General on EIDHR

The EIDHR is a European Union programme that promotes democracy and human rights worldwide through support to civil society initiatives. Turkey benefits from the EIDHR since 2002 with an average of approximately €2.7 million per year allocated to macro/global grants (bigger in size and selected by the Commission’s Europe Aid cooperation office through global calls) and to micro/country-based grants (smaller in size and selected by the Delegation of the European Union to Turkey). Both types of projects are managed by the Delegation of the European Union to Turkey.

To date more than 100 projects have been supported and over 30 projects are currently ongoing. Projects address issues ranging from freedom of expression, to improved access to justice, to fight against torture and impunity, to protection and respect of cultural diversity, to women’s rights, etc. The growing number of applications received over the years confirms an increasing interest of organisations in Turkey to benefit from the EIDHR as a vital instrument for supporting them in their action to promote, protect and defend human rights. This support has been instrumental in complementing EU support to Turkey’s reform efforts through enabling better participation of organised citizens in the reform process.

The EU’s political will to protect and promote women’s rights is evident in the Guidelines, agreed in 2008, addressing discrimination as well as violence against women.

The Guidelines on violence against women and girls and combating all forms of discrimination against them promote gender equality, put in place effective, coordinated strategies, and address the impunity of those who have perpetrated violence against women. The document also prioritises women’s rights within the EU human rights policy towards third countries and sets out a strategy for dealing with individual cases of human rights violations.

The status and situation of women in the Euromed countries have been a preoccupation of the EU since relations with the region began. Recommendations and high level meetings on the subject ensure that the topic retains a high profile.

In line with this approach EIDHR gives extensive support to projects focusing on women’s rights and the improvement of the conditions related to their lives.

Beneficiary: İMECE Kadın Dayanışma Derneği / İMECE Women Solidarity Association
Project Title: İMECE Broom Academy

Location of the Action: Bursa Osmangazi Istanbul
Duration and Dates: 24 Months (01.02.2013 - 01.02.2015)
Total Budget: € 158,090
EC Contribution: € 150,000 (%94,88)
Project Description: The appreciation of the domestic work is one of the most heated debates of the feminist movements. Domestic workers face several problems at once and are unable to fight effectively for their rights. The IMECE Broom Academy will provide trainings for the domestic workers in order for them to participate in solving the problem they face socially, economically and legally.

Two campaigns will be launched to reach the domestic workers. Those who are reached will be taken into the training program, the curriculum of which includes occupational standards, occupational health and safety, labour law, and women’s human rights as well as Literacy Courses and a course on struggle to prevent violence against women.

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Beneficiary: Başak Sanat ve Kültür Vakfı / Başak Culture and Art Foundation
Project Title: Empowering Victims of Gender Based Violence and Combating Violence Against Women By Establishing Local Support Mechanism

Location of the Action: İstanbul, Urfa and Mersin
Total Budget: € 142138.8
EC Contribution: €135032 (%95)

Project Description: The project is dedicated to inform the general public, and especially women who are victimized, on the issue of violence against women (VAW). Furthermore, the victims of VAW are to be empowered through this project. The activities to achieve such a task are: trainings, counselling, therapy, creating & functionalizing the referral mechanisms for vulnerable women and the victims of VAW, survey, creating networks of volunteers

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Beneficiary: Bağımız Kadın Derneğî / Autonomous Women's Association
Project Title: For a Powerful Local Women’s Initiative

Location of the Action: Mersin
Duration and Dates: 20 months ( 01.02.2013 - 01.10.2014)
Total Budget: € 142,437.33
EC Contribution: € 135,315.46 (%95)

Project Description: Domestic violence is a human rights violation that has been neglected to be addressed because of its delicate nature. This project aims to bring the issue into the agenda. Informing individuals, forming networks and pass the knowledge of the law to the women of local initiatives are the objects of the project.

Planned activities:
1) Establishing woman counselling centre
2) One day seminar for heads of neighbourhoods (muhtars)
3) NGOs Meeting
4) Neighbourhood meetings with women
5) Forming Neighbourhood Committees of Women
6) Home based trainings
7) First meeting of Women’s Forum
8) Elimination of Domestic Violence Workshop

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**Beneficiary:** Kadin Adayları Destekleme ve Eğitime Derneği (KA.DER) / Association for the Support and Training of Women Candidates
**Project Title:** Empowerment of Women Activists and Women Citizens as Voters and Active Citizens

**Location of the Action:** Marmara, Aegean, Central Anatolia, Mediterranean, Black Sea, Eastern Anatolia and South Eastern Anatolia regions
**Duration and Dates:** 18 Months (01.01.2013 - 01.07.2014)
**Total Budget:** €155,825.46
**EC Contribution:** €146,825.5 (%94,22)

**Project Description:** KA.DER aims to enable women to use their rights effectively as citizens. Political participation as a result of active citizenship is expected to be the ultimate goal of the project.
Specific objectives in the context of the project are 1) improving the capacity of women who are active in local civil society organizations in engaging with women citizens, 2) raising awareness of citizenship rights among women citizens prior to the 2014 and 2015 local and general elections

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**Beneficiary:** Uçan Süpürge Kadın İletişim ve Araştırma Derneği / Flying Broom Women Communication and Research Association
**Project Title:** Under The Same Roof

**Location of the Action:** Adapazarı, Adıyaman, Artvin, Balıkesir, Çorum, Edirne, Eskişehir, Hatay, Kayseri, Kocaeli, Malatya, Manisa, Mardin, Rize
**Duration and Dates:** 16 Months (01.02.2013 - 01.06.2014)
**Total Budget:** €150,73.7
**EC Contribution:** €143,35 (%95,00)

**Project Description:** Turkey’s diverse cultural heritage is to be cherished; however, certain groups face discrimination. Women of ethnic heritage are further discriminated because of their gender. This project will produce 5 TV spots to be broadcasted in local TV stations in order to raise awareness on the issue. A healthy dialogue and atmosphere of respect for rights is the aim. The location of the actions and target groups are as follows: Hatay and Mardin for Arab people, Adapazarı and Manisa for Bosniaks, Çorum and Kayseri for Circassians, Artvin and Rize for Laz
people Balıkesir and Edirne for Roma people, Eskişehir and Kocaeli for Tatars as well as Adıyaman and Malatya for Zaza people.

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**Beneficiary:** Purple Roof Women’s Shelter Foundation / Mor Çatı Kadın Sığınakı Vakfı

**Project Title:** Women’s Collaboration for Gender Justice

**Location of the Action:** Istanbul, Van, Antalya, Trabzon, Gaziantep

**Duration and Dates:** 15 Months (16.01.2012 - 15.04.2013)

**Total Budget:** €148,236.64

**EC Contribution:** €120,000 (%81)

**Project Description:** The project aims at making the obstacles faced by women under the risk of being subjected to male violence in applying legal mechanisms for themselves and their children and using their legal rights more visible; increasing awareness of target groups on such issues; attracting attention to the bonds between legal regulations and applications and maintaining gender justice by bringing existing mechanisms into action and thus taking a step towards the realization of gender equality. The project does not only target women but also authorities which are responsible for security and justice. Their objective can be summarized as:

2. Following obstacles confronted by women applying Mor Catı, Antalya and VAKAD consultancy centres in using their legal rights;
3. Enhancing the quality of the legal support they receive
4. Making problems experienced by women in police headquarters more visible; cooperating with related authorities to overcome them.

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**Beneficiary:** KAMER Foundation / KAMER Vakfı

**Project Title:** My Body is Mine

**Location of the Action:** Headquartered in Diyarbakır; Implemented in Eastern and Southeastern Anatolia (Adıyaman, Batman, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Kilis, Mardin, Siirt, Şanlıurfa, Şırnak, Ağrı, Ardahan, Bitlis, Bingöl, Elazığ, Erzincan, Erzurum, Hakkari, Iğdır, Kars, Malatya, Muş, Tunceli, Van), and Istanbul


**Total Budget:** €139,760

**EC Contribution:** €120,000 (%86)

**Project Description:** As a result of the traditional gender roles and acceptance of the occurrence of incest, spousal rape and etc. as normal prevents the punishment. The KAMER Foundation aims to make sexual violence, incest and spousal rape more visible. KAMER will provide specialized training for its 69 employees to actively fight against gender inequality.
Vision: A society that is free of all forms of discrimination, violence, and structural hierarchy; based on sharing, solidarity, and participation; composed of freely developed, independent individuals.

Mission: To identify those cultural and traditional practices, which are shaped by sexist values and are harmful to women and children, to develop their alternatives, and to ensure their implementation.

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Beneficiary: Human Rights Association HQs (İHD)
Project Title: Strengthening the oversight capacity of CSOs in the context of the violence against women

Location of the Action: Ankara, Trabzon, Van, Diyarbakır, Muğla, Mersin, Adana
Duration and Dates: 24 Months (01.04.2010 - 31.03.2012)
Total Budget: € 127,697
EC Contribution: € 114,927.3 (%90)
Project Description: The project will strengthen the oversight capacity of local CSOs on judiciary and local executive organs for the eradication of violence against women. It includes actions: 1) To identify the level of implementation of laws and policies by the judiciary; 2) To enhance local CSOs to work together to fight against impunity for perpetrators of gender-based violence; 3) To build a dialogue platform between CSOs and the Local Public Administration for eradication of gender-based violence.

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Beneficiary: Mor Catı Kadın Sığınağı Vakfı / Purple Roof Women's Shelter Foundation
Project Title: Building Bridges for Prevention of Violence against Women

Location of the Action: İstanbul, İzmir, Van
Duration and Dates: 14/03/2010 - 15/05/2011
Total Budget: € 139,992.5
EC Contribution: € 101,981.45
Project Description: The project targets increasing number of women victims of violence in Turkey through the following: 1) Support women and children in shelters in Turkey, creating a living alternative away from violence for a higher number of them; 2) Enabling women victims of violence outside shelters to receive the necessary information through the advice centers; 3) Urging politicians and decision makers to be more active in the fight against violence towards women, solving budgetary problems, raising sensitivity on gender inequalities generating this violence; 4) Developing more powerful communication channels between women organizations and other institutions in this area, fostering exchange of information and experience.

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**Beneficiary:** Women and Youth Platform Association (Kadın ve Gençlik Platformu Derneği)
**Project Title:** Women for Women (W4W)

**Location of the Action:**
**Duration and Dates:** 27/12/2007 - 28/12/2008
**Total Budget:** € 423,88.48
**EC Contribution:** € 423,88.48
**Project Description:** The project aimed at strengthening civil society organisations to advocate the rights of women and to raise awareness on women's rights and democratisation issues. The project contributed to improve women's rights in Ankara region by strengthening cooperation between women organizations, capacity building of women via education, and raising public awareness on human and women's rights. The action was based on: 1) The establishment of a network of women organizations; 2) Capacity building of women at local level via education; 3) Public awareness-raising.

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**Beneficiary:** Filmmor Women's Environmental Culture and Business Cooperative (Sınırlı Sorumlu Filmmor Kadın Cevre Kültürü ve İşletme Kooperatifi)
**Project Title:** End Violation of Women's Human Rights in Media

**Location of the Action:**
**Duration and Dates:** 14/11/2007- 15/09/2008
**Total Budget:** € 66,514.29
**EC Contribution:** € 66,514.29
**Project Description:** The action focused on bringing up violations of women’s human rights in media to the public agenda in an effort to prevent such violations, on the one hand, and on the other to prevent media from presenting women within the framework of traditional roles. It also tried to encourage representation of women in media in a balanced manner and to form a debate about media ethics.

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**Beneficiary:** Social Democracy Foundation
**Project Title:** Supporting Women for their Legal Rights

**Location of the Action:**
**Duration and Dates:** 05/09/2007- 06/09/2008
**Total Budget:** € 55,274.44
**EC Contribution:** € 55,274.44
**Project Description:** The project aimed at strengthening the position of women by empowering them to through better awareness of their rights as individuals. The action supported a targeted number of women in order to eliminate problems
originating from the set gender roles by providing relevant information about their legal rights.

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**Beneficiary:** Helsinki Yurtaşlar Derneğini / Helsinki Citizens’ Assembly  
**Project Title:** Handbook of the Woman Citizen

**Location of the Action:** Istanbul, Izmir, Diyarbakır  
**Duration and Dates:** 16 months Completed March 2007  
**Total Budget:** € 51,150  
**EC Contribution:** € 39,761,17  
**Project Description:** This project aimed to facilitate women’s access to justice, through providing practical resource tools as well as consultation on their civil rights and improving the level of awareness on implementation of EU reforms regarding women’s civil rights among disadvantaged groups.

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**Beneficiary:** Kadın Merkezi Eğitim Üretim Danışma ve Dayanışma Vakfı (KA-MER) / Women Center Education Production Consultancy and Solidarity Foundation  
**Project Title:** Women face to the future.

**Location of the Action:** Diyarbakır, Mardin, Ş.Urfa, Batman, Siirt, Adıyaman, Şırnak, Elazığ, Van, Kars, Hakkari, Bingöl, Malatya.  
**Duration and Dates:** 12 Months Completed December 2006  
**Total Budget:** € 191,230.00  
**EC Contribution:** € 99134  
**Project Description:** The aim of the project was to contribute to the prevention of murders committed in the name of honour, through supporting potential victims in Southeast and East Anatolian Regions in their challenge to survive as well as to develop permanent methods for preventing through establishment of preventive networks. Main activities involved capacity building of the existing network of KAMER in the Southeast and Eastern Anatolia, providing support services for potential victims, creation of social sensitivity against crimes committed in the name of honour, establishment of a data base on crimes committed in the name of honour and producing an annual report on the occurrence of such crimes.

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**Beneficiary:** Van Kadın Derneği / Van Women’s Association  
**Project Title:** Women's Counselling Centre

**Location of the Action:** Van, Hakkari, Ağrı.
**Duration and Dates:** 18 Months completed May 2006  
**Total Budget:** € 89,680.5  
**EC Contribution:** € 71,744.4

**Project Description:** The project aimed at helping vulnerable women by providing basic legal, medical and social information and to raise awareness on women's rights. The target groups were victims of violence, internally displaced persons (IDPs), asylum-seekers, refugees and trafficked women as well as professionals and volunteers working to help them. Main activities were providing legal, medical and socio-psychological counselling, organising assistance for the beneficiaries, orientation and training of the involved professionals and volunteers, organising seminars to raise awareness among the public and authorities of the specific problems faced by the target groups, and publishing information hand-outs.

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**Beneficiary:** Uçan Süpürge / Flying Broom  
**Project Title:** Women 2004

**Location of the Action:** 7 regions, 51 cities  
**Duration and Dates:** 8 Months Completed August 2004  
**Total Budget:** € 55,539.42  
**EC Contribution:** € 49,596.7

**Project Description:** The overall objective of this project was combating discrimination against women and promoting women's human rights through the production and broadcast of radio programmes and fostering the creation of a NGO forum for networking and coordination among NGOs working on women's rights.

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