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SUPPORT TO THE ARMENIA-TURKEY NORMALIZATION PROCESS

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A Consortium of 8 civil society organisations from Armenia AND Turkey has completed the implementation of the **Support to the Armenia-Turkey Normalisation Process** programme funded by the European Union under the Instrument for Stability.

The programme aimed to promote civil society efforts towards the normalisation of relations between Turkey and Armenia and towards an open border by enhancing people-to-people contacts, expanding economic and business links, promoting cultural and educational activities and facilitating access to balanced information in both societies.

The programme was implemented by Civilitas Foundation (CF), Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF), Public Journalism Club (PJC), Regional Studies Center (RSC) from Armenia; and Anadolu Kültür, the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV), Helsinki Citizens' Assembly (hCa), and Hrant Dink Foundation from Turkey.

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACTS

TURKEY-ARMENIA TRAVEL GRANT

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MAJOR RESULTS

More than **850 applications**

More than **200 individuals** 17 to 63 years of age from Turkey and Armenia visited the neighbouring country for a wide range of activities

Over **30 cities visited**: Ankara, Diyarbakir, Eskişehir, Gaziantep, Istanbul, Izmir, Mersin, Muğla, Sivas, Van and more cities in Turkey; and Ashtarak, Dilijan, Gyumri, Vanadzor and Yerevan in Armenia

MEDIA

UNDERSTANDING TURKEY

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MAJOR RESULTS

More than **200 media articles**, interviews & news reports for the Armenian society about developments in Turkey: More than **2.5 million** views

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MEDIA BUS TOUR

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MAJOR RESULTS

20 journalists and bloggers from Turkey and Armenia had a 2-week joint journalistic trip

More than **40 stories and interviews**

MEDIA CREW VISITS

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MAJOR RESULTS

3 media crews from Turkey visited Armenia before and after April 24th, 2015: **Anadolu News Agency, CNN Türk, Habertürk TV**

“LINE OF CONTACT” ON-LINE TALK SHOWS

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MAJOR RESULTS

12 online video talk shows
On Armenia-Turkey relations, Armenia & the region, Armenia & civil society

MEDIA SUPPORT

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MAJOR RESULTS

More than **40 analytical articles and interviews** in the Turkish and Armenian media
Published by **13 newspapers, 8 TV channels and 2 analytical journals** in Turkey

CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN

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MAJOR RESULTS

Hasan Cemal, a prominent journalist from Turkey and Cemal Pasha's grandson, was hosted in Yerevan
More than **500 attendees**, More than **35 media reports**

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

YAVAŞGAMATS SCHOOL

IMPLEMENTER



MAJOR RESULTS

Winter School for reconciliation and confidence building - **120 applicants, 40 teachers** from Armenia and Turkey came together in Kocaeli, Turkey

Summer School for reconciliation and confidence building - **150 applicants, 40 teachers** from Armenia and Turkey came together in Aghveran, Armenia

EMPOWERING YOUTH AS AN AGENT OF CHANGE

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MAJOR RESULTS

2 one-week conflict transformation trainings in Istanbul and Yerevan:
150 applicants; 40 young participants from Armenia and Turkey

NEW ACTORS

GRANT SCHEME FOR ARMENIA-TURKEY NORMALISATION PROCESS



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MAJOR RESULTS

€ 200,000.00 - 10% of the Programme budget supported new actors

130 grant applications from **Yerevan, Gyumri, Vanadzor, Armavir, Sisian, Istanbul, Ankara, Afyon, Ağrı, Batman, Diyarbakır, İzmir, Kocaeli, Mersin, Muğla, Sakarya, Siirt, Şanlıurfa and Tokat**

11 projects supported

IMC TV, Nar Photos, Earth Association, Ferzan Özyaşar, Okan University from Turkey; Forum Theatre, Urban Foundation, Journalists' for the Future, Legal Gender Cultural Association LIZA, Caucasus Research Resource Center and Versus Studio from Armenia.

TURKEY-ARMENIA FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

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MAJOR RESULTS

88 organisations from Armenia and Turkey opened their doors to host professionals from their neighbouring country

91 individuals applied for fellowship

12 fellows from Armenia and **6** from Turkey, **18** in total are spending 4 to 8 months in their host organization.

Anadolu Kültür, CNN Türk, Boğaziçi University Peace Education Center, Yıldız Technical University Faculty of Arts and Design, Salt Galata, TESEV, Change.org, Istanbul Museum of Modern Arts, İstanbul Şehir University Turkish Studies, Kadir Has University Lifelong Learning Center, Bilgi University Human Rights Law Research Center in Turkey and the Civilitas Foundation, the Institute of Oriental Studies of the National Academy of Sciences, Caucasus Resource Research Center, Women's Resource Center, Pink Armenia and Gallery 25 in Armenia

BUSINESS

EXCHANGE OF ENTREPRENEURS

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Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey

MAJOR RESULTS

With **32 participants**, the biggest ever industry to industry exchange between Armenia and Turkey: **32 investors**, established and young entrepreneurs, technology industry leaders, academics from Turkey visited Armenia

Round table discussions, study visits and the first **Armenia-Turkey Startup Weekend**

27 startup entrepreneurs from both countries participated in the Armenia-Turkey Startup Weekend in Gyumri, as part of the larger INNOWEEKEND forum with **300+ participants**

6 startup ideas were jointly developed by mixed teams, **3 startup ideas received awards**

14 ICT investors and entrepreneurs from Armenia visited Turkey and took part in the Startup Turkey event in Antalya

The U.S. Embassy in Armenia proposed to provide longer term support for the startups

TECHNOLOGY GOES BEYOND BORDERS

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MAJOR RESULTS

6 startup teams from Armenia and Turkey involved in a 6 months capacity building project

20 young entrepreneurs benefited from an online mentorship sessions and a crash course

Evreka, team from Turkey recognized as the Winning Team

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ANALYSIS

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Sectoral study identified Tourism and ICT as sectors with potential for bilateral cooperation

CULTURE AND ARTS

ARMENIA TURKEY CINEMA PLATFORM

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MAJOR RESULTS

3 workshops for filmmakers at Istanbul & Yerevan International Film Festivals: **97 film projects** submitted; **31 applicants** selected to take part in ATCP 2014 and 2015 workshops

3 ATCP Prize Winners received support of **USD 10,000**

'The Oud Maker' by Eric Nazarian; 'A Blurry Pastel Painting' by Sevda Usanoğlu; 'Mother Derdo and the Walnut Tree' by Serdar Önal: Film screenings in Istanbul and Yerevan Film Festivals and Berlin; **2,500 viewers**

EXCHANGE OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE EXPERTS

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MAJOR RESULTS

12 architects and experts from Armenia and Turkey visited **Mush** to assess the Armenian cultural heritage in Turkey: Armenian monasteries, churches, castles, bridges, fountains, watermills & baths in Mush, Malazgirt, Varto, Norshen were studied

The findings to serve as policy recommendations for preservation and protection of the Armenian cultural heritage

EXCHANGE OF PAINTERS

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MAJOR RESULTS

9 young painters and **2 mentors** from Armenia and Turkey: **40 sketches** produced during 10 open air sessions in Yerevan, Istanbul, Heybeliada, Gyumri and Garni

2015 and 2016 Calendars published featuring **one work by each artist** and their mentors

FEMALE MINSTRELS

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ANADOLU KÜLTÜR

MAJOR RESULTS

3 concerts in Yerevan, Van Aghtamar Island and Istanbul by 2 female minstrels - Dengbêj Gazin and Ashugh Leyli and their disciples: **More than 1500 people** were in the audience in concerts. A music CD compiling recorded songs by Kalan Müzik

CREATIVE ACTION AND PUBLIC INTERVENTION WORKSHOP

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ANADOLU KÜLTÜR

MAJOR RESULTS

24 activists and artists from Armenia and Turkey met in Istanbul at a 6-day workshop.

Workshops, field visits on gender issues, freedom of expression, right to the city, urban transformation and environmental consciousness

POLICY SUPPORT

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

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Meetings, public events and talks in Istanbul, Ankara and Yerevan followed by policy recommendations and publications.

Meetings with senior Turkish and Armenian officials in several ministries and presidential administrations.

1 Public discussion in Yerevan "An Assessment of the New Turkish Government: Implications for Armenia and the South Caucasus" with **100 attendees**. **3 Events in Ankara with 300 attendees**.

NEW AVENUES & NEW VENUES

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Diplomatic contact and cooperation through international organisations and forums in **the absence of diplomatic relations**.

Council of Europe, NATO, Black Sea Economic Cooperation, OSCE, Asian Development Bank