citizenship on autism spectrum disorder (ASD), to strengthen SOBE's networking skills by improving cooperation between relevant institutions and to increase public awareness on autism. The project aimed to create an effective volunteering system for individuals with autism spectrum disorder by using the "volunteer ambassadors" method.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

-  The number of SOBE volunteers increased from zero to 116.
-  The number of individuals with autism benefiting from SOBE's services increased from 102 to 240.
-  In order to inform about autism and early diagnosis and to introduce SOBE, 452 teachers and 178 health personnel participated in 15 workshops held in three central districts of Konya.
-  In the workshops held with the participation of 418 teachers in 12 different districts of Konya, SOBE was promoted and the infrastructure for future cooperation between SOBE and teachers in these districts was provided.
-  In the workshops held with the participation of 346 health personnel in 12 different districts of Konya, SOBE was promoted and the infrastructure for future cooperation between SOBE and health personnel in these districts was provided.
-  A dynamic web page with an infrastructure where autistic individuals and trainers could come together was created.
-  The public spot produced within the scope of the project was broadcasted on two local channels and reached 225,000 people in total; 160,000 people were reached through two TV programmes attended by the SOBE Education Coordinator.
-  Three local newspapers published news on autism, early diagnosis and SOBE.
-  With the participation of 165 people, the Autism Symposium was held in a hybrid format.
-  "Konya Provincial Action Plan" was prepared for individuals with autism with the contributions of relevant public institutions and CSOs.
-  SOBE's institutional capacity was developed and a 5-year Strategic Plan 2021-2025 was prepared.
-  The project indirectly contributed to the "National Action Plan for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders".

# Personal Assistance as a Key Tool for Independent Living and Social Inclusion of People with Disabilities (PAKT)

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** European Independent Living Network (Belgium)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** Association of Women with Disabilities

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

**GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:**  
EUR 99.088,21 / EUR 115.757,25

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Türkiye

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:**  
<https://enil.eu/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/ENILsecretaria/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtmyPtD6PnTr3o93bVr5Fvg>  
[https://www.instagram.com/enil\\_eu/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/enil_eu/?hl=en)  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/european-network-on-independent-living/?originalSubdomain=be>

“ This project is the first project in the field of independent living and personal assistance in Türkiye. It has contributed to strengthening the rights-based perspective towards persons with disabilities, which is a crucial prerequisite for the development of policies and measures that support the inclusion of persons with disabilities in society. It has also contributed to widening the circle of independent living assistants in Türkiye and strengthening their capacity to advocate for independent living.






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Lilia Angelova-Mladenova  
European Independent Living Network (Belgium)

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out to so as to increase the awareness of CSOs working for persons with disabilities, persons with disabilities and decision makers on "personal assistance", which is one of the key tools for realising the rights of persons with disabilities in Türkiye to independent living and inclusion in society. Within this context; it was aimed to support relevant CSOs to carry out advocacy activities on personal assistance and independent living and to develop a model personal assistance policy for Türkiye.

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-  An online cooperation forum was created with the participation of 830 people.
-  251 people participated in the events organised under the project, including round tables, webinars and a meeting at the European Parliament.
-  The current situation in Türkiye on independent living and personal assistance was analysed and a research report was published and delivered to 4000 people in Türkiye and 6000 people abroad.
-  1 video, brochure and flyer on personal support and translation of 4 different publications on personal assistance and independent living from English to Turkish were prepared and delivered to 4000 people, contributing to increasing the perception and knowledge of disabled citizens and key stakeholders on these issues.
-  A model personal assistance policy was designed and disseminated to 4000 people.





# Strengthening the İzmir Jewish Community Through Inclusive Leadership

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** İzmir Jewish Community Foundation

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**

İzmir Urban Values Protection and Development Association

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

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

EUR 83.748,60 / EUR 93.054,00

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** İzmir, Manisa

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

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

<https://twitter.com/despertarizmir>

<https://instagram.com/despertarizmir>

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

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/despertarizmir/about/>

“ We have more actively involved women and young people in the management of the İzmir Jewish community, which is shrinking and ageing. We have increased our cooperation with other civil society organisations and municipalities in İzmir. We have shared our achievements with other minority community foundations in Türkiye. With the movement we started in İzmir, we wish that there will be community foundations where women managers are to play a greater part.

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Ceki Hazan

İzmir Jewish Community Foundation

Project Coordinator

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to strengthen the İzmir Jewish Community Foundation through more active democratic participation. The project aimed to create an "İzmir Model" for other minority foundations; to enhance awareness of Jewish history; to reduce existing prejudice; and, to strengthen the ties of young Jewish generations to Türkiye and their local communities.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

📢 The Jewish community has become more visible in society and existing prejudices between Jews and the rest of society have diminished.

✈️ The Jewish Community Centre in Krakow was visited by the project team.

🌐 10 online thematic meetings were organised with the participation of 470 CSO representatives in total; in addition, 400 people watched them on YouTube.

📅 As a result of training programmes for target groups, monthly meetings with decision makers, participation in international meetings and networking activities with Jewish communities in Europe, a strategic plan was created to strengthen the İzmir Jewish Community Foundation with more active democratic participation.

👤 427 people participated in four online meetings where speakers from the older generation shared their memories and experiences.

🎓 The creative drama training organised within the scope of the intercultural festival week was attended by 20 people; and, the treasure hunt game was held with the participation of 150 people.

🌐 The painting on the wall of İstiklal School in İstiklal neighbourhood was viewed by 136,948 people via Instagram in addition to local people.

🌐 A two-hour documentary film on Jewish women in İzmir and their contribution to the institutions of the Jewish Community was produced and broadcast online.

👤 More volunteers, particularly young volunteers, started to work for the foundation.



## Empowering Local CSOs in Volunteer Management

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Tohum Autism Türkiye Early Diagnosis and Education Foundation

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** Maya Foundation

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 98.466,75 / EUR 109.407,50

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Türkiye

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<https://www.tohumotizm.org.tr/>

<https://twitter.com/tohumotizm>

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

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

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

“ The aim of this project is to establish a dialogue between CSOs and volunteers working with and for vulnerable children. With our project, we believe that we have established a sustainable dialogue by improving the volunteer management capacity and skills of CSOs working for vulnerable children, developing and disseminating a volunteer management programme. ”

Özgül Gürel  
Tohum Türkiye Early Diagnosis and Education Foundation  
General Manager

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to improve the volunteer management capacities of CSOs dealing with vulnerable children; to strengthen volunteers' skills in working with vulnerable groups; to improve the ability of relevant CSOs to work together; and, to increase the involvement of vulnerable groups in social life by virtue of the volunteers.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Following the trainers' training programme organised with the participation of representatives from 17 different CSOs and the project team, the volunteer management capacity of CSOs dealing with vulnerable groups was improved.

Through 16 workshops organised in 10 different provinces, the capacity of 227 volunteers was increased in terms of working with vulnerable groups.

For a structured and sustainable dialogue between CSOs and volunteers, a website was established where CSOs exchange experiences and carry out networking activities.

A Volunteering Summit was organised with the participation of 140 people, including representatives from 10 different cities and 39 CSOs. As a result of these and other similar dissemination activities, partnerships and collaborations between CSOs and volunteers were established.

"Volunteer Governance Guide" and "Handbook for Volunteers Working with Vulnerable Groups" were prepared and delivered to more than 1000 people.

The number of volunteers of targeted CSOs was increased.





## Disabled Rights Monitoring Platform

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Social Rights and Research Association (TOHAD)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**

Şanlıurfa Spinal Cord Paralytics Employment Association  
Middle Black Sea Disabled Association

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

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

EUR 96.741,40 / EUR 107.490,45

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Türkiye

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

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

[https://twitter.com/tohad\\_bilgi/](https://twitter.com/tohad_bilgi/)

<https://www.facebook.com/TOHAD.BILGI/>

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With the Disability Rights Monitoring Platform Project, we aimed to bring together CSOs carrying out advocacy-based work in the field of disability in order to carry out monitoring studies. The platform conducted monitoring studies and presented the problems and solution proposals to decision-making mechanisms by revealing to what extent the disabled people, the group it represents, benefit from the existing constitutional, legal and social rights areas. The project activities produced very important results in this respect.

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Süleyman Akbulut  
Social Rights and Research Association (TOHAD)  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented within the framework of the "Disability Rights Monitoring Platform" with the aim of involving civil society in policy development and decision-making processes for persons with disabilities. Within this context; it was aimed to improve the institutional capacities of CSOs aiming to ensure access to equal rights for persons with disabilities in Türkiye; to structure their joint activities; and, to strengthen their advocacy and communication skills.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

With the participation of 26 CSOs from 11 provinces, an institutionalised "Disability Rights Monitoring Platform" with increased capacity was established to carry out activities with a rights-based working approach.

The platform served as a training and counselling centre for CSOs wishing to improve their capacity for rights-based work; participating CSO representatives received training on mentoring, advocacy and social awareness.

Following the qualitative research and the workshop where local problems were discussed with the participation of 22 CSOs, a 'Disability Rights Monitoring Report' was prepared; 1000 copies of the report were reproduced and distributed to public institutions, local governments, CSOs and independent research organisations serving the disabled.

Within the scope of the project's advocacy studies, a total of 252 administrative applications were made and 21 lobbying activities were carried out to public institutions in order to ensure the rights of the disabled and prevent violations of rights.

The 2 video clips prepared within the scope of the project were viewed more than 2.3 million times via social media.

## Hand in Hand for Children

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Denizli Foster Family Association

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**

Samsun Foster Family Association  
Izmir Foster Family Association  
Istanbul Foster Family Association  
Our Children Youth Academy Association

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 12 Months

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

EUR 98.930,7 / EUR 109.923,00

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):**

Denizli, Istanbul, Izmir, Samsun

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

<http://www.koruyucuaile.org.tr/>  
<https://twitter.com/koruyucuaile>  
<https://www.facebook.com/koruyucuailedernegi>  
<https://www.instagram.com/koruyucuaile>  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/koruyucuaile/>

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*In this project, we established a federation that brought together CSOs dealing with children in the foster care system. Our aim is to ensure that children under state protection grow up in a family. It is the right of every child to grow up in a loving family.*


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*Petek Üzülmöz  
Denizli Foster Family Association  
Project Coordinator*


### PROJECT OBJECTIVES


The project was implemented so as to support the development of civil society by ensuring more active democratic participation of CSOs dealing with children under state protection in policy and decision-making processes. Within this context; it was aimed to establish a federation by bringing together CSOs working on foster care in Türkiye, to improve the communication and advocacy skills of the relevant CSOs and to enhance their institutional capacities.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

 A total of 285 CSO representatives and volunteers participated in trainings programmes and other meetings on advocacy and lobbying, strategic planning, CSO legislation, communication, governance and the use of social media; and the institutional capacities of CSOs were thus enhanced.

 ELELE Federation of Foster Family Associations was established.

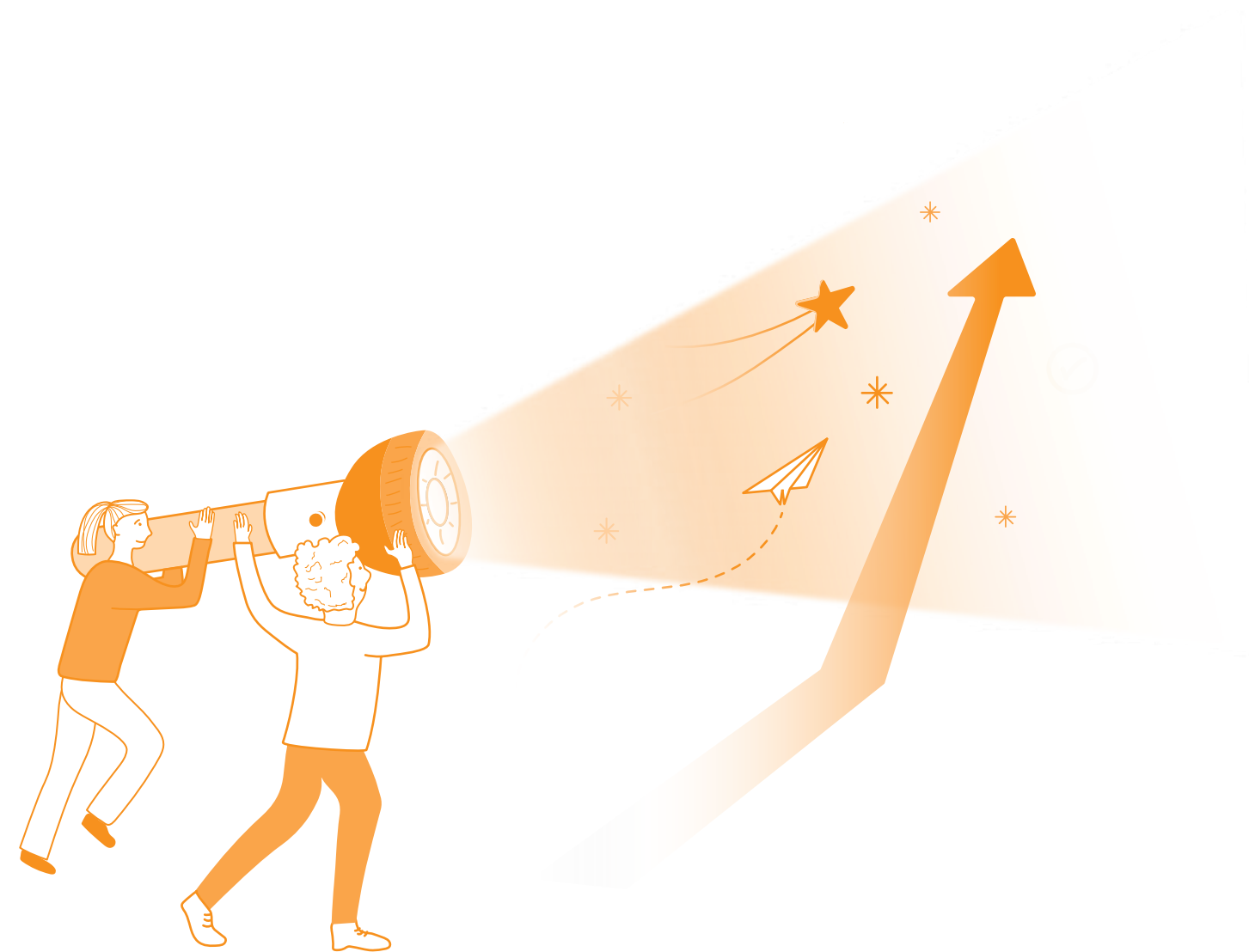
 1500 project booklets and 7500 brochures, promotional materials and visibility materials, the project video film and web page were disseminated to local stakeholders in the project implementation provinces.

 As a result of the project visibility activities, the number of members of foster family associations increased from 366 to 428 and the number of volunteers increased from 176 to 312.

 Collaboration among foster family associations was increased.

 The dialogue between foster family associations and public institutions was improved.

# COOPERATION







## Increasing Equal Representation of Women in Professional Organizations for Women's Active Participation in the Decision-Making Processes Concerning Business Related Matters

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Women Employers and Industrialists Association (KAISDER)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**

Eastern and Southeastern Businesswomen Association (DOGÜNKAD)  
Konya Business Women Association (KIKAD)

**ASSOCIATE(S):**

Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye (TOBB)  
Federation of Central Anatolian Industrialists and People Associations (İÇASİFED)  
Federation of Eastern, Southeastern Industrialists and Business People Associations (DOGÜNSİFED)  
Ankara Chamber of Commerce (ATO)  
Ankara Chamber of Industry (ASO)  
Konya Chamber of Commerce (KTO)  
Konya Chamber of Industry (KSO)  
Diyarbakır Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DTSO)

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

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

EUR 95.612,00 / EUR 106.235,72

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Ankara, Diyarbakır, Konya

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

<http://kaisder.org/>  
<https://twitter.com/kaisderorg?lang=tr>  
<https://www.instagram.com/kaisder/?hl=tr>  
<https://www.facebook.com/kaisder.org/>  
[https://tr.linkedin.com/company/kadinisverenvesanayicilerdernegi?trk=public\\_profile\\_topcard-current-company](https://tr.linkedin.com/company/kadinisverenvesanayicilerdernegi?trk=public_profile_topcard-current-company)

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*With the awareness that equal participation is one of the elements of democracy, human rights, good governance and efficiency, we have emphasised throughout our project that women's taking part in decision-making mechanisms is unavoidable; and that we, women, should be active for this.*

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Women Employers and Industrialists Association (KAİSDER)  
Project Coordinator

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES


The project was carried out so as to increase women's active democratic participation in decision-making processes in the business world. Within this context, it was aimed to increase the representation of women in professional organisations with an action plan supporting the gender inclusive election cycle.


### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

 Following the focus group meetings, stakeholder meetings and workshops held with more than 260 participants in total, including representatives of project participants from 3 target provinces, the main problems experienced by these stakeholders during the election process were identified and then solution proposals were discussed.

 A common and inclusive definition of "women entrepreneur" was created, aiming to contribute to women's participation in decision-making mechanisms on issues concerning the business world.

 Following these studies, a Gender Inclusive Electoral Cycle Action Plan for Professional Organisations was developed and disseminated digitally and in print.

 In addition to the press releases prepared and distributed at national and local levels and the press conferences organised, awareness was raised in professional organisations on organisational structure, election processes, gender equality and gender mainstreaming through films on women's entrepreneurship and meetings held in the project provinces.

 The Final Action Plan for Increasing Equal Representation of Women in Professional Organisations was prepared.





# Development of Institutional Capacity of ELDER and Enhancing the Public-CSO Dialogue in Electricity Distribution Sector

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Electricity Distribution Services Association (ELDER)

## CO-BENEFICIARY(IES): -

## ASSOCIATE(S): -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

## GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 99.550,13 / EUR 110.611,25

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Ankara, Mainz, Cologne

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

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

<https://twitter.com/ElderBilgi>

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZepofLoDuZsoDp2uobc\\_tw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZepofLoDuZsoDp2uobc_tw)

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/elder-elektrik-da-t-m-hizmetleri-derne-i-/?originalSubdomain=tr>


“ We developed the capacity of the Electricity Distribution Services Association through civil society and public partnerships, and endeavoured to promote occupational health and safety culture in the electricity distribution sector in Türkiye. ”


Gül Yüksel  
ELDER Electricity Distribution Services Association  
Project Coordinator


## PROJECT OBJECTIVES


The project was carried out so as to support the civil development of CSOs operating in the electricity distribution sector through more active democratic participation in policy and decision-making processes and to improve dialogue in the sector. Within this context; it was aimed to strengthen the institutional capacity of ELDER in terms of its capacity to participate in decision-making processes and to improve its opportunities of cooperation with civil society organisations operating in the electricity distribution sector and networking skills.


## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS


 In order to increase the efficiency and functionality of ELDER's corporate structure, 22 study group meetings were held with the participation of more than 1000 stakeholder representatives.


 The human resources (HR) management system of ELDER, which is the umbrella organisation of 21 electricity distribution companies, was improved through the handling of HR management system, HR projection studies, gap analysis, study group meetings, preparation of information flow and workflow charts, determination of professional ethics rules, etc.

 As a result of the integrated management system (quality and information security management system) established within the scope of the project and the training programmes organised for the implementation of this system, ELDER obtained ISO 9001, ISO 27001 and ISO 27701 certificates.

 Occupational health and safety culture and practices for employers and employees in the electricity distribution sector were developed through workshops organised with nearly 60 participants and the resulting Strategy Document.

 As a result of protocol and cooperation meetings with 11 different institutions or organisations, cooperation was established with 8 CSOs; protocols were signed with 4 CSOs that have not yet participated in the project for future cooperation.

 A study visit was made to the International Social **Security Association** (ISSA) and the Employer's Liability Insurance Association in the Energy, Textile and Electrical Products Sectors (BG-ETEM - **Berufsgenossenschaft Energie Textil Elektro Medienerzeugnisse**) in Germany to examine and learn good practices.

 80 people working in the electricity distribution sector were trained on innovation and entrepreneurship, time management, stress management and body language.

 The quality of services provided by operators of member distribution systems was improved.



## Regional Development with Stronger Business Networks

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation (TÜRKONFED)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):

Federation of Thrace Industry and Business (TRAKYASİFED)  
 Mevlana Federation of Industry and Business (MEVLANASİFED)  
 Eastern Mediterranean Federation of Industrialists and Businessmen Associations (DASİFED)  
 Eastern Federation of Industry and Business (DOĞUSİFED)  
 Silk Road Federation of Industry and Business (İPEKYOLUSİFED)

### ASSOCIATE(S): -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 99.996,74 / EUR 111.107,49

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Bayburt, Bitlis, Edirne, Erzincan, Erzurum, Hakkari, Hatay, İstanbul, Kahramanmaraş, Karaman, Kırklareli, Konya, Muş, Osmaniye, Tekirdağ, Van

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<https://turkonfed.org/>  
<https://twitter.com/turkonfed>  
<https://www.facebook.com/turkonfed/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFdFMTePwaGif2YzotEGXZQ>

“ With the Regional Development with Stronger Business Networks Project; in order to contribute to regional development; a comprehensive programme has been developed to increase the institutional capacity and project development skills of member federations, on-site training has been provided, and a digital platform has been created where they can connect with each other and develop business connections. With the idea contests organised in the regions, approximately 500 project ideas for regional development have been collected and in line with these ideas, Sivil Düşün project applications have been made and new project development studies are ongoing.

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Arda Batu  
 Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation-TÜRKONFED  
 Secretary General and Board Member

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented so as to strengthen TÜRKONFED's role in regional development and increase its impact on policy and decision-making processes concerning society and businesses. Within this context, it was aimed to strengthen the institutional capacity and project development skills of member federations, to raise awareness on the role of federations with respect to active citizenship, to lead open innovation projects for regional development, and to improve the professional knowledge and skills of staff working within TÜRKONFED and federations.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

🌐 A web-based platform called BİA (Regional Business Networks), which includes the member information of all affiliated federations, associations and volunteer businessmen and where all kinds of information can be shared to increase cooperation, has been developed and nearly 500 business people and professionals have become members of this platform.

🏠 Through the three-day regional workshops organised in Erzurum, Hatay, Konya and Tekirdağ with the participation of federation representatives and/or business people from 15 provinces, the capacities of the participants were developed and networking opportunities were provided.

🎓 A two-day training was organised with more than 30 participants on regional development, resource management, stakeholder management, communication and advocacy strategies, project preparation and impact monitoring and evaluation for the general secretaries of member federations and TÜRKONFED staff.

📋 As a result of the idea generation contests, a total of 437 project ideas were collected and drafts of 15 project documents were produced.

📢 During the project period, more than 250 news items about TÜRKONFED and its member federations were published in printed media and more than 900 news items were published in online media.



# Strengthening the Legislative and Technical Infrastructure of Civil Inclusion in the Decision and Policy Making Processes of Türkiye

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Public Communication and Corporate Relations Management Association (KİYED)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** -

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 14 Months

**GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:**  
EUR 90.564,96 / EUR 101.189,90

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Ankara

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:**  
<https://kiyed.org>  
<https://twitter.com/KiyedTürkiye>  
[https://www.instagram.com/kiyed\\_turkey/](https://www.instagram.com/kiyed_turkey/)  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/kiyed/about/>

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*We have shared this study, which we have compiled by conducting various interviews with both CSOs, public institutions and members of parliament and by taking the opinions of CSOs and public employees in our country, with other CSOs. Our goal is to ensure that CSOs can continue this process based on a strong methodology while advocating and lobbying in policy-making processes.*

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*Nükhet Altıncı*


*Public Communication and Corporate Relations Management Association  
Project Coordinator*


## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to improve the organisational and institutional capacities of CSOs active in the field of policy-making; to strengthen partnerships between them and to promote their participation in decision-making processes at local, national or international levels. Within this context; it was aimed to present a national "advocacy, consultation and better regulation framework" for Türkiye, to initiate public debate on the particular advocacy legislation in Türkiye; and, to improve policy advocacy, technical skills and capacities of KİYED and other CSOs.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

 The report, prepared through face-to-face interviews and focus groups, analysed policy development and advocacy, good practices in public sector and civil society cooperation, and communication and outreach to target audiences, and was finalised through a seminar with the participation of public sector and CSO representatives and academics.

 Through the opening and closing conferences, one-to-one meetings with parliamentary representatives and the project website, the public and stakeholders were informed about the project objectives and output; and the capacities and awareness of public sector and CSO representatives on improving civil society and public sector cooperation were increased.

 In order to increase the participation of CSOs in public policy development processes, a booklet containing a literature review on the subject was printed in 1000 copies and distributed to CSOs.





# Increasing the Capacity of CSOs for Consumer Protection

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Consumer Protection and Solidarity Union Association (TUKOBIR)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** InfoCons – Association pentru Protecția Consumatorilor – Association for Consumer Protection (Romania)

## ASSOCIATE(S):

General Directorate of Consumer Protection and Market Surveillance (TUKPG)

Bulgarian National Association Active Citizens (Bulgaria)

Associazione Difesa Consumatori e Ambiente – Consumer Defence and Environmental Association (Italy)

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

## GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 96.239,93 / EUR 106.933,26

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Ankara

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<https://www.tuko-bir.org.tr>

[https://twitter.com/tuko\\_bir](https://twitter.com/tuko_bir)

<https://www.facebook.com/Tuketiciinin-Korunmasi-icin-STKlarin-Kapasitesinin-Artirilmesi-110588194462206>

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*In order to ensure more active protection of the consumer, we have carried out studies with the activists, employees and executives of Consumer Associations to increase the capacity of the associations. Our slogan is: Strong Consumer, Strong Consumer Association.*

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*Mahmut Amen Nazik  
Consumer Protection Solidarity Union Association  
Project Coordinator*

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to strengthen the civil society for consumer protection in Türkiye. Within this context; it was aimed to enhance the institutional capacities of relevant CSOs, to improve their advocacy and lobbying skills, in order to help solve policy problems related to consumer protection by sharing best practices with an international network of CSOs.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

📅 20 CSO and public sector employees were trained on "public communication strategies", "advocacy and lobbying", "financial management" and "human resources management".

✂ During the study visits to Hungary and Romania, participants from TUKOBIR, TUKPG and Ministry of Trade examined good practices on consumer rights, had the opportunity to network with institutions and organisations in these countries and, as a result, a Policy Monitoring Network on the protection of consumer rights in Türkiye, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria was established.

📋 With the workshop organised within the framework of the Policy Monitoring Network, a monitoring report on international practices, monitoring strategies and tools in the protection of consumer rights was prepared.

📢 As a result of the survey conducted with the participation of 415 people on the needs of consumers in Ankara and the results they came across; and the roadmap report prepared after the study visit to Romania and the following workshop was published in printed form and online

📋 Following the study visit of CSO and public sector representatives from Romania to Türkiye, hosted by TUKOBIR, and the workshops, a policy report on the assessment of laws and regulations on consumer protection was prepared and the report was presented during the meetings with deputies from the Turkish Grand National Assembly.



# New Generation Cooperatives Society Newgencoop

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Educational Cooperative for Scientific Research and Development of Youth Work with Limited Responsibility

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**

National Co-operative Union of Türkiye  
Haliéus (Italy)

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

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

EUR 99.083,07 / EUR 110.092,30

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir

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

<https://www.gencisi.org/>  
<https://twitter.com/gencisikoop>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXA7Fb1gfuM>  
<https://www.facebook.com/gencisikoop/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/gencisikoop/?hl=tr>  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/genc-isi-kooperatif/?originalSubdomain=tr>

“ With our project, we aimed to improve the democratic participation of the new generation of cooperatives in decision-making processes. 35 cooperatives from across the country participated in the national workshop we organized in Izmir. At the workshop, we saw that all the participating cooperatives are very excited about being part of this community and moving forward together. We believe that this project plays a key role in the development of cooperatives in Türkiye. ”





Yıldız Başaran

New Generation Scientific Research and Development Education Cooperative  
Project Coordinator

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to improve the number and quality of CSOs that would participate in democratic participation and decision-making processes. Within this context, it was aimed to strengthen the institutional structure and networking capacities of new generation co-operatives as new CSOs participating in decision-making processes.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

-  A database of 100 new generation co-operatives was created.
-  In order to strengthen communication, synergy and networking among the new generation of co-operatives, a digital platform functioning as a project website was established.
-  A networking workshop was organised with the participation of 35 representatives from 31 co-operatives.
-  With the three strategic study group meetings held online, the participation of new generation co-operatives in democratic decision-making mechanisms, economic cooperation between new generation co-operatives, and strategies related to the legislation and practices in Türkiye as regards co-operatives were developed; and, as a result of these meetings, a three-year action plan was created.





## CSOs for Sustainable Development

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Turkish Construction Material Industrialists' Association (Türkiye İMSAD)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**  
Environmentally Friendly Green Buildings Association (ÇEDBİK)

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

**GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:**  
EUR 99.992,93 / EUR 111.103,26

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Türkiye

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

<http://www.imsad.org/>  
<https://twitter.com/turkiyeimsad>  
<https://www.instagram.com/turkiyeimsad/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/turkiyeimsad>  
<https://www.youtube.com/turkiyeimsad>

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*With our "CSOs for Sustainable Development" project, we aimed to bring sector stakeholders together, encourage their active participation in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and develop a better understanding of the SDGs. Within the scope of the project, we endeavoured to make civil society organisations in our sector more active, to pave the way for them to influence decision-making processes more easily, to increase inter-sectoral cooperation and to support development.*

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Aygen Erkal  
Secretary General  
Türkiye İMSAD

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to establish inter-sectoral cooperation between CSOs working in the fields of construction, environment, sustainable development, architecture and energy efficiency and to ensure the democratic participation of relevant CSOs in policy and decision-making processes. Within this context; it was aimed to strengthen the institutional capacity of relevant CSOs in terms of communication, lobbying and networking; to develop a better understanding of "sustainable development goals" among CSOs and to encourage cooperation between CSOs, public and private sector stakeholders in line with these goals.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

📋 A network of civil society stakeholders working in the construction, environment, sustainable development, architecture and energy efficiency sectors was established for structured cooperation and 51 letters of intent were signed between stakeholders.

📢 A "Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Action Plan" was developed for İMSAD and ÇEDBİK and progress reports on the implementation of the plans were published.

📖 "Assessment of Sustainable Development Goals for the Construction Sector and Related Sectors" booklet and toolkit were developed.

👥 A capacity building training programme on lobbying, communication and stakeholder dialogue was implemented with over 150 participants in Şanlıurfa, Giresun, Eskişehir, İzmir and also online.

💬 A social media campaign on sustainable development goals was organised and a total of nearly 900,000 interactions were realised through different social media channels.



# ENVIRONMENT





## Civil Society Development in Rural Areas

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Mediterranean Natural Life Association (NATURALDER)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** -

**ASSOCIATE(S):**

Erdemli Chamber of Agriculture  
Mersin Province Bee Breeders Association  
Tarsus Dairy Products Agricultural Producers Association  
Mersin Cattle Breeders Association  
Tarsus Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources Development Association  
Mersin Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry  
Tarsus Agriculture and Forestry District Directorate  
Erdemli Agriculture and Forestry District Directorate  
Mediterranean Nature and Life Association  
Mersin Toroslar Nature Conservation and Eco Tourism Association  
Ecological Life Entrepreneurs and Volunteers Association

**PROJECT DURATION:** 12 Months

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

EUR 99.959,40 / EUR 111.066,00

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Mersin

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

<https://naturelder.org/>  
<https://twitter.com/naturelder>  
<https://www.instagram.com/naturelder/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/naturelder>

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*We started our project in Mersin with the motto 'Free advocacy; free lobbying' and while contributing to agendas in the field of rural development through more active democratic participation in policy and decision-making processes; we, also, learnt a lot...*

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*Avni Taşyürek*

*President of Mediterranean Natural Life Association*

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented so as to ensure more active participation of CSOs working in the field of agriculture and rural development in policy and decision-making processes. In this respect; it was aimed to improve the communication, lobbying and advocacy competencies and increase the institutional capacities of relevant CSOs regarding wrong agricultural practices.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Through local and national literature review, surveys, focus group meetings and SWOT analyses, a report on the current situation of CSOs active in the field of agriculture and rural development in Mersin and its region in terms of lobbying and advocacy was prepared.

Training was given to 200 members of related CSOs in Mersin, Tarsus and Erdemli on advocacy, lobbying and weed control.

A 30-hour training on advocacy, lobbying and weed control was provided to 29 people working in the decision-making mechanisms of related CSOs.

With the participation of 12 CSO representatives, a study visit was organised to the Czech Republic to examine good practices in lobbying, advocacy and fighting with herbicides.

As a result of the signature campaign and awareness-raising activities, in addition to the agriculture and rural development units established in the city councils of four districts of Mersin, a city council was established in one district; and it was ensured that CSOs contributed to decision-making mechanisms.

The report prepared within the scope of the workshop and the contents of the training programme were added to the farmer training programme implemented by Mersin Provincial Directorate of Food, Agriculture and Livestock.



# Cycling for All

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Sustainable Transport and Cities Association (WRI Türkiye)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** Fietsersbond Dutch Cyclists' Union

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 12 Months

## GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 99.969,03 / EUR 111.076,70

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Adana, Antalya, Kayseri, Konya, Konya, Kocaeli, Izmir, Eskişehir, Gaziantep

## COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

<https://wisehirler.org/>

<https://twitter.com/WRISehirler>

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

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe\\_pCTKGG8\\_MTFWo1X5en1w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe_pCTKGG8_MTFWo1X5en1w)

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

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With the "Cycling for All!" project, our aim was to create a common dialogue by bringing together the civil society sector, municipalities and relevant institutions of the central government working in different areas of cycling such as awareness, infrastructure and policy development, and to develop policies that would increase the presence of cycling in urban transportation as a result of this dialogue. We have prepared cycling action plans in 8 pilot cities and "Türkiye Urban Cycling Strategy Plan 2030" under the leadership of EU good practice examples and with the guidance of local features.

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Çiğdem Çörek Öztaş

Sustainable Transport and Cities Association (WRI Türkiye)

Project Coordinator

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to strengthen civil society by enabling more active participation of cycling-focused CSOs in policy and decision-making processes. Within this context, it was aimed to encourage cooperation between cycling-related CSOs and local administrations and to improve the capacity of relevant CSOs in policy-making, lobbying and networking.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

As a result of the surveys conducted by 30 metropolitan municipalities, the “Ecosystem of Cycling in Türkiye Report” was prepared and the results of the report were shared with 39 experts, including representatives of local governments and CSOs, at a workshop organised in Istanbul.

Through online training sessions organised with the participation of 50 CSO representatives and municipality employees from 8 pilot provinces, the capacities of the participants in terms of advocacy, lobbying and project development on improving cycling in urban areas were enhanced.

8 local strategy/action plans were designed.

A national strategy/action plan to promote cycling was created.





## Improving the Institutional Capacity of CSOs and Strengthening the Collaboration with Municipalities and the Private Sector

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Climate Research Association

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**

Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation (TÜRKONFED)  
Disaster Awareness Association

**ASSOCIATE(S):** Union of Municipalities of Türkiye

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

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

EUR 98.943,20 / EUR 109.998,00

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Afyonkarahisar, Ankara, Izmir


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

<https://www.iklim.org.tr/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/climateresearchassociation/>  
<https://twitter.com/iklimArast>  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/iklimarastirmalaridernegi/>


### PROJECT OBJECTIVES


The project was implemented so as to build strong networks and partnerships between CSOs, municipalities and the private sector on urban resilience. Within this context, it was aimed to strengthen the institutional capacity of CSOs on cooperation methods and urban resilience solutions; to improve the data base of CSOs concerning disasters and urban resilience; and, to disseminate best practices among CSOs.


### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

 The knowledge and skills of 245 representatives from 85 organisations including CSOs, municipalities and the private sector as regards urban resilience, current natural disasters, climate change scenarios, crisis management and urban resilience were improved.

 As a result of the 6 workshops and training seminars organised within the scope of the project, tools on crisis and emergency situations were developed.

 A catalogue on natural disasters and urban resilience was created, including good practices from the world.

 Areas of cooperation between stakeholders were identified and a policy document was developed.

 A cooperation protocol was signed between the Climate Research Association and the Local Green New Cooperative; and thus, the infrastructure for future collaborations was prepared.



## Expanding Impact of FRA on Reducing Food Waste Through Capacity Building

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Food Rescue Association (GKD)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** -

**ASSOCIATE(S):** Federation of Food and Beverage Industry Associations of Türkiye (TGDF)

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

**GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:**  
EUR 98.992,99 / EUR 109.992,22

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):**  
Ankara, Gaziantep, Istanbul, Izmir, Kocaeli, Muğla

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:**  
<https://gidanikurtar.org/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/gidakurtarmadernegi/>  
<https://twitter.com/gidanikurtar>  
<https://www.facebook.com/gidanikurtar/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-cjo4ZjoCh2jyakQlgdhA>

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While 1.3 billion tonnes of food are wasted every year in the world, 821 million people are fighting hunger. These two major problems of the world are the solution for one another. The Food Rescue Association endeavoured for the solution of these problems through its activities in the project. It delivered the surplus food it saved from being wasted to those in need.  
Save Your Food! Save Your World!

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Devrim Barçak Potok  
Food Rescue Association  
Project Coordinator

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to create a network where CSOs interested in reducing food loss and waste could exchange ideas and gain knowledge and skills. With the project, it was aimed to improve the technical knowledge and capacities of GKD and other CSOs in policy advocacy and impact assessment; sustain their financial resilience; build a broad-based coalition among CSOs advocating for food donation, and reduce food waste.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

With the Social Aid and Strategic Communication Action Plan prepared following the stakeholder analysis, an environment was created to enable GKD to establish sustainable and effective corporate dialogue with stakeholders, members and volunteers.

Materials for structuring the volunteering programme and monitoring and evaluation of the processes were prepared.

Five workshops were organised in 4 provinces with the participation of 256 people from municipalities, local stakeholders, CSOs and private sector representatives, and workshops were held on reducing and avoiding food waste, regional food donation mechanisms, cooperation between stakeholders and sustainability.

Training materials for journalists and media were prepared; a total of 22 news articles and/or blog posts were written as a result of media meetings, newsletters and events organised during the project.

A roadmap was drawn to provide content for the website; regular sharing of the right content was ensured; the project website was viewed by 10,000 organic visitors.





## Conservation Implementation on Forest Endangered Resources of Antalya - CONIFERA

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Association for the Conservation of Antalya Orchids and Biodiversity (ANTOK)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature (HSPN) – Greek Society for the Protection of Nature (Greece)

**ASSOCIATE(S):**

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Directorate of Forestry  
Antalya Regional Directorate  
Antalya Provincial Directorate of National Education  
Akdeniz University Faculty of Education  
Rodopi Mountain Range National Park (Greece) Management Board

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

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

EUR 85.000,08 / EUR 95.004,00

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Antalya

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

<https://www.antok.org.tr>  
[https://twitter.com/ANTOK\\_ANTALYA](https://twitter.com/ANTOK_ANTALYA)  
<https://www.instagram.com/antok.antalya/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/ANTOKANTALYA>  
<https://www.youtube.com/@antokantalya4715>

“ We have developed the capacities of environmental associations operating in Antalya on forest management and the protection of endemic plant species. By creating a digital platform, we aimed these associations would both introduce themselves and establish cooperation within the platform. We carried out field studies on fifteen target species of local endemic plant species scattered in Antalya. In these studies, threat factors and protection measures were determined and these data were shared with the Regional Directorate of Forestry. We organised competitions to increase the awareness of future generations about forest and endemic plant species. ”

Pınar Kinikli  
Antalya Orchids and Biodiversity Conservation Association  
Project Coordinator

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to encourage environmental CSOs in Antalya to participate in decision-making processes, to strengthen links between CSOs; and to provide mechanisms to act together. Within this context, it was aimed to create a network among environmental CSOs in Antalya; to strengthen the administrative capacity of CSOs in relation to legislation and access to EU fund; and, to raise awareness on the role of civil society organisations as regards the protection of nature.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 🌐 A web-based "Antalya Civil Environment Platform" was established and the networking capacities and opportunities of CSOs were enhanced.
- 🏠 Through 6 seminars organised during the project, CSO representatives, academicians and policy makers shared information on the protection of the environment and nature in Antalya.
- 👥 Capacities of CSO managers and stakeholders were strengthened on legal rights of CSOs, EU environmental acquis and endangered forest resources.
- ✈️ During the study visit organised to Greece with the participation of 16 people in total, investigations were made on vegetation in Greece, national park management, forest protection, implementation of the EU acquis and management of the NATURA 2000 network.
- 📢 Forests in Antalya were analysed and the distribution areas of 40 endangered plant species were determined.
- 📄 The distribution map of these plant species was created through the geographical system information programme.
- 📋 An EU standard Antalya Forest Conservation Management System has been developed, including a local strategic plan for the protection of each species.
- 🎓 More than 200 people, including CSO representatives, students and representatives of public institutions, received training.





## Civil Society Network for Climate Mainstreaming of Agricultural Policy

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** The Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion (TEMA Foundation)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** -

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

**GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:**  
EUR 95.115,00 / EUR 106.528,80

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Türkiye

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

<https://www.tema.org.tr/>

<https://twitter.com/temavakfi>

<https://www.youtube.com/temavakfi>

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

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

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

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We created a network with civil society organisations working in the agriculture sector in Türkiye. Preliminary analysis reports, deep analysis reports and policy recommendation documents were some of our activities. We organised two workshops together with civil society organisations. We conducted studies on land use reports. We held meetings with institutions and organisations involved in policy-making processes.

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Burcu Genç  
TEMA Foundation  
Project Coordinator

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to ensure the active democratic participation of CSOs working in the field of agriculture in climate policy and decision-making processes in Türkiye. The project aimed to improve the institutional capacities of relevant CSOs on agriculture, to encourage CSOs to have an impact on climate policy, and to encourage the participation of CSOs in decision-making processes on climate change mitigation and adaptation policies at local, national or international levels.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

📋 Preliminary and in-depth analyses, including gap analysis, stakeholder analysis and needs assessment on climate change mitigation and adaptation in the agriculture sector were conducted.

🌐 A network of CSOs working in the field of agriculture was established to have an impact on climate policies in Türkiye and to mainstream climate issues in agricultural policies.

👥 In the meetings held with the participation of nearly 70 CSO representatives, experts and stakeholders, the impact of climate change on the agricultural sector and advocacy and governance issues in this context were discussed.

📋 Three different reports were prepared: a policy recommendations document for climate change mitigation and adaptation of the agricultural sector, an environmental regulation plan document and a report on agricultural water use.

🎓 A training programme was organised with the participation of nearly 30 CSO representatives to strengthen the advocacy and management skills of CSOs.

👥 CSOs held 8 different meetings with public authorities for consultation and lobbying on the draft policy recommendations; policy documents were distributed to Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry in 81 provinces.

👥 Through participation in international meetings, studies on climate change, adaptation, agriculture and climate policies were carried out and contribution was, thus, provided for Türkiye's progress on this path.

📋 Public opinion on the impacts of climate change on agriculture and food was created through extensive communication activities and video films.





## Strengthening Fishers' Active Participation in Fisheries Policies

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

World Wildlife Fund Türkiye (WWF-Türkiye)

### CO-BENEFICIARY(IES): -

**ASSOCIATE(S):** Central Union of Fisheries Cooperatives (SÜRKOOP)

**PROJECT DURATION:** 12 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 98.784,54 / EUR 109.760,60

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Provinces, towns and villages located in the Aegean Region, Black Sea Region, Marmara Region and Mediterranean Region on the sea coast and where fishing is carried out

### 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>

<https://www.youtube.com/@wwf-turkiye9128>

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented so as to strengthen the capacities of regional and local fisheries co-operatives and small-scale fishing communities, particularly women fishers, to actively participate in policy and decision-making processes. Within this context, it was aimed to establish a cooperation network focusing mostly on small-scale fishing communities with a gender perspective; to increase the knowledge and capacities of fishing communities on legal issues, participation in policy-making at central and regional level and lobbying.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

With the participation of representatives from 16 Regional Unions under the umbrella of SÜRKOOP, a resilient and comprehensive sectoral network proactively dealing with fisheries policies in Türkiye was established.

Training programmes/workshops on legal literacy and participation in policy-making of fishing communities in coastal regions of Türkiye were organised with the participation of 76 people from SÜRKOOP Regional Unions.

"Legal Literacy Guide for Fishers" and "Basic Information, Governance and Participation Guide for Fishers" were prepared and the knowledge of fishing communities on legal issues, sharing information on good practices with each other and their participation in governance and policy making processes were improved.

A guide regarding the participation of women fishers in policy development processes was prepared.

26 women fishers were trained on gender equality, women's rights and increasing women's participation in policy making.

Two short films on legal issues in fisheries, participation in policy making and gender equality were prepared and published on WWF-Türkiye YouTube channel and SÜRKOOP website.



## Do Not Dispose My Future! Raising Ecological Awareness Through Participation of Children

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Flying Balloon Children and Youth Association

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**

Fundacja Polityki i Rozwojowej Development Policy Foundation (Poland)  
Cukurova Young Businessmen Association

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

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

EUR 90.705,89 / EUR 100.784,32

**PLACE(S) OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT:** Adana

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/ucanbalon01>

<https://www.instagram.com/ucanbalon2/>

<https://twitter.com/UcanBalon2>

“ In our project, children came together to protect their future and developed climate and environmental awareness. They learnt, observed, produced and transferred what they learnt together. And, most important of all, they adopted the basic ecological principles:  
'Everything is interconnected.  
Everything goes somewhere.  
Nothing is infinite.  
Nature has the last word.  
Life is transformation.  
There is no rubbish in nature.

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Flying Balloon Children and Youth Association  
Project Coordinator

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented in Adana with the aim of building the capacity of civil society on environmental and climate change issues through active participation of children in policy and decision-making processes and increasing the ecological awareness of the public. In this context, it was aimed to increase the organizational and institutional capacity of the project partners to operate effectively on ecology, environment and climate change issues and support civil society dialogue, and to raise awareness on the development of advocacy skills on environmental rights and climate change that affect children's futures.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

📄 13 memorandums of understanding were signed between CSOs and private sector representatives to increase cooperation on environmental and climate change issues, affecting the children and youth in particular.

🤝 In Adana, cooperation was ensured among a total of 29 stakeholders, including representatives of CSOs and private and public sectors.

🤝 With the participation of 20 CSOs, a cooperation network on environment and climate change was established among CSOs.

📢 A total of 55 children participated in the project activities.

✂ Through the study visit to Poland, good practices were observed on site and a current situation report was prepared including the outputs of the literature review, EU good practices and study visit outputs.

🏠 Theoretical training activities focusing on environment and climate change were provided for CSO and stakeholder representatives and children; and training programmes on good practices in agriculture were organised.

📖 A publication on "children's policy recommendations" was prepared and disseminated with the participation of children; it was presented to private sector representatives during visits, planned by children, to environmental friendly employers.



# CULTURE AND ART





## A Stronger Civil Society to Conserve Cultural Heritage

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:

Conservation and Development of City Values Association of İzmir

**CO-BENEFICIARY(S):** K2 Contemporary Art Association

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

### GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

EUR 80.994,79 / EUR 89.994,21

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** İzmir

### COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

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

<https://twitter.com/kentimizizmir>

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

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

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

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As Our City İzmir Association, we have worked to strengthen our cooperation with other civil society organisations in the field and to support active citizenship. We have prepared a Cultural Heritage Strategy in Türkiye; prepared an inventory of cultural heritage in the region; and, established the İzmir Cultural Heritage Platform.

”

Sedef Özer

Izmir Urban Values Protection and Development Association  
Secretary General

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was carried out so as to make all actors working in the field of cultural heritage more effective in both local and national decision-making and implementation processes. The project aimed to improve the institutional capacity of the Conservation and Development of City Values Association of İzmir; raise awareness about cultural heritage and cultural heritage protection, and, to create a sustainable network among the related stakeholders.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

✓ The Association's corporate communication strategy and a three-year road map were prepared through current situation analysis, stakeholder analysis, SWOT analysis and workshops.

✓ A Digital Management System consisting of three modules focusing on human resources management, communication and accounting was created for the improvement of the institutional capacity of the Association.

✓ With the participation of 349 people in total, training was given on 14 different subjects in the field of cultural heritage.

✓ Within the scope of the training activities organised to enhance the capacities of CSOs, 178 people were trained on 10 different topics such as project cycle management, resource development, volunteer management, strategic thinking, press and media management, monitoring and evaluation, etc.

✓ A web-based network/platform was created to increase inter-institutional dialogue and cooperation and a total of 66 institutions, organisations and/or individuals became members of this platform.

✓ A mobile application was developed in order to facilitate the active citizenship of individuals in the field of cultural heritage protection.

✓ The centre created within the scope of the project was used by 6 CSOs, 6 individuals and 1 municipality.

✓ As a result of the workshops organised with the participation of nearly 100 people, a cultural heritage monitoring report was prepared.

✓ Five field visits organised in the field of cultural heritage contributed to raising the awareness of more than 100 participants.

✓ Approximately 2.4 million people were reached through the short films produced on three different topics and social media campaigns.



## Accessible Cinema: Breaking the Vicious Circle

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Puruli Culture and Art Association

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** Koszalinckie Towarzystwo Społeczno Kulturalne /  
Koszalinckie Socio-Cultural Community (Poland)

**ASSOCIATE(S):**

Carousel (United Kingdom)  
Extraordinary and Ordinary People! (EOP! Asbl) (Belgium)  
Hendi Centar Koloseum (Serbia)  
Inclús Association (Spain)  
Klappe Auf (Germany)

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

**GRANT AMOUNT / BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:**  
EUR 99.815,91 / EUR 110.906,57

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Ankara

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

<http://www.puruli.org/>  
<https://twitter.com/PuruliCulture>  
<https://www.facebook.com/purulikultursanat>  
<https://www.youtube.com/@purulikultursanat8591>

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*With our project, which reminds us that access to cinema is a right, access to cultural life is a right; we have revealed why people with disabilities cannot go to the cinema, why they do not participate in cinema activities and we have produced some solutions for this. The slogan of our project is: 'Access to Cinema is a Right'. That is because, according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, participation in cultural life is a fundamental human right. With this project, we actually want to ensure the delivery of this right.*

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*Ezgi Yalınalp  
Puruli Culture and Art Association  
Project Coordinator*

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

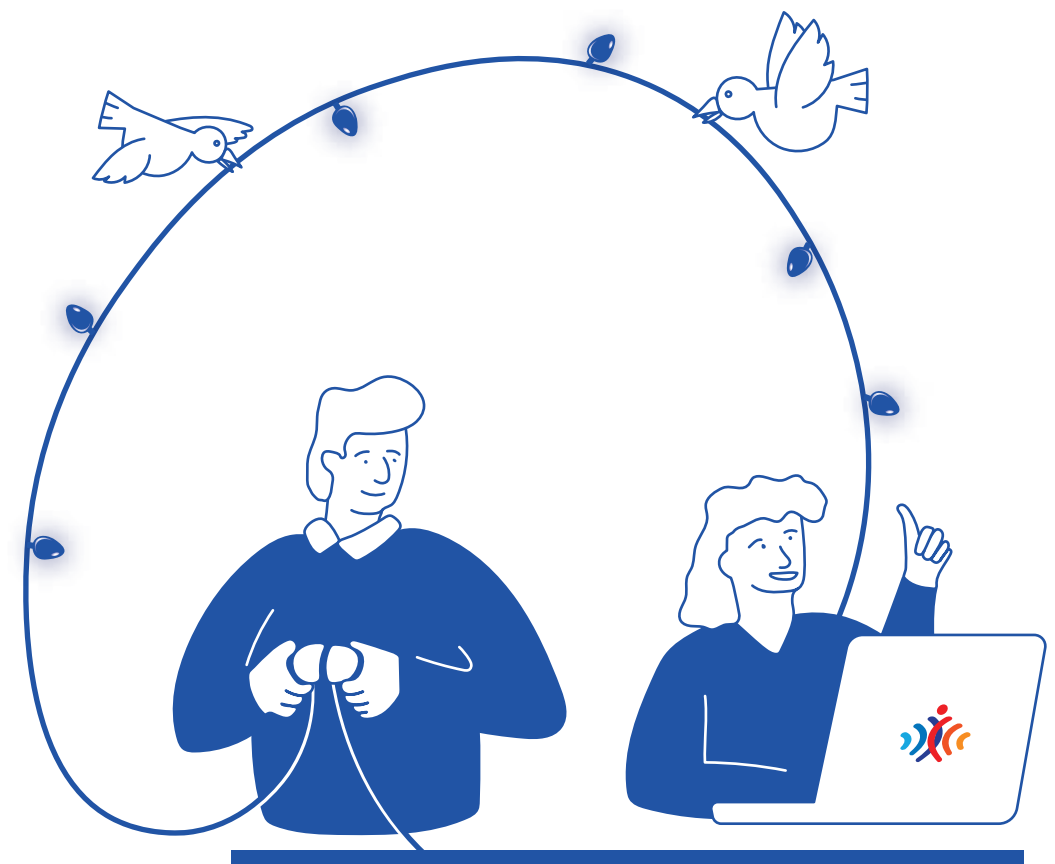
The project was carried out so as to bring together CSOs dealing with people with disabilities, the film industry, policy makers and public institutions to identify and collectively address the problems faced by people with disabilities in access to cinema. Within this context, the project was implemented so as to ensure that necessary arrangements were made to improve access to cinema for persons with disabilities; paved the way for dialogue to make the necessary arrangements in the field; and, promoted cooperation and networking among relevant CSOs and professionals of culture and arts.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 📋 28 good practices from 13 countries were reported and disseminated.
- 📋 The content and procedures of the "Accessible Space Certificate" were developed and promoted through workshops.
- 👥 To promote the implementation of the "Minimum Quota for Accessible Screening", a promotional video and a guide on good practices were produced and disseminated; stakeholder meetings were organised on the topic, followed by lobbying through meetings with representatives from public institutions and MPs.
- 📺 A TV spot was prepared to increase the representation of disabled people in cinema.
- 📋 A total of 28 participants from film production companies were interviewed and lobbied about inadequate or inaccurate representation of people with disabilities in the film industry.
- 📋 As a result of the surveys conducted with the participation of 32 CSOs and 296 persons with disabilities, a workshop was held to discuss the problems and solutions for equal access to cinema and the results of the workshop were reported.
- 👥 The participation of disabled people in Puruli was increased and the number of volunteers in the association was increased to 15.
- 👥 15 "Accessible Culture Platforms" was created with the participation of two representatives from CSOs and the private sector and 2 meetings were held.
- 🌐 The "Accessible Cultural Activities Web Portal" was published.
- 🌐 Within the scope of social media campaigns, more than 250,000 interactions were achieved in total.



# EDUCATION AND YOUTH





## Active Involvement of Civil Society in the Higher Education System

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Association of Academics

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):** Young Academics Education Culture and Research Association

**ASSOCIATE(S):**

Turkish Union of Public Employees in Education, Training and Science Services (Türk Eğitim Sen)  
Gazi University  
Karabük University  
Omer Halisdemir University  
Sinop University  
Firat University  
Marmara University

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

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

EUR 93.719,54 / EUR 104.132,83

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Ankara, Elazığ, Istanbul, Karabük, Niğde, Sinop

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

<https://akademisyenler.org.tr/>  
<https://twitter.com/AkademisyenlerB>  
<https://www.facebook.com/AkademisyenlerBirliqi>  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/akademisyenler-birli%C4%9Fi-33273a178/>

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We aimed to enhance the capacities of non-governmental organisations operating in the field of higher education. We have increased the capacity of 107 members and volunteers with the training programmes we conducted. Thanks to this development, the number of members of our association has increased and there have occurred very serious developments in the activities of the association. We have created our policy documents with our study groups consisting of academicians. Our motto is: Active Civil Society, More Modern Higher Education.

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Aydın Alperen Erol  
Union of Academics Association  
Project Implementation Team

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented so as to ensure the active participation of higher education CSOs in the modernisation of the higher education system. Within this framework, it was aimed to enhance the institutional capacities of the relevant CSOs and to develop an exemplary CSO cooperation model.

### STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

20 people received a training of 2 days on project cycle management, effective governance, networking and strategic planning.

As a result of the research and workshops organised, a policy document was prepared regarding a good governance model in higher education including CSOs, a higher education strategy document, a higher education road map and the proposed legislative changes in the higher education system in Türkiye.

These activities were disseminated through press conferences, the closing conference and printed materials.

# Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development

**COORDINATOR BENEFICIARY:** Fundacja Europejski Instytut Outsourcingu  
- European Outsourcing Institute Foundation (Poland)

**CO-BENEFICIARY(IES):**

Povod, Zavod za Kulturo, Razvoj Mednarodnih Odnosov v Kulturi Povod (POVOD) – Institute of Culture, Development of International Relations in Culture (Slovenia)  
Association of Development Centre for Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families (EBAGEM)  
Gaziantep Education and Youth Association (GEGED)  
Istanbul Culture and Sports Association (IKOS)

**ASSOCIATE(S):** -

**PROJECT DURATION:** 15 Months

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

EUR 99.901,62 / EUR 111.001,80

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LOCATION(S):** Gaziantep, Istanbul, Mersin, Cieszyn, Katowice (Poland), Ljubljana, Orzesze-Ptuj (Slovenia)

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

<http://feio.pl/>  
<https://twitter.com/FundacjaMIO>  
<https://www.facebook.com/FundacjaEIO/>

“ Our project "Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development" has been an opportunity for us to strengthen our cooperation with Turkish CSOs, to share the experiences we have gained over several years of our organisation's development and to play a role in the process of civil society development in Türkiye. We are particularly pleased with the cooperation within the consortium and the involvement of associated organisations in the project. The whole process enabled us to cooperate with 15 organisations from three countries and enhance their capacities, which is one of the main positive outcomes of the project. We also believe that through a series of outputs and activities we have empowered a wide range of stakeholders, starting from young people to CSOs and public sector representatives.

”


Michał Pietrzok


Fundacja Europejski Instytut Outsourcingu  
Vice President

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project was implemented so as to enhance coherence skills in policy-making and build a sustainable cooperation between youth CSOs from Türkiye and Europe. Within this context, it was aimed to improve the institutional and methodological capacities of youth CSOs in order to increase the efficiency of youth work and thereby increase the active and democratic participation of young people in policy making.

## STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS


 Through the activities organised with the participation of 15 CSOs from Türkiye, Poland and Slovenia, nearly 950 individuals were reached.


 A total of 18 stakeholder meetings were organised in the three countries with the participation of 287 people.


 A total of more than 200 young people were trained in local training activities organised in all three countries.

 The guide for positive examples of Türkiye-EU cooperation and the guide for good practices for youth CSOs were prepared and disseminated together.

 More than 70 people participated in the training activities organised to improve the institutional and organisational capacities of CSOs and their grant and fund management skills.

 The study visit to Slovenia was organised with the participation of 23 people and good practices were observed on site.

 In the international conference organised in Slovenia, which 37 people attended physically and 395 people attended online, the challenges and opportunities in EU-Türkiye cooperation and good practices on improving relations were discussed.

 A guide on opportunities for Turkish youth in EU Member States and European youth in Türkiye was prepared.





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