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More than 2 Million People Engaged in the Latest Civil Society Dialogue between EU & Turkey



Egemen Bağış, Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator

An international conference was organized on November 4 - 5, 2009 at İstanbul to both celebrate and share with all stakeholders, the public and the media the success and the outcomes of the Promotion of Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey Project.

119 grant projects within the Civil Society Dialogue Project have helped to mitigate the information deficit between the EU and Turkey, assisted in increasing mutual understanding,

contributed to the commitment to, the implementation of the EU acquis, while improving the delivery of services at the local level, and exchanging experience through EU networks. Civil society organisations have engaged directly with the dialogue, reaching more than 2 million people, and implementing such activities as trainings, seminars, conferences, research and all kinds of publications. Furthermore, in terms of sustaining the dialogue and its related process, grant projects have either signed agreements with their partners for future collaboration or have become active members of European umbrella groups.

On the first day of the Closing Events, 119 Grant Beneficiaries from all over Turkey and their partners from EU Countries came together. At the conference, 'Good Practices & Lessons Learnt' Workshops for the 4 Grant Schemes were held.



'Good Practices & Lessons Learnt' Workshops



Tibor Varadi, Deputy Head of European Commission Delegation in Turkey

On the 5th of November, 'Achievements Sharing Conference,' hosted by Egemen Bağış, Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator, was started. At the conference, besides Egemen Bağış, Counsellor Tibor Varadi, Deputy Head of European Commission Delegation in Turkey; Muhsin Altun, Head of Central Finance and Contracts Unit and Deren Doğan Yavuz, EUSG Senior Programme Officer have addressed. Egemen Bağış stated: "Independent from the official negotiations ongoing between Turkey and the EU Member States, there is a parallel, ongoing dialogue between the peoples of these countries. 'The Promotion of Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey' project is contributing to the facilitation of this dialogue. The successful implementation of the grant projects is a testimony to the enthusiasm both in Turkey and in the EU for a larger, stronger and more prosperous Europe."

Civil Society Dialogue Grant Beneficiaries, their partners from EU countries, senior government officials, representatives of civil society organizations and media have attended the Conference.

Civil Society Dialogue Project, implemented with the technical assistance from a consortium led by DeLeeuw International, has been completed successfully, exceeding its proposed objectives, thanks to dedicated efforts of the Secretariat General for EU Affairs and to the support and cooperation of European Commission Delegation in Turkey and the Central Finance and Contracts Unit.



Muhsin Altun, Head of CFCU



Civil Society Dialogue Achievements Sharing Conference



Civil Society Dialogue Project Team with Egemen Bağış



Grant Beneficiaries and their partners with Egemen Bağış

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Solutions to the Impact of the Internal Migration discussed at EKOSEP Conference

"Solutions for the Impact of Internal Migration Over Cities" Conference was held on 11 November 2009 in Ankara to discuss the impacts of internal migration to urbanization and to raise awareness on the issue within the scope of EKOSEP (Technical Assistance for Supporting the Municipalities of Diyarbakır, Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep and Erzurum for the Solution of Economic and Social Integration Problems). The representatives of beneficiary provinces and public institutions dealing with project related issues attended the conference.



Fikret Toksöz, TESEV Good Governance Programme Coordinator

At the Conference, Fikret Toksöz, TESEV Good Governance Programme Coordinator, stated that EKOSEP beneficiary provinces should become more competitive as the important cities of Turkey, aiming to become one of the 10 largest economies of the world in 2023. At the opening speech, Levent Erkan, General Manager of DeLeeuw International, said that studies and researches implemented within the scope of EKOSEP which became a brand over time, will provide a data to many projects in the future.

In the first session of the conference, academicians elaborated on social, economical and spatial aspects of the internal migration. Following the first session, the conference ended with a round table session on the roles and responsibilities of local and central administrations regarding internal migration. State Planning Organization, Social Services and Children Protection Institution and

General Directorate of Social Assistance and Solidarity representatives and project provinces' representatives participated in this round table session and discussed the roles and responsibilities of the local and central organizations to reduce the impacts of the internal migration over cities.

Following the "Solutions for the Impact of Internal Migration Over Cities" Conference, EKOSEP Closure Event was held on 12th of November. The representatives from beneficiary provinces and EKOSEP Technical Assistance Team participated in the Closure Event during which project beneficiaries' elaborated on their gainings from the project.

EKOSEP, financed by the European Union with the co-finance of Diyarbakır, Gaziantep and Erzurum Metropolitan Municipalities and Şanlıurfa Municipality started on December 2007 and was implemented by Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Erzurum Metropolitan and Şanlıurfa Municipalities and Governorates with the technical assistance provided by the consortium of WYG International, TESEV, TEPAV and VNG International and with the cooperation and support of the Central Finance and Contracts Unit and Delegation of European Union to Turkey.



Solutions for the Impact of Internal Migration Over Cities Conference



EKOSEP Closing Conference

Jean Monnet 2008 – 2009 Scholars received Award Certificates

The Jean Monnet Scholarship Programme is one of Turkey's most longest-running, established and prestigious scholarships, which have been started under an agreement signed between the Turkish Republic and the European Commission in 1989. Turkish academics, civil servants and private sector employees benefited from Jean Monnet Scholarship Programme and studied EU acquis to make significant contributions to Turkey in many areas.

One of the most important aims of Jean Monnet Scholarship Programme is to support Turkey's administrative capacity building efforts for the effective implementation of the EU acquis, through enhancing its human resources in the relevant disciplines. The program contributing to the advancement of corporate capacity attracted great attention of different groups.

Until now, 980 people have completed the Jean Monnet Scholarship Programme successfully and returned to Turkey. Scholars of the 2008-2009 academic year, which is third term of the programme, represented Turkey and their institutions successfully in the countries they have been.



Marc Pierini, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Turkey

An 'Award Ceremony' was held on 20 November 2009 for the Scholars of the 2008-2009 academic year. At the ceremony held at CER Modern in Ankara, hosted by Mr Egemen Bağış, Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator, the scholars received their Award Certificates from Egemen Bağış and Ambassador Marc Pierini, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Turkey. Marc Pierini congratulated all the scholars and wished success in their future professional career.

The project is funded by the EU and implemented by the General Secretariat for EU Affairs (EUSG) with the technical assistance from TED, DeLeeuw International and WYG International Consortium. The project has been completed successfully on November 2009 with the cooperation and support of the Central Finance and Contracts Unit and the Delegation of the European Union to Turkey.



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