

2013

ANNUAL REPORT - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APRIL 2014

The Board of Directors accomplished following activities and tasks carried out in parallel with goals, duties and responsibilities 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 2013. Citizens reached the center via phone and e-mail received information support for free.

1.2. Ethics Children Project

Supported by Consulate General of Netherlands MATRA Program, project aims to give thinking based ethics education and values education through workshops. The project was developed in the light of the guidance book which was published by Istanbul Provincial Directorate for National Education. The project has been implemented with the partnership of Hacettepe University, Sabancı University, Doğuş University and Istanbul Provincial Directorate for National Education, Darıca District National Education Directorate.

1.3. Young Media Project



Young Media Project was carried out with financial support of Consulate General of Sweden. Believing in the importance of mass demand and participation for transparency spreading through all societal spheres, Young Media Project pursues the goals of reaching extensive public participation and sustaining our collaboration with citizens who are aware of their rights. It is guaranteed that university students actively participated in the project.

Young Media Project has three branches: a periodical, a radio program and open public meetings. In these branches volunteer students analyzed different areas from perspective of transparency and produced written and visual materials. In the framework of stated project, the following activities accomplished in 2013:

Since January 2013 4 issues of quarterly periodical Şeffaf Gündem (Transparent Agenda) were prepared and 1,000 copies were distributed for free. In these 4 issues published in 2013, cover issues such as access to information, freedom of press, environmental policies and fighting against corruption were examined closely in the context of transparency. Also, there were activities related to each issue.

I. A New Age in Individual- State Struggle: Information Age

Date: 26 March 2013 Time: 17.00 – 20.00

Place: Boğaziçi University, İbrahim Bodur Hall

Natuk Birkan Building, South Campus

1. Session 17.00-18.00

Right to Access Information Workshop

Attorney Kaan Bayülken

2. Session 18.00-20.00

Conference

Speakers:

Av. Volkan Gültekin

Mustafa Sönmez,

Asso. Prof. Melih Kırılıdoğ,

Ali Rıza Keleş,

Cumhuriyet Gazetesi

Marmara University Computer Engineering Department

Alternative Informatics Association

II. Freedom of Press Conference

Date: 5 October 2013

Place: İstanbul Bilgi University Santral Campus E4 305

1.Session

11.00-13.00

Economy Politics of Media

Moderator: Aylin Dağsalgüler

Historical Perspective of Media-State Relations- Ceren Sözeri

Medya Ownership- Media- Capital Relations- Mustafa Sönmez

Medya Ownership- Media- Capital Relations- Doğan Akın

2.Session

13.30-15.30

Freedom of Media and Press

Moderator: Aslı Tunç

Freedom of media in Turkish Political History– Turgay Olcayto

Does Alternative Media Create an Area for Solutions? –Ömer Madra

Social Media, Freedom of Press and Democratization– Aydın Engin

Freedom of Press and Tranperency– Erol Önderoğlu

3. Session

15.45-17.45

Media and Ethics

Moderator: İtir Erhart

Investigative Journalism in Fighting Against Corruption and Unlawfulness- İsmail Saymaz

Accountability of Media- Representation of Readers- Faruk Bildirici

Auto control in Media- Yasemin İnceoğlu

III. Environment and Transperency Workshop

In Environment and Transperency Workshop, a **declaration** was put together in framework of “**10 fundamental problems and 10 fundamental suggestions for policy**” around tranperency and accountability in environment area with participation of representatives who work on environment.

Participant NGOs and individuals:

- Chamber of Environment Engineers
- Greenpeace
- Kuzey Ormanları SAVUNMASI (Defense for North Forests)
- Chamber of City Planners
- Environmental Law Association
- Pelin Pınar Özden
- Besime Şen

IV. Turkey in Fighting against Corruption- Press Conference

A press conference was held on December 9, International Anti-Corruption Day to evaluate Turkey's performance for fighting against corruption and risk areas.

V. Dinner for Developing Cooperation with Private Sector

On International Anti-Corruption Day, a dinner was held for representatives of private sector, hosted by Consulate General of Sweden.

Şeffaf Gündem (Transparent Agenda) radio program airing on Açık Radyo (94.9) was co-prepared by E. Oya Özarslan and Pelin Erdoğan and throughout 2013 36 radio programs were presented. Radio broadcasts uploaded to blog titled "www.seffafgundem.org" in aims to facilitate public access.

THE 2013 RADIO PROGRAMS LIST AIRING ON AÇIK RADYO

04.12.2012	We welcomed Istanbul University Economics Department lecturer Çiğdem Şahin to discuss urban transformation.
18.12.2012	We welcomed current Chair of Board of Directors Lawyer Mrs. Oya Özarslan and Transparency International National Chapter's researcher Ozan Mercan to analyze the 2012 Corruption Perception Index realized by Transparency International.
01.01.2013	We welcomed Prof. Dr. Ömer Faruk Gençkaya to discuss budget transparency, the Political Ethics Law proposal prepared by the Ethic Commission charged within the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, the Government Accounting Bureau Law.
15.01.2013	We continued our conversation with Prof. Dr. Ömer Faruk Gençkaya following our last conversation.
29.01.2013	We welcomed the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Association of Academicians, Prof. Dr. Tahsin Yeşildere to discuss over interrelationships between universities-banks and rectors-banks due to corruption documents disclosed and publicized by Redhack.
12.02.2013	We welcomed Evrim Çoksöyler who worked actively during the preparation of the Anti-Corruption Index within Transparency International to discuss over Government Defence- Anti Corruption Index and Turkey's performance among other countries ranked within the Anti-Corruption Index.
26.02.2013	We welcomed Greenpeace Campaign Director Pınar Aksoğan to discuss over the extent of transparency related to environmental impact reports (ÇED) and how these reports affects the patterns of our daily life.
12.03.2013	We welcomed Sports Law specialist and Vice-President of the Sport Law

	Institute Lawyer Alpay Köse to talk over match-fixing issue in football as it happened in the previous year.
27.03.2013	We welcomed Bahçeşehir University Law Department Lecturer Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elif Küzeci to discuss over transparency in the age of information and the right to information.
09.04.2013	We discussed military expenditures regarding their transparency with contributions of Prof. Dr. Nurhan Yentürk, Transparency International Project Coordinator Pelin Erdoğan and current President of the Board of Directors Lawyer Mrs. Oya Özarıslan.
23.04.2013	We welcomed Amnesty International Campaign and Activism Coordinator Ece Milli to discuss freedom of expression, and the recent report by Amnesty International on the issue.
07.05.2013	We welcomed Menekşe Kızıldere from the Chamber of Environmental Engineers and discussed energy and transportation policies in the trajectory of transparency and environmental concerns.
21.05.2013	We welcomed Tayfun Kahraman from TEID Association.
18.06.2013	We have discussed freedom of press with our guest speaker, journalist Mustafa Sönmez
16.07.2013	We welcomed Prof. Dr. Aslı Tunç from Bilgi University and discussed social media and its effects on access to information and freedom of press.
30.07.2013	We have covered a new report by Transparency International, The Global Corruption Barometer.
13.08.2013	We welcomed Kaan Bayülken and discussed the violation of rights in custody.
27.08.2013	We welcomed Kaan Bayülken and discussed Law and Rights workshops.
10.09.2013	We welcomed Volkan Gültekin and discussed right to fair trial.
24.09.2013	We have discussed the case of assassination of Hrant Dink and impunity.
08.10.2013	This week's topic was educational reforms and problematic areas within this field. Our guest speaker was Işıl Oral from ERG.
22.10.2013	We continued our discussion on educational reforms with Işıl Oral.
05.11.2013	We welcomed Prof Dr. İbrahim Kabođlu and discussed environmental laws, constitutional processes and transparency.
19.11.2013	The topic of the week was international agreements and regulations for fight against corruption and transparency. Our guest speaker was Kerem Bilge.

3. PROJECT PROPOSALS-SUBMITTED

NIS (National Integrity System Assessment)/European Commission

Empowered Media For Transparency/British Embassy

Multi-stakeholder Approach for Transparency in Corporate Reporting/British Embassy,
Netherlands Embassy

Transparency in Political Life/European Commission

Turkey Map of Environmental Violations/ European Commission

5. NEW MEMBERS

Within 2013, with suggestions made by members of Board of Directors, 7 individuals and 2 corporations joint as new members.

New individual members are: Mr Ahmet Coşkun, Ms Aslı Gündez, Mr Bekir Özdemir, Mr Cemal Bodur, Ms Çiçek Olgu Kama, Mr Gönenç Gürkaynak, Ms Gül Güven,

New Corporate Members are: Esin Attorney Partnership, Hergüner Bilgen Özeke Attorney Partnership

Transparency International Turkey Board of Directors

E. Oya Özarslan

Zeki Gündüz

Ferruh Tunç

Sadık Ferik

Turgut Tarhanlı

Ufuk Batum

Erim Bener

Serap Zuvin