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SUPPORT TO THE ARMENIA-TURKEY NORMALISATION PROCESS

TO PROMOTE CIVIL SOCIETY EFFORTS TOWARDS THE
NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY
AND ARMENIA AND TOWARDS AN OPEN BORDER BY EN-
HANCING PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACTS, EXPANDING
ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS LINKS, PROMOTING CULTURAL
AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND FACILITATING
ACCESS TO BALANCED INFORMATION IN BOTH SOCIETIES.

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Support to the Armenia-Turkey Normalisation Process: Stage Two (ATNP2) is a programme implemented by a Consortium of eight civil society organisations from Armenia and Turkey with the financial assistance of the European Union under the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace. ATNP2 builds upon the achievements of ATNP1 implemented between 2014-2015.

The overall objective of the programme is to empower and engage civil societies of Turkey and Armenia to contribute to the enhanced regional peace and stability, democratic pluralism and social inclusion across and within their societies. This will be achieved through engaging new actors in economic, cultural, educational, and awareness-raising activities between Armenia and Turkey, and improving information flow, communication exchange and networking between media, expert communities and institutions.

The Consortium partners include 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.

The 16 months programme started in April 2016 and will run until August 2017 with a budget of € 1,500,000.

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACTS

Turkey-Armenia Travel Grant

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HIGHLIGHTS

More than **500 applications**

More than **200 individuals** from Armenia and Turkey have been or will be to visit the neighbouring country for a wide range of activities

Visits between over **33 cities**

Around 60 per cent of the Travel Grantees are **female**.

Youth Bank

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HIGHLIGHTS

In collaboration with TOG (Community Volunteers Foundation, Turkey)

Exchange visit of youth workers to Armenia on November 19-21, 2016

16 young community leaders from 7 different regions

3 cities visited: Armavir, Gyumri, Yerevan

Empowerment of the Youth

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HIGHLIGHTS

Two trainings were organised

In **Armenia**: 17-21 December, 2016 with the participation of 22 young leaders from both countries.

In **Turkey**: 11-15 March, 2017 with the participation of 14 young leaders from both countries.

The trainings exposed the participants to new concepts of designing initiatives/projects that could promote the Armenia-Turkey normalisation process at least on the civil society level

PROFESSIONAL COOPERATION

Armenia-Turkey Cinema Platform

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HIGHLIGHTS

2 workshops for filmmakers at Istanbul and Yerevan International Film Festivals:

20 film projects selected to take part in ATCP 2016 and 2017 workshops.

YavasGamats and E-Learning Platform

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HIGHLIGHTS

Summer school for reconciliation and confidence building for teachers from Armenia and Turkey to take place in July 2017.

The beta-versions of **E-learning modules** will also be designed in parallel to the School curriculum development

Turkey-Armenia Fellowship Scheme

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HIGHLIGHTS

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

44 individuals applied for fellowship

10 fellows from Armenia and **5** from Turkey, **15** in total are spending 4 to 8 months at their host organisation.

Meeting Cities

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HIGHLIGHTS

Municipalities of **Gyumri** from Armenia and **Nilüfer** from **Bursa**, Turkey

Concerts, exhibitions, theater plays and public talks

The exhibition at Nilüfer takes place on April 11-30 with the participation of Gyumri – Gallery 25 and the Bambir rock band.

The exhibition is also planned to be held in Depo, Istanbul on May 5-21, 2017.

Agribusiness development

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HIGHLIGHTS

In partnership with CARD, **dairy pasteurization training** for local Armenian businesses implemented with a technology imported from Turkey on October 29, 2016.

Links were established with over **20 Turkish companies** and **new technologies** were imported for Armenian agribusinesses.

Exchange of Entrepreneurs

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HIGHLIGHTS

On October 6-10, 2016, **10 startup entrepreneurs** and **ICT industry leaders** from Armenia attended the **StartupIstanbul Regional Forum** in Turkey.

Two startups from Armenia were included in the list of the **top 50** by the prominent mentors and one of them was included in the list of the **top 15**, pitching in front of 4,000 attendees during the finals on October 10, 2016.

Although StartupIstanbul annually hosts startups from over 80 countries from Eurasia, Armenian startups participated in the forum for the first time.

Exchange of Art and Architecture Experts

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HIGHLIGHTS

A group of **architects, restoration specialists, historians, ethnographers** and **art historians** from Armenia and Turkey travelled to the region of **Artvin** to study and assess the Armenian and non-Muslim historical monuments from October 26 to November 1, 2016.

The expert group will produce a joint technical assessment report outlining the risks and rehabilitation prospects of the examined monuments. The report will be prepared based on the results of assessment visit findings.

POLICY LEVEL AND MEDIA SUPPORT

Increasing Understanding of Turkey

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HIGHLIGHTS

From May 2016 to February 2017, CivilNet has prepared **36 interviews**, of which 2 text-interviews and **26 videos, 33 wrap-up video reports, 2 articles** and **1 documentary**.

Overall, these 57 pieces have received about **145,000 views** from Armenia, Turkey and other countries.

2 documentaries were filmed in October 2016.

3 documentaries and the weekly interviews and wrap-up videos will be produced during the upcoming months.

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Media Support

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HIGHLIGHTS

On January 18, 2017, in Istanbul, RSC Director Richard Giragosian provided a detailed **briefing on the current status of the process in support of Armenia-Turkey normalisation** together with RSC Senior Analyst David Shanazaryan to the representatives of several press institutions.

RSC works closely with several national and international media organisations, including **Hurriyet Daily News, Daily Sabah, HaberTurk**, the state-run **TRT** and **Anadolu News Agency, NTV, CNN-Turk, BBC Turkish Service**, the Turkish-language **al Jazeera** news agency and the Istanbul bureaus of the **Financial Times, New York Times** and the **Wall Street Journal**, as well as the Turkish staff of the **Reuters** and **Bloomberg** news services.

Supporting the Policy Process

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HIGHLIGHTS

RSC Senior Analyst David Shahnazaryan and RSC Director Richard Giragosian participated in a **seminar** on Armenia-Turkey normalisation organized by the Civic Consent NGO on October 8, 2016.

As a part of the “Policy Support” project activities, Richard Giragosian met with the **representatives of the Turkish Foreign Ministry** for a policy meeting and discussion on the outlook for the resumption of the Armenia-Turkey normalisation process.

Track 1,5 Diplomacy

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HIGHLIGHTS

A group of researchers will conduct an assessment of **policy papers, research projects** and other important undertakings related to Armenia-Turkey relations and regional security issues and concepts in Armenia, Turkey and regionally.

At the end of June 2017, EPF will organize an **international conference** in Armenia with participation of the engaged researchers and experts, as well as policy-makers and international actors.

Economic Opportunity Analysis

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HIGHLIGHTS

Comprehensive literature review of previous studies on economic complementarities between Turkey and Armenia.

TEPAV will a) produce a **research paper** exploring the new risks and opportunities regarding economic activity between Armenia and Turkey, b) organize **public events** in Turkey and Armenia to present the research results,

The Trilingual Website of the Programme

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HIGHLIGHTS

Over the period from April 1, 2016 through end of February 2017, there were **5,250 page views** by about **1,690 visitors**. The majority of visitors were coming from Armenia (27.28%), and Turkey (18.30%) followed by UK, U.S., and Russia. In addition, about 300 sessions originated from ATNP-related social networks, including 265 from Facebook.

GRANT SCHEME

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One of the main pillars of the Programme is inclusiveness – to engage and support new actors in the dialogue process. To this end, the Consortium created a Grant Scheme to invite organisations and individuals from Armenia and Turkey - other than the Consortium members - to propose and implement their own project ideas, which will contribute to the overall objective of the Programme and multiply the shared outcomes.

The Grant Scheme has a total funding of €150,000 is allocated to support from 5 to 15 applicants with grants ranging from €5,000 to €20,00.

A Grant Scheme call was announced, the deadline of which closed on August 29, 2016. A total of 47 applications were received, 31 from Armenia and 16 from Turkey. The Selection Committee was formed by the representatives of all members of the ATNP2 Consortium who evaluated the applications based on the selection criteria stated in the Call for Proposals.

As a result of evaluation, the following 9 applicants - 3 from Turkey and 6 from Armenia, were selected as grant recipients:

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

• Armenian publishers meet Turkish Publishers

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HIGHLIGHTS

The dialogue project aims to contribute to the cooperation between Armenia- and Turkey-based publishing houses through promotion of business ties and dialogue focusing on translation- and literature-related projects.

The grantee, Turkish Publishers Association in collaboration with its partner from Armenia - Antares Ltd, organized a trip of professionals from Armenia's active publishing houses to Istanbul, Turkey between 21st and 24th of February, 2017.

• 'HAH' Workshop for Literary Translators

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HIGHLIGHTS

The translation project aims to promote cooperation and understanding between Armenia- and Turkey-based literary translators by enhancing the cooperation between them.

The grantee, Armenian Committee of Helsinki Civil Assembly NGO (HCA Armenia) will bring together 8-10 translators of Turkish language and organize a literature workshop in Armenia in June 2017 to co-translate contemporary writer Birgül Oğuz's novel "HAH" from Turkish into Eastern Armenian.

• Workshop for Turkish-Armenian Dialogue and Memory Walk

IMPLEMENTER



HIGHLIGHTS

The aim of the project is to contribute to the dialogue among Turkey- and Armenia-based CSOs and educational institutions aimed at the promotion of an inclusive discourse regarding democratization and peacebuilding issues.

The grantee, Karakutu CSO in collaboration with the Institute of Public Policy (Armenia) and Imagine Center for Conflict Transformation (US) organizes an exchange programme in April and May 2017, for young people and students from Armenia and Turkey to promote dialogue and professional interaction among the students from both countries.

• Capacity building between Armenian and Turkish Women Filmmakers

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HIGHLIGHTS

With this film festival project, the is to contribute to the enhancement of cultural relations between Armenia and Turkey through strengthening professional contacts and promoting exchange visits between women filmmakers from the two countries.

The grantee, Legal Gender Cultural Foundation LIZA, organized the KIN 13th International Women's Film Festival that will take place in Yerevan on November 4-8, 2016 with the participation of the Turkish women filmmakers.

- **Politics of memory and forgetting in history textbooks**

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HIGHLIGHTS



The project aims to promote Armenia-Turkey normalisation through building collaboration between historians and history educators from the two countries. This will be achieved through elaboration on an alternative history narrative on relations between Armenians and Turks, and the engagement of university students and faculty and other professional groups in the process.

The grantee, History Foundation (Turkey), in cooperation with the Association of Young Historians (Armenia) and Imagine Center for Conflict Transformation (US) creates a network of 12 historians and history educators from Armenia and Turkey, and organized a 4-day dialogue and capacity building workshop in Istanbul, in January 2017.

- **Young Professionals of Armenia and Turkey as Advocates of Common Urban Heritage**

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HIGHLIGHTS



The project aims to promote Armenia-Turkey dialogue between young urban development professionals of both countries through joint study of common history and contribution to the protection of common urban heritage.

The grantee, Urban Foundation for Sustainable Development, in cooperation with International Inclusion Institute (Turkey) and urbanlab (Armenia) will implement the assessment of urban heritage in the cities of Gyumri and Kars as well as organize interactive workshops and study tours for urban development experts from Armenia and Turkey to learn about the history of common urban heritage of the two cities.

- **Armenia-Turkey: New Cross Cultural Dialogue Initiatives for Youth**

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HIGHLIGHTS



The film festival project aims to contribute to the enhancement of cultural relations between Armenia and Turkey through engaging students and young professional cinematographers from Armenia and Turkey into cross-cultural dialogue initiatives.

The grantee, the Armenian Foundation for Promotion of Cinema and TV for Children and Youth “Rolan Bykov” Foundation, has organized the ‘Rolan 12th International Film Festival for Children and Youth’ that takes place in Yerevan.

- **Armenia and Turkey reconciliation: looking for prosperous neighbourhood**

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HIGHLIGHTS



The conference project aims to contribute to the Armenia-Turkey normalisation process through enhancement of scholarly communication between research communities focusing on the issues of opening of the border, establishment of diplomatic relations as well as scientific and socio-cultural exchange.

The grantee, CRRC-Armenia will initiate and facilitate a scientific and policy dialogue by organizing an academic conference in Yerevan, on May 18-19, 2017 with participation of at least forty international scholars, experts, CSOs, media representatives and policy-makers from both countries that interested in the normalisation of the Armenia-Turkey relations.

- **Negotiation of Differences in the Common Urban Space**

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HIGHLIGHTS

Vahram Danielyan
Alina Poghosyan

The aim of the project is to contribute to scientific research and initiation of dialogue between the researchers from Armenia and Turkey specializing in the issues of urban space and peculiarities of diversity of cities.

The proposed project seeks ways to support raising awareness about the cities where Armenians and Turks used to live together in the past, such as Istanbul, Kars, Diyarbakir, etc. through online publications of articles and essays on the practices of sharing common urban space.

PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS

APRIL 2016 - APRIL 2017

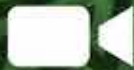
MORE THAN **900**
DIRECT PARTICIPANTS
AND BENEFICIARIES

MORE THAN **10,000**
PEOPLE REACHED OUT
THROUGHOUT VARIOUS AC-
TIVITIES AND OUTREACH
MEETINGS

Script writers
Entrepreneurs Academics
Students Architects
Art historians Teachers Artists
Journalists Photographers
Researchers Many others
Filmmakers



GRANT AND
FELLOWSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES



MEDIA
REPORTS



SURVEYS AND
RESEARCHES



WORKSHOPS
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