

2012

ANNUAL REPORT – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APRIL 2013

The Board of Directors accomplished following activities and tasks carried out in parallel with goals, duties and possessing rights stated in the association charter.

1.PROJECTS

1.1. ALAC



ALAC Project, completed in October 2011, continued with voluntary efforts via advocacy and legal consultancy activities throughout 2012. Citizens reached the center via phone and e-mail received information support for free.

1.2. TRANSPARENT SOCIETY PROJECT



Transparent Society Project was carried out with financial support of Consulate General of Sweden and the Netherlands Consulate General. Believing in the importance of mass demand and participation for transparency spreading through all societal spheres, Transparent Society Project pursues the goals of reaching extensive public participation and sustaining our collaboration with citizens who are aware of its rights.

Transparent Society Project is a visibility project which consists of three branches: a periodical, a radio program and open public meetings. In the framework of stated project, the following activities accomplished in 2012:

- Since January 2012 4 issues of quarterly periodical Şeffaf Gündem (Transparent Agenda) were prepared. 1,000 publications were distributed for free.
- Among 4 issues published in 2012, cover issues such as Football, Energy, Private Sector and Urban Transformation were examined closely in the context of transparency.
- Şeffaf Gündem (Transparent Agenda) radio program airing on Açık Radyo (94.9) was co-prepared by E. Oya Özarslan and Hande Özhabaş and throughout 2012

36 radio programs were presented. Radio broadcasts uploaded to blog titled “www.seffafgundem.org” in aims to facilitate public access.

THE 2012 RADIO PROGRAMS LIST AIRING ON AÇIK RADYO

24.01.2012	We welcomed Microbiology Specialist Prof. Dr. Şeminur Topal to discuss genetically modified foods, importation of legally accepted genetically modified foods in Turkey, transparency and right to know what we eat throughout legislative and administrative process of genetically modified foods.
17.01.2012	We welcomed Prof. Ömer Faruk Gençkaya from Marmara University to discuss the extent of deputies’ duties and political ethic.
10.01.2012	We welcomed Evrim Çoksöyler to discuss “The Transparency of National Defence Budgets” report released by Transparency International Defence and Security Program in October 2011.
03.01.2012	We welcomed Lawyer Alpay Köse to discuss institutional and auditing structure of sport clubs and Federation, match fixing scandals.
31.01.2012	We welcomed GÜLDAM Association member Erdoğan Yıldız to discuss the issues of urban transformation, protests entitled “Uniting neighborhoods, city right protected by Istanbul” taken place on 29 January 2012 at Taksim Square, 3rd bridge, city right and urban policies.
07.02.2012	We welcomed Crime Law Specialist Volkan Gültekin to discuss 3rd judicial reform package, redefinition of bribe and rearrangements for bribe crime.
14.02.2012	We welcomed General Secretary of the Istanbul City Planners Chamber Akif Burak Atlar to discuss Taksim Project.
28.02.2012	We welcomed early board member of State Supervisory Council attached to the Office of the Presidency of the Republic to discuss Public Procurement Authority’s duties and responsibilities while echoes of corruption news about Public Procurement Authority exist.
06.03.2013	We continued to discuss with Hıfzı Devenci about Public Procurement Authority’s duties and responsibilities.
13.03.2012	We welcomed Gökhan Ahi to discuss right to know the collection and saving mechanisms of our personal data as well as its sharing process.
20.03.2012	We welcomed again Gökhan Ahi to discuss the privacy of individual data, Google’s new privacy politics, states’ formal demands of disabling contents, in the context of law proposals such as PIPA and SOPA in USA and ACTA in Europe (auto)

	ensorships, blackouts and Internet regulation.
03.04.2012	We welcomed the President of Transparency International Defence and Security Program Mark Pyman to discuss transparency of defence budgets as a concern over democracy throughout concrete examples from the entire world and Turkey.
10.04.2012	We welcomed Pozitif Yaşam Derneği (Positive Life Association) member Nejat Ünlü to discuss violations of the rights of people living with HIV and the lack of official informations.
17.04.2012	We welcomed Lawyer Elvan Sevi Bozoğlu Fırat to discuss UK Bribery Act.
24.04.2012	We welcomed Özgür Fırat Yumuşak and Onur Erem to discuss “open constitution” project based on public participation during constitution writing process.
01.05.2012	We welcomed Art Director of Amber Art and Technology Platform (Amber Sanat ve Teknoloji Platformu) Ekmel Ertan.
08.05.2012	We welcomed Okan University based lecturer Prof. Dr. Tolga Yarman to discuss nuclear power plants and their risks.
22.05.2012	We welcomed one of the Solution team members Hasan Tomuk to discuss Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality’s service entitled “Beyaz Masa” (White Table).
29.05.2012	We welcomed Istanbul City Planners General Secretary Akif Burak atlar to discuss law on “transformation of areas under disaster risk” which came into effect on 16.05.2012.
05.06.2012	We welcomed Birgün (a Turkish national journal) columnist Özgür Gürbüz to discuss the rejection of law on approval of agreement signed between Russian Federation and Turkey and implementation of transparency rule by Rosatom Corporate Firm.
12.06.2012	In the framework of New Trade Law which will come into effect in July 2012, we welcomed PricewaterhouseCoopers Malfeasance Investigation Unit employee Bekir Özdemir to discuss the most corrupted private sub-sectors and forms of malfeasance.
19.06.2012	We welcomed PriceWaterhouseCoopers Malfeasance Investigation Unit Bekir Özdemir to discuss emergent cyber crimes within private sector and anti-cyber crime measures.
26.06.2012	We welcomed the CEO of Mazars/Denge Audit Company İzel Levi Coşkun to discuss new arrangements concerning the implementation process of transparency principle in private sector within “Turkish Trade Law” which will come into effect by 01.07.2012

03.07.2012	We welcomed Turkish Corporate Social Responsibility Association General Secretary Ercan Özgür to discuss “the 2010 Turkey Corporate Social Responsibilities” report, Corporate Social Responsibility perception and its legal base throughout examples from all over the world.
10.07.2012	We welcomed the President of KPMG Turkey Ferruh Tunç to discuss the role of transparency in private sector.
17.07.2012	We welcomed Transparency International Turkey Chapter volunteering Lawyer Kaan Bayülken to discuss Transparency International Summer School organized in Lithuania last week.
24.07.2012	We welcomed the President of Public Intern Auditors Association Fatih Sezer and the Vice-President Evren Ermisket to discuss public accountability, the role transparency, public authorities’ responsibilities throughout relevant progress in Turkey and all over the world.
07.08.2012	We welcomed Yıldız Teknik University City and Regional Planning Department lecturer Dr. Emrah Altınok to discuss the transformation of TOKİ since founded in 1981, increasing public demand for residences and TOKİ’s accountability.
28.08.2012	We welcomed current student at Mimar Sinan University (İstanbul based) Özlem Isıl to discuss hydroelectric plants for Solaklı (situated within Çaykara county attached to Trabzon) with the cooperation of İstanbul based Okan University and Şekerbank. Our focus point was the manifesto entitled “Construction of Hydroelectric plants by the Academy” which reflected the common engagement of people self-identified as “Students from University” from universities such as Boğaziçi, Mimar Sinan, Yıldız Teknik, İstanbul, Marmara, Galatasaray, Okan.

1.3. YOUTH ETHICS PROJECT

In the framework of entitled “Youth Ethics” Project , with the cooperation of Sabancı University and Transparency International, lessons were given by Kaan Bayülken – volunteering lawyer of Transparency International (Turkey Chapter), main topics of the 1st phase of Young Ethics Project were human rights, children rights and ethics.

2. EVENTS

Workshop:

“Empowerment of engagements of Civil Society Organizations within legislative process”

In the framework of the main goal stated as “Empowerment of engagements of Civil Society Organizations within legislative process”, we have participated in workshop organized between 15-16 March 2012 by the common engagement of civil society organizations and relevant stakeholders.

Meeting :

“Social scientists discussing: Nuclear power plants concerned over democracy”

On the 31 May, we organized an informative and argumentative open public meeting related to “Nuclear Power Plants Concerned Over Democracy” at Cezayir Restaurant. The objective of the meeting was to highlight the relation between the democracy rules such as information accessibility, transparency and nuclear power plants which is a topic presented as highly technical and undiscussable, but also at the core of public concern.

3. Information and Opinion Supports to OECD Progress Report

We have provided information and delivered opinion to OECD Progress Report in terms of Turkey’s suitability for joining the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Officials in International Business Transactions.

4. Project proposals : Submission Phase

As a follow up project of “Transparent Society”, “Transparency Together-Young Media” project proposal was submitted to Consulate General of Sweden.

5. New members

Within 2012, with suggestions made by members of Board of Directors, Bekir Özdemir, Gönenç Gürkaynak, Çiçek Olgu Kama, Nuray Gündez and Aslı Gündez joined as new members.

Respectfully,

**Transparency International - Turkey Chapter
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