



EUROPE and DISABILITY Project

Fourth Newsletter

Europe and Disability Project that is carried out by Sinop Spastic Children Association (Turkey), CEIPES (Italy) and IPP (Romania) is very close to the end of the project period. Europe and Disability Project is performed within the scope of the “Turkey - EU Civil Society Dialogue” program carried out by the Directorate of EU Affairs under the EU Instrument for Pre-Accession Financial Assistance Program. Sinop Spastic Children Association (<https://www.sinopscd.org.tr/>) from Turkey is the coordinating institution of the Project. IPP (<http://cluj.institutphoenix.ro/>) from Romania and CEIPES (<https://ceipes.org/>) from Italy are co-applicants.

The project aims to raise awareness about policy and contribution of the European Union on disability and its support to people with disabilities at candidate countries and to increase the cooperation between the disability NGOs in Turkey and the disability NGOs in Europe,

Main activities that have been carried out for one year project duration are:

-Kick off meeting was held to increase the visibility of the project in Sinop on 29 June 2021.

-Qualitative and quantitative research was conducted to measure the view of the people with disabilities and people who has close links to people with disabilities about EU’s contribution on people with disabilities in Turkey.

-In addition, we produced 4 different reports on contribution of the European Union to the people with disabilities. These reports are:

- *Report on the Mechanisms and General Policies of the European Union in the Field of Disability
- *Report on Influence of EU on Lives of People with Disabilities in Turkey
- *Report on Influence of EU on Lives of People with Disabilities in Italy
- *Report on Influence of EU on Lives of People with Disabilities in Romania

All these reports are available at <https://en.avrupaveengellilik.org/>

- In addition, the project outputs were disseminated through meetings held in 10 provinces. These meetings are as follows:

- 22 January 2022 Antalya Meeting
- 23 January 2022 Ankara Meeting
- 5 February 2022 Izmir Meeting
- 6 February 2022 Aydın Meeting
- 12 February Malatya 2022 Meeting





13 February 2022 Gaziantep Meeting
19 February 2022 Istanbul Meeting
20 February 2022 Yalova Meeting
26 February 2022 Samsun Meeting
March 5, 2022 Mardin Meeting

-A network has been established that will promote cooperation between Turkish and European CSO's in the long run. We held on the first meeting of this network on March 2, 2022. Around 40 NGOs from Europe and Turkey attended the meeting.

-The final meeting of the project was held on 24.03.2022.

Berrin GÜRLEYEN, Sinop Spastic Children's Association, made the following statements about the project: "Within the scope of our project, which we have successfully completed with our partners, we have both raised awareness in Turkey about the contribution of the European Union to the people with disabilities and established a network that brings together the NGOs on disability in Turkey and Europe. In this way, we made familiar people with disabilities in Europe and Turkey. We would like to thank all parties, especially the European Union, for their contribution to our project."

