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TOGETHER:

Institutional Support Program Profile for the Local CSOs

“WE TOOK THE ROAD TOGETHER”

What is BİRLİKTE?

Working in the field of civil society with a strong and democratic civil society vision since 2004, STGM, has initiated “BİRLİKTE: Institutional Support Program for the Local CSOs, which is a grant and institutional support program aimed at strengthening the capacities of CSOs, after the need recognition studies by STGM with the CSOs. BİRLİKTE which was structured as a bi-directional and as an institutional grant and guidance support, differs from many of the grant programs in Turkey due to this specialty.



BİRLİKTE was primarily aimed at contributing to the development and strengthening of CSOs working at the local level. However, it also included national CSOs which aim to develop cooperation with the local communities. The program also envisions support for national CSOs which target to contribute to the civil society area by developing collaborations at the local level. According to the results announced in July 2018, in this Program;

42 CSOs are supported. 35 of these CSOs are supported under the local component and 7 of them under the national component. Sub-grant contracts with CSOs were signed in August and the first implementation year of the program started on August 16th.

How did the application process progress?

The announcement of the program's call for proposals was widely held. As of November 8, 2017, with the announcement, the Program attracted much attention. Since CSOs did not have to develop a new project at the time of application period, this became an element that differed the Program from institutional grants of the other grant schemes. This is the main reason why the number of applications is so high.

The program was submitted to a total of **419 applications** from **53 cities**. In this process, 345 applications from the first component, that is from the local organizations, and 74 from the national organizations were submitted.



MILESTONES





Following the announcement of the program, promotion meetings were organized in Adana, Ankara, Diyarbakır, İstanbul, İzmir, Kars and Trabzon in December to promote the grant program and facilitate the application process.

A total of **387*** people attended these meetings.

76 people attended the webinar for the same purpose. The CSOs that have adopted a rights-based approach in their works applied to the Program. According to the distribution of the applicant organizations in regards to their right fields, women, children, environment, human and disabled organizations were the fields that were encountered the most.

HOW THE EVALUATION OF THE APPLICATIONS WERE ASSESSED?

The evaluation process started on 15 January 2018 with the opening session where the administrative and compliance checks of the applications were completed. The opening session lasted about 2 weeks.

A total of **375** applicants passed the eligibility check, and reached to the next stage and evaluated at the

*Adana 24 - Ankara 90 - Diyarbakır 23 - İstanbul 91 - İzmir 88 - Kars 39 - Trabzon 32

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internal and external evaluators worked in order to evaluate the applications.

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The applications were evaluated by at least

2

experts and approved by the evaluation committee members.

Members of the Evaluation Committee participated in the process.

The evaluation process of the application documents started on 22nd of January and ended on the 2nd of April.



In the first stage of the application process,

the average of 3 application forms were read on a Daily basis. An application form was evaluated in an average of 3 hours and a form was graded by at least two people. Approximately 6 hours were spent on each application form. Forms with at least 20 points difference between the two evaluators were reevaluated by a third person. Up to 20 percent of the total application forms were read again and evaluated.

In the second phase of the process,

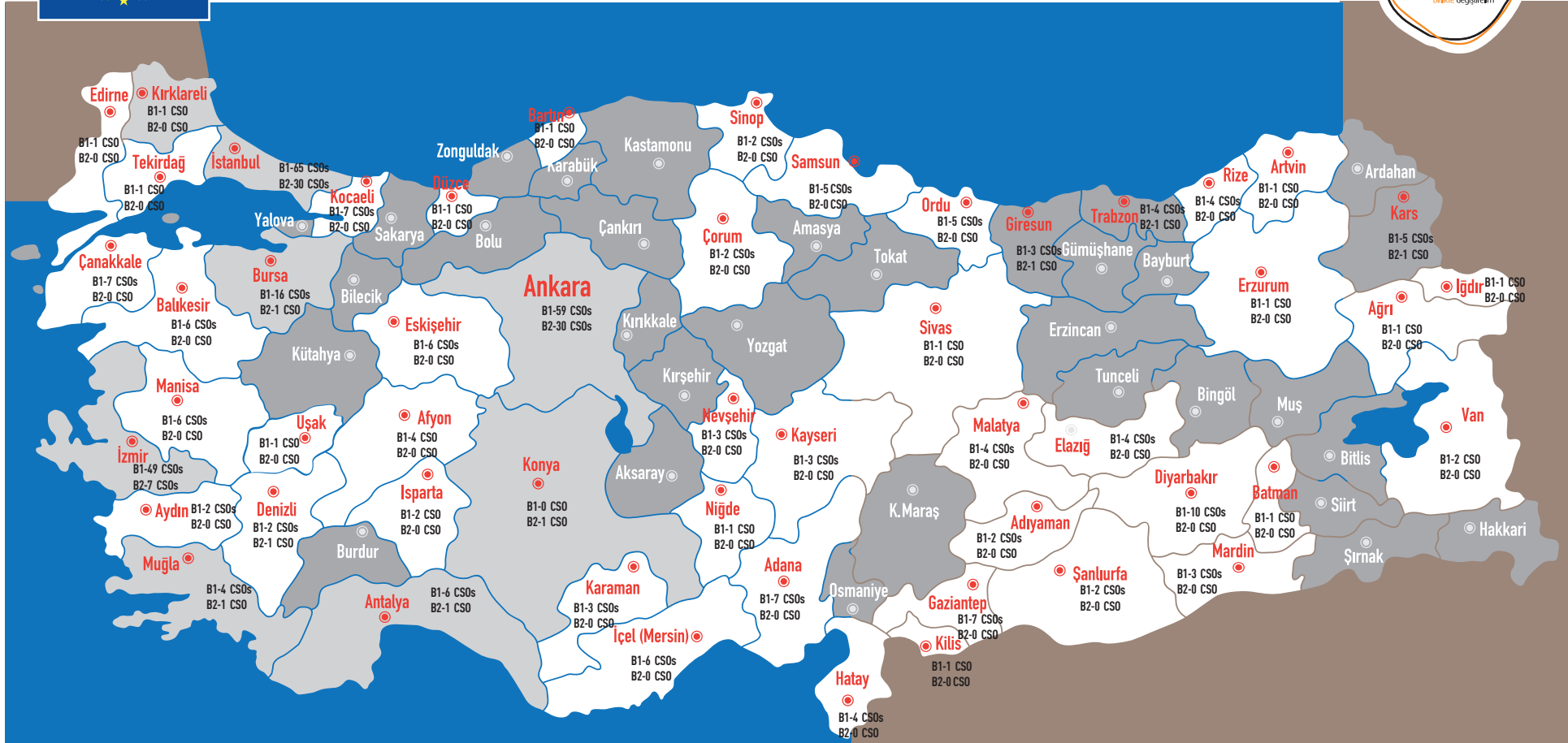
the shortlist was announced and the questions forwarded by e-mail were answered.

In the third phase,

face-to-face interviews were conducted with 75 CSOs shortlisted. During the two months, these meetings, which were held with the participation of an internal and an external expert, started on May 5th and ended on 6 July 2018.



DISTRIBUTION OF APPLICATIONS BY CITIES



B1: LOCAL CSOs COMPONENT 1

- **345 CSOs*** IN TOTAL

B2: NATIONAL CSOs COMPONENT 2

- **74 CSOs*** IN TOTAL

* CSO: Civil Society Organizations



face-to-face interviews



More than

7000

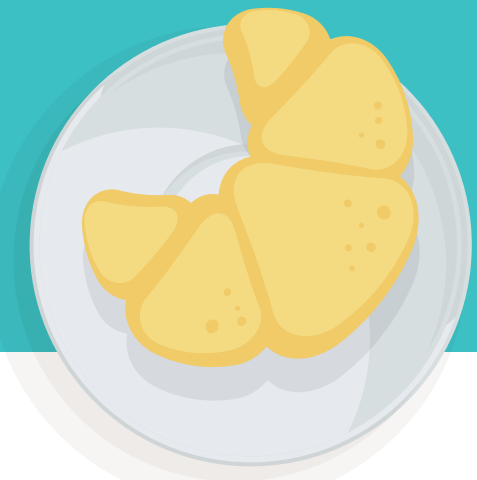
km road



Over

3000

hours of labor





SHORT LIST



B1: LOCAL CSOs COMPONENT 1

- **59 CSOs* IN TOTAL**

B2: NATIONAL CSOs COMPONENT 2

- **16 CSOs* IN TOTAL**

* CSO: Civil Society Organizations



FINAL LIST



B1: LOCAL CSOs COMPONENT 1

- **35 CSOs*** IN TOTAL

B2: NATIONAL CSOs COMPONENT 2

- **7 CSOs*** IN TOTAL

* CSO: Civil Society Organizations



COMPONENT 1 PROGRAM BENEFICIARY CSO LIST



- 65+ Elder Rights Association
- Adana Women's Solidarity Centre and Shelter Foundation
- Association for the Conservation of Antalya Orchids& Biodiversity
- Bafra Surmeli Neighborhood Association
- Çiğdem Education , Environment and Solidarity Association
- Denizli Autism Association
- Association of Back to Nature
- Empathy Association
- Barrier-Free Life Association
- Eksi 25 Association
- Co-Pedal Association
- Sunflower Women's Association
- Hayat Sende Youth Academy Association
- Mental Health Association for All
- Hevi LGBTI Association
- Association of Hearing Impaired and their Families
- İzmir Women's Solidarity Association
- İzmir Foster Family Association
- Karakutu Association
- Kazdagi Association for the Protection of Natural & Cultural Assets
- Center for Spatial Justice
- Mor Salkim Women's Solidarity Association
- Free Colors Association
- Pi Youth Association
- Association of Colorful Hopes
- Roma Society Youth Association
- Association Of Rights In Traffic
- Calm School Education, Culture and Art Association
- Nilüfer Women's Cooperative
- Sulukule Volunteers Association
- Tekirdağ Çiftlikönü Roma Cooperation Association
- Clean Clothes Campaign Association
- Life Memory Freedom Association
- Life Women's Center Association
- Association for the Support of Slow Life

BİLEŞEN2 PROGRAM YARARLANICISI STÖ LİSTESİ

- Civil Society in the Penal System Association
- Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence
- Association for the Visually Impaired in Education
- Women's Solidarity Foundation
- Black Sea Ecological Development Association
- Kuzey Doğa Association
- Social Rights and Research Association