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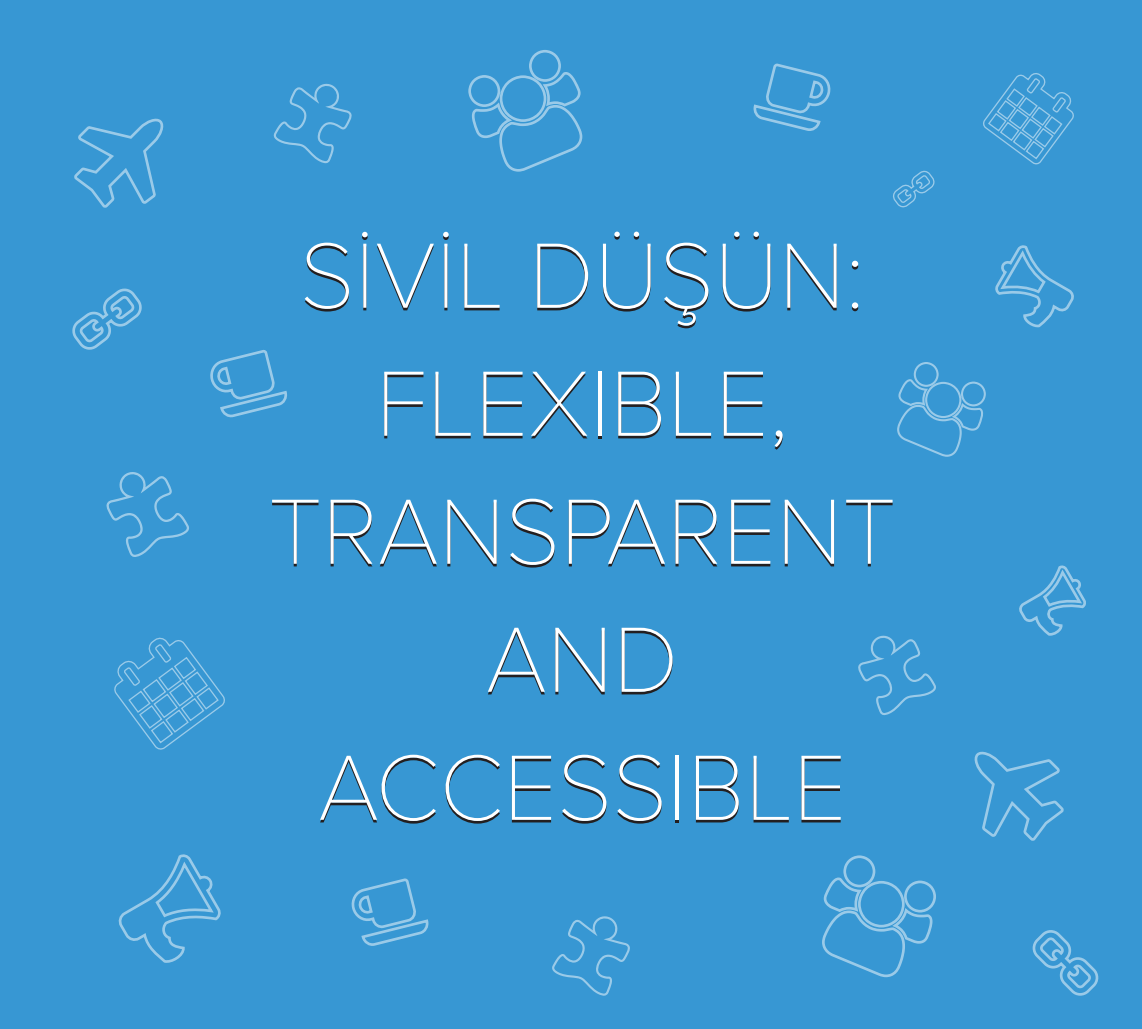
SİVİL DÜŞÜN:
THE EUROPEAN
UNION PROGRAMME
THAT RESPONDS
DIRECTLY AND
SWIFTLY TO THE
NEEDS OF CIVIL
SOCIETY IN TURKEY



European Union Sivil Düşün Programme was launched by the Delegation of the European Union to Turkey in 2012 to support civil society. The programme supports activists, civil society organisations, civil initiatives, networks and platforms under the same umbrella.

Through various support mechanisms, Sivil Düşün supports active individuals and civil society organisations. These support mechanisms were designed as a result of the inputs provided by civil society actors during consultations carried out with representatives of numerous civil society organisations, as well as activists, throughout Turkey.

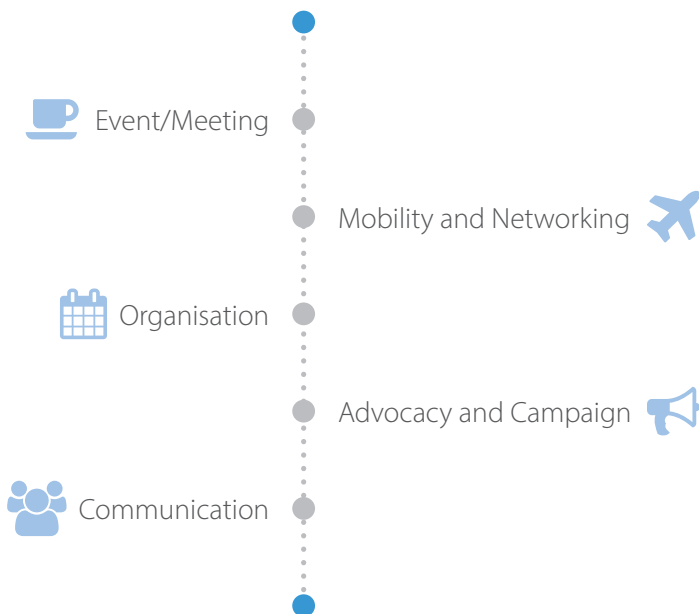
Sivil Düşün was designed to strengthen the structures and values of participatory democracy. Supports of the programme supports are open to all rights-based activities that strive to contribute to the strengthening of democratic values, and are based on stringent principles of fair competition, equal opportunity and transparency.



SİVİL DÜŞÜN: FLEXIBLE, TRANSPARENT AND ACCESSIBLE

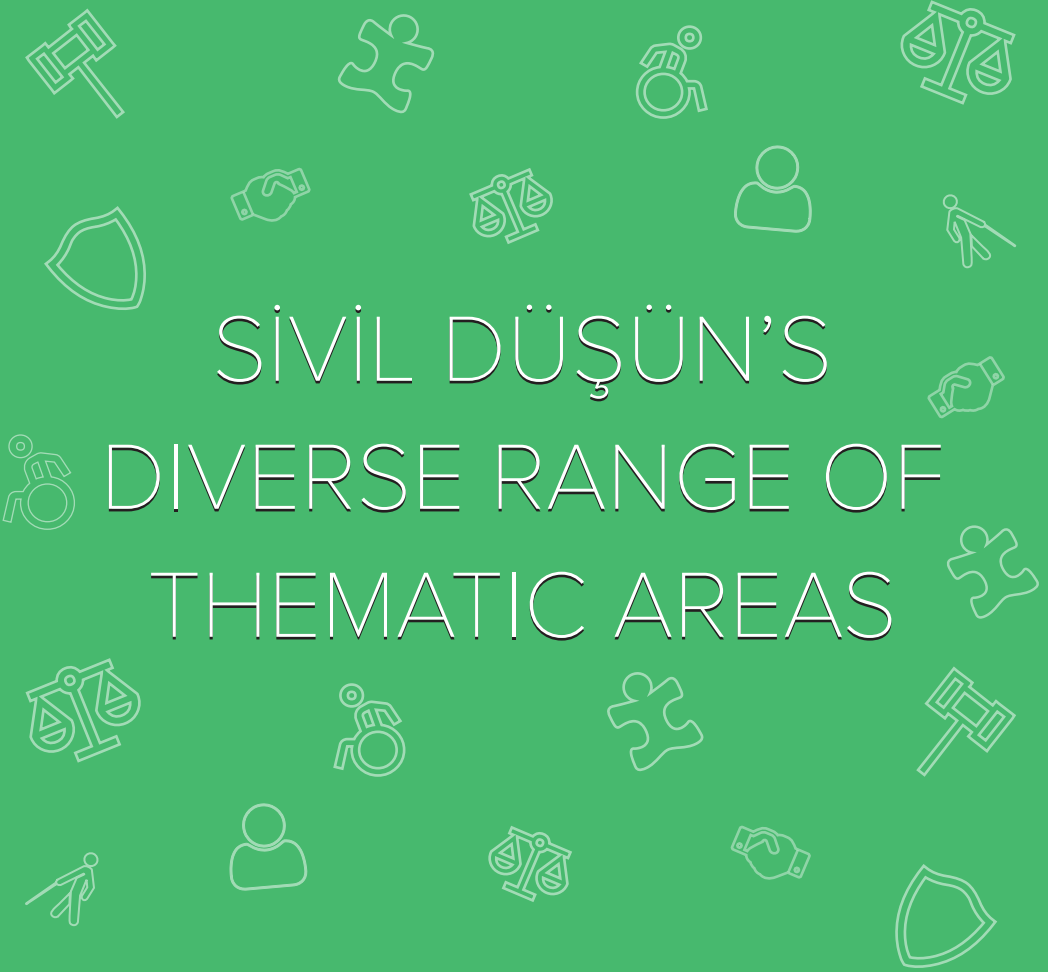
Sivil Düşün provides flexible, transparent, participatory and accessible supports to rights-based work carried out by activists, civil society organisations, platforms, networks, civil initiatives, foundations, associations, rights-based cooperatives, non-profit companies, city councils, unions, as well as human rights and civil society units of universities.

Sivil Düşün Supports are provided under five categories:



Supports provided directly address the needs of civil society in Turkey, and a participatory approach is adopted in all stages. Supports contribute to the inclusion and equal participation of disadvantaged groups and grassroots organisations through addressing their needs. The programme provides an effective platform for civil society organisations, active citizens, networks, platforms and other civil organisations to network and learn from each other.

Sivil Düşün provides continuous and competent help desk and technical assistance in every stage of the application process, as well as throughout the implementation of the supported actions. The easy application process allows the wide range of beneficiaries to request for support with a simple form in any preferred language. The applicants are welcome to benefit from Sivil Düşün's Pool of Experts with over 250 experts so as to strengthen the supports received. The Programme offers a maximum of 5,000 Euros in-kind support. Since the launch of Sivil Düşün, over 3,000 applications have been received, out of which more than 800 actions were selected for implementation by the end of 2018.



Sivil Düşün's supports address a variety of rights in different thematic areas. The below listed areas encompass a diverse range, and Sivil Düşün is always open to newly-emerging areas of rights.



SİVİL DÜŞÜN:
INSPIRATION,
PARTICIPATION
AND
DIALOGUE



Sivil Düşün's communication tools, including but are not limited to its website, social media channels, publications, campaigns, big-scale and smaller events, are used to boost the assistance offered by the programme, providing support and consultation tools for the civil society. The programme's website and social media channels are used both as a promotional tool for Sivil Düşün and its supports, and to disseminate news, events, announcements and publications regarding civil society and rights-based work.

Sivil Düşün carries out communication campaigns with the aim of creating discussion platforms on issues like activism, peace and fundamental rights; using various communication channels and tools such as the web, social media, articles, photos, videos and publications in its campaigns and presenting alternative platforms for everyone to contribute with their ideas.

The programme brings together activists and representatives of civil society organisations, networks, platforms, foundations, unions and civil initiatives across Turkey through its Civil Society Forums, Info Days, consultation meetings and trainings.

Always asserting a participatory and inclusive approach, Sivil Düşün encourages participants to share their experience and know-how in meetings, sessions, working groups and workshops, letting participants be in charge. Sivil Düşün provides an effective platform in these thematic events and meetings where more than one thousand participants, engaged in rights-based work, had the chance to learn from one another and were offered the chance to collaborate.

SİVİL DÜŞÜN
LISTENS,
RESPONDS
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- supports rights-based activities.
 - abides by the principles of fair competition, equal opportunity and transparency.
 - supports the principles of human rights, social inclusion and the rule of law.
 - supports the promotion of rights-based activities to reach a wider audience.
 - contributes to the development of advocacy.
 - reminds all active individuals that they can take initiatives to protect or ensure rights.
 - supports mainstreaming of rights-based activities.
 - ensures the visibility of disadvantaged groups and responds to their needs.
 - contributes to capacity building of grassroots organisations.
 - supports the dissemination of developments and news in civil society through its communication networks.
- supports not only organised civil society structures but also civil initiatives and activists who do not have a legal entity.
 - appreciates the development and improvement of participatory democracy structures and values.
 - listens to the civil society and responds directly to its needs.
 - works with the civil society and values a participatory approach.
 - offers civil society actors an effective platform for cooperation, networking, common activities, learning and knowledge sharing.
 - inspires human rights advocates through the work it supports.
 - introduces new approaches in supporting civil society and eliminates burdensome bureaucratic procedures.
 - contributes to the strengthening of plurality.
 - values continuous and competent technical assistance for mainstreaming of rights-based activities.
 - distinguishes from other civil society support programmes with its wide profile of beneficiaries.



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