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Project 'daire' which forms social networks through 'artist in residency' programs, is financed by the European Union and Turkish Republic

The project coordinated by K2 Contemporary Art Association titled: **Creating a Network Among CSOs and Public Institutions Through "Artist in Residence" Program**, has been entitled to be supported as part of the "CSO Partnerships and Networks on Strengthening Cooperation Between Public Sector and CSOs Grant Scheme" financed by the European Union and the Republic of Turkey and conducted by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs within the framework of the Civil Society Support Program. One of the 10 projects from Turkey that has been entitled for the grant, the project with the short title "**daire**" has a total budget of 529 thousand Euros.

"**daire**", aims to build capacities of public institutions and CSOs in Turkey in the field of art by enhancing good cooperation among them in order to provide their involvement in policy-making and decision-making processes. The project is realized with the partnership of NomadMind Association (İzmir), Troya Culture Association (Çanakkale), Hatay Metropolitan Municipality and SCCA - Center for Contemporary Arts (Ljubljana, Slovenia).

The Project is conducted in 9 cities of Turkey: İzmir, Çanakkale, Hatay, İstanbul, Sinop, Diyarbakır, Mardin, Nevşehir and Mersin.

"Artist In Residence Program" practices are becoming increasingly widespread in Turkey as is the case with the world. By this method, artists are afforded an opportunity of being a guest in a place outside of their existing living and working environments. These programs are also significant for creating networks between individuals and institutions in the related area of practice.

As part of '**daire**', the Selection Committee is selecting 9 artists who are experienced and knowledgeable in the related subject, in order to conduct the "Artist in Residency Program" taking place in 9 cities.

A national open call will be announced in order to determine 3 resident participants for each of the 9 programs conducted by these 9 artists. The Advisory Board will determine the participants for each of the cities that the project takes place. Attending these programs will also be possible within





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reasonable bounds, for local artists in these 9 cities. In this respect, it is aimed to expand the created network as well as increasing participation and sustainability.

The Application Form can be reached via www.daire.org.tr, within the first week of July.

The project which includes activities aiming to enhance management and communication capacities of CSOs, intends to raise a general awareness in the area of contemporary art starting with the opening meeting until the closing event.

In this purpose, in all of these 9 cities, İzmir being the center; presentation meetings, needs assessments, resource evaluations, workshops, panel discussions, performances and exhibitions are being arranged with public institutions, non-governmental organizations, and university representatives.

The President of K2 Contemporary Art Association, Ayşegül Kurtel stated; "As K2, we are both proud of and excited for being considered worthy of a support like this for our project, that will take place over the course of 20 months. Our aim is to reinforce the connection and cooperation between CSOs and public institutions in 9 cities, by practicing the method 'Artist in Residence' programs. With this project, coordinated by our Association founded in 2006, we are bringing together individuals and institutions in a production-centered environment in the field of contemporary art."

daire, launched on January 15th, 2019, will continue until September 14th, 2020.

Why "daire"?

daire ('circle' in English), is designated as the project's name as it characterizes an inclusive habitation and symbolizes nature's rhythm in a sense of 'being in union'. **daire** as it links the center and its premises in an integral way, contains infinite possibilities within itself. It appears as a complementary space that holds everyone and everything included. For that matter, it provides a basis for pluralism. The institutions, foundations, initiatives and individuals which set a course in contemporary arts, become a part of a new understanding and method.

daire; evolves as it diffuses to the chosen 9 cities where K2 and its project partners already have organic links. It proceeds as these cities are embraced as working and researching spaces, where thinking processes of the projects and presentations were already based at. The integration of the participating artists' in ecological, cultural and sociological sense, are reflected on their production process. In this way, interaction itself becomes one of the mediums that is in use. The network that is created by contemporary art practices, plays a significant role in civil society's growth specific to societal interaction.





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Grant Scheme for Partnerships & Networks

Directorate for European Union Affairs has been providing economic support for more than fifteen years, to projects aiming at improving the capacity of civil society in Turkey and strengthening the dialogue between civil societies of the Turkish Republic and European Union.

In the course of 2014-2020 of Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), after Turkey and European Union acknowledging the field of civil society as a sector, the mentioned economic supports regarding public sector have been following up increasingly.

Many projects had been developed within the context of these titles prioritized by public sector "Strengthening Cooperation Between Public Sector and CSOs; Improving the legislative framework for CSOs; Empowering the capacities of CSOs and strengthening the cooperation among CSOs; strengthening the dialogue between civil societies of Turkish Republic and European Union." Civil Society Support Program, which is one of these programs, includes the "CSO Grant Scheme for Partnerships and Networks" developed for strengthening the cooperation between civil society organizations and public institutions.

The Program conducted under the Civil Society Support Program, is financed by the European Union and the Republic of Turkey as part of Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) 2014. The Program aims to strengthen the cooperation between civil society organizations and public institutions and enhance the network among civil society organizations. Within the scope of the grant scheme, 10 projects from Turkey have been awarded a total of approximately 4.3 million Euros.

The program is conducted by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs; and the contracting authority is Central Finance and Contracts Unit.

For Detailed Information: www.daire.org.tr

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