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## Mr. Egemen Bağış has come together at a working breakfast with the Governors of the 20 Provinces.



"A working breakfast" has been organized on February 18, 2013 with the governors of the 20 pilot provinces in VAB PRO under the scope of the "Building the Capacity on EU Affairs in the Governorates Project".

The working breakfast has been hosted by Minister for European Affairs and Chief Negotiator Mr. Egemen Bağış. Deputy Minister for European Affairs Dr. Alaattin Büyükkaya, Deputy Minister of Interior Mr. Osman

Güneş, Undersecretary of the Ministry for European Affairs Ambassador Mr. Haluk Ilıcak, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry for Interior Mr. Seyfullah Hacımüftüoğlu, Deputy Undersecretaries and the governors of the pilot provinces of the Project have participated to the event.

Minister for European Affairs and Chief Negotiator Mr. Egemen Bağış delivered an opening speech at the working breakfast to be followed by a presentation on VAB PRO that has been delivered by Deputy Undersecretary Mr. Mehmet Cangir. The working breakfast ended with the views and assessments of the governors regarding the Project.



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## Closing of the European Union Infopoint



Closing of the European Union Infopoint was celebrated with a reception on April 15, 2013 at the office garden which is at the 2nd. Selim Street. At the reception, Ms Alessandra Viezzer - EU Programme Support Office Head of Programme Team, Mr Kudret Akay – EU Infopoint Team Leader and Mr Hüseyin Silman – EU Coordination Centre have delivered speeches. After the speeches, the receptions has continued with cocktail and live music. WYG MENA & Türkiye Regional Managing Director Mr. Levent Erkan and WYG Türkiye Deputy Managing Director Berk Cengiz visited TRNC President Mr. Derviş Eroğlu. Mr. Eroğlu has congratulated the successful implementation of InfoPoint Project.

## WYG TURKEY IN PRINTED MEDIA



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Ekonometri Jan. - Feb.



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## 20 Million Euro Scholarship Support to Youth



The cooperation protocol between the Ministry of Labor and Social Security EU Coordination Department (HRD OS) and the Ministry of Youth and Sports General Directorate of Credit and Dormitories Agency (YURTKUR), which will provide the opportunity of scholarship to 20 thousand students, were signed at Mövenpick Hotel on March 7, 2013. Minister of Labor and Social Security Mr. Faruk Çelik, Minister of Youth and Sports Mr. Suat Kılıç, Ambassador, Head of EU Delegation Mr. Jean Maurice – Ripert, representatives of related institutions, scholars and students participated to the

event which is organized under HRD GP project, implemented by the consortia led by WYG Turkey. Minister of Labor and Social Security Mr. Faruk Çelik congratulated the scholars, and during his speech he emphasized that with the actualization of this protocol, the number of people that is reached in the scope of HRD OP has become 110.000.

Following Mr. Çelik's speech, Minister of Youth and Sports Mr. Suat Kılıç took the floor and thanked to everyone who contributed for the event. Mr. Kılıç also indicated that, as the Ministry of Youth and Sports, they are working constantly in order to increase the resources for youth.

Then, Ambassador Ripert emphasized that he hoped the youth will be more informed about the European Union, which they will be a part in the future. After the speeches, all scholars were invited to the stage to be presented with a symbolic check, and family picture was taken.

In the scope of the protocol signed, 260TL scholarship support will be provided to 20.000 students (10.000 girls and 10.000 boys) for the duration of 8 months.



## Kick-off Conference on "The Building Capacity for EU Affairs in the Governorates Project"



The Kick-off Conference on "Building the Capacity of EU Affairs in the Governorates Project" was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 in Ankara. It was hosted by the Minister for European Union Affairs and Chief Negotiator Mr. Egemen Bağış, and attended by the Minister of Interior Mr. Muammer Güler, the Director of Central Finance and Contracts Unit Mr. Muhsin Altun, representatives from public institutions, governors from 20 pilot provinces, EU Permanent Contact Point deputy governors, and representatives of EU offices in governorates.

Mr. Egemen Bağış started his speech by emphasizing that the most significant obstacle of EU was prejudices, and then proceeded to state that it was the responsibility of all involved parties to eliminate these prejudices. He indicated that they have managed to reach each province, each town and district within the framework of EU reforms and especially civil administration authorities in provinces have a major part to play. He added that governorates, municipalities, universities, chambers and other related shareholders would be involved in EU process through "The Building Capacity for EU Affairs in the Governorates Project".

The Minister of Interior Mr. Muammer Güler underlined the importance of the cooperation launched by the Ministry of EU Affairs three years ago and expressed his belief that this project would expand EU understanding throughout the country.

## Jean Monnet Scholarship Programme

Jean Monnet Scholars from different cities of Europe and representatives of Ministry of EU Affairs have met in Brussels on March 14-15, 2013. Deputy Ministry Mr. Alaattin Büyükkaya has also participated to this travel and visited several EU Institutions together with the scholars.





## Supervision of Construction of Ordu Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and

### Retrofitting of Kumbaşı WWTP

WYG MENA & Türkiye Regional Managing Director Mr. Levent Erkan and Managing Director Mr. Levent Ergen had visited Construction of Ordu Waste Water Treatment Plant on April 8, 2013. Directors have met with Project Team Leader John Ford and received information on the progress of the project. WYG, is the leading consultant at the Construction of Ordu Waste Water Treatment Plant.



### İŞKUR Campaign Bus Depart From Diyarbakır, April 13, 2013

With the aim of informing the individuals and all parties affected by employment about the new structure of Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR) and the broad range of quality services, the İŞKUR Campaign Bus departed to visit 22 eastern and south-eastern provinces in Turkey.

The Bus set off from its first stop, Diyarbakır, after the delivery of a press meeting in which İŞKUR Director General Dr. Nusret Yazıcı participated. Following the reading of Turkish Delegation Economic and Social Development Department Head, Mr Javier Menendez Bonilla's telegram through which he conveyed goodwill and good luck, Dr. Nusret Yazıcı made an elaborative presentation on the service delivery of İŞKUR to increase employment and its 2013 targets. After the presentation, Dr. Nusret Yazıcı promoted the activities conducted in the scope of "Improving the Quality of Public Employment Services Operation" which is implemented by İŞKUR with technical assistance of WYG Turkey in the scope of Human Resources Operational Programme of MoLLS. The project is co-financed by the European Union and The Republic of Turkey.

The Press showed a considerable interest in the meeting in which national and local media members and Provincial Directors of 22 Provinces to be visited participated. After the press meeting, media members and İŞKUR representatives as well as PES Project Team visited İŞKUR Campaign Bus in action on one of the main boulevards of Diyarbakır. Diyarbakır Governor Mr. Mustafa Toprak also visited the Campaign bus and wished the team success for the campaign and in attainment of their goals. It is aimed that the 12 dissemination agents working in the scope of Project to make at least 25.000 face to face interviews and promote İŞKUR services. Beside the services provided to jobseekers and employers, the agents will promote other services such as Labour Training Courses, Entrepreneurship Programmes, On the job training Courses, Community Work Programmes, Job and Vocational Counselling Services (JVCs), Unemployment Benefit and Short Term Allocation, and contribute to improving İŞKUR's visibility on its broad range of services for the public. Moreover, JVCs working in these provinces will be registering clients during the Bus visit of the province.



### WYG Turkey, celebrated its 10th year

WYG Turkey celebrated its 10th year in the sector at Ramada Plaza Ankara on June 18th. Achieving great successes in Turkey, company found a chance to not just celebrate its 10th year but also its acquired and accomplished projects throughout these years with the help of this event.

More than 150 guests who are the company members, project teams, specialists, partners and beneficiaries participated the event in order the support WYG Turkey.

In the event, a short film which was about WYG Turkey's 10 years and its projects was screened and received really positive feedbacks from the guests.

Afterwards, Levent Erkan, WYG MENA & Türkiye Regional Managing Director made a speech and said WYG Turkey has achieved many successes throughout its 10 years with great pace. Erkan continued by thanking each and every member of the WYG Turkey network due to their supports and contributions to the company's development and indicated that WYG Turkey is planning to grow at an equal rate and maintain its successes.



### Dynamics 2013

The Istanbul Project Management Association (IPYD) presented its 14th Annual Dynamics International Project Management Congress at the Sheraton Istanbul Maslak Hotel on between March 22 – 23, 2013. The theme for this year's congress was "Doing More with Less".

WYG MENA & Türkiye Regional Managing Director Mr. Levent Erkan had led a panel titled "Project Management and Practices in EU" on 22 March 2013 at 11:00 – 12:00 hours. Participants of the Panel were; Mr. Bülent Özcan, Ministry of EU Affairs, Director of Project Implementation, Mr. Kamran Kuru, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Head of EU Coordination Department and Mr. Asım Göker Keskin, Turkish Employment Agency Deputy General Director.



## The Vocational Qualifications Authority organized the Turkish Qualifications Framework International Conference on 16-17 April 2013 in Istanbul

The preparation of the Turkish Qualifications Framework started in August 2010. It has been drafted and finalised in line with the European Qualifications Framework. The Vocational Qualifications Authority (VQA) organized the "Turkish Qualifications Framework International Conference" on 16-17 April 2013 with the aim to present information on the preparation and implementation process of the Turkish Qualifications Framework (TQF) together with its key features and to share international knowledge and experience on the preparation of national qualifications frameworks, arrangements for implementation, quality assurance and referencing with the European Qualifications Framework.



The conference where, International participants from countries of the European Union have participated, brought the world of business and education together. In this conference where Lifelong Learning Institute of UNESCO (UIL) and the European Training Fund (ETF), an organization of the European Union (EU) were represented, senior-level representatives of relevant institutions from Germany, France, Croatia, Ireland, Scotland, Poland and Portugal also delivered speeches.

The conference started with opening speeches delivered by Prof. Dr. Şaban ÇALIŞ, the Acting President of the Council of Higher Education (CoHE), Mr. Bayram AKBAŞ, President of the Vocational Qualifications Authority, Mr. Muhsin Altun, Director of the Central Finance and Contracting Unit, Assc. Prof. Ömer AÇIKGÖZ, Director-General of Vocational and Technical Education, Mr. Javier MENENDEZ BONILLA, Head of the Section for Economic and Social Development in the European Union Delegation to Turkey and Mr. Fatih ACAR, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security. Following the opening speeches, two panel sessions took place; "National Qualifications Frameworks from International Perspectives" and "Turkish Qualifications Framework".

With "Parallel Workshops" under the titles of "Management of NQF's (National Qualifications Framework) and the Method for Placing Qualifications under the NQF'S", "Quality Assurance Tools for NQF's" and "Recognition of Prior Learning in NQF's and the Credit Systems used in NQF's", views and suggestions were received from the participants and the results of the workshops were presented to all participants.

On the second day of the International Conference after two sessions; "Panel on the Implementation of the NQF on International Level" and "Panel Session on the TQF – Future Outlook" closing session took place. President of the Vocational Qualifications Authority Mr. Bayram AKBAŞ delivered the closing speech of Turkish Qualifications Framework International Conference.

### Promoting Youth Employment Operation Career and Entrepreneurship Days



Free Career and Entrepreneurship Days were organised under the scope of the "Promoting Youth Employment Operation" co-financed by the European Union and the Republic of Turkey.

"Career and Entrepreneurship Days" took place in the following 15 provinces: Malatya (02-03 April), Gaziantep (05-06 April), Diyarbakır (09-10 April), Elazığ (12-13 April), Trabzon (19-20 April), Sivas (26-27 April), Kahramanmaraş, (29-30 April), Samsun (03-04 May), Batman (07-08 May), Kars (10-11 May), Erzurum (21-22 May), Şanlıurfa (23-24 May), Kastamonu (30-31 May), Kayseri and Van (06-07 June).

The seminars under the title of Career and Entrepreneurship Days lasted for two days. The seminar on the first day was titled Career Days and during this seminar, young people who have completed their education came together with representatives of the leading sectors of their region to learn how to transform their theoretical knowledge into practice in working life. Young people also received information about the career opportunities presented by the companies in their cities and regions, what kind of qualifications are required for different professions, how to apply for a job, the key issues relating to job interviews and other procedures and how to select an occupation and a company.

During the second day of the seminar titled Entrepreneurship Days, successful entrepreneurs shared their experiences, their own views with the participants and gave motivating recommendations to the youth about the qualifications a successful entrepreneur should have, what challenges and opportunities they will encounter when setting up their business, what kind of education they need, how to finance themselves, and what kind of opportunities are presented recently to the entrepreneurs in their own regions. Representatives of organizations and institutions that are located in that region and that support entrepreneurs explained to the young entrepreneurs their services in the area of training, financing and counseling and the opportunities provided to entrepreneurs, how they can guide them and their future projects in the region towards promoting entrepreneurs. These qualified seminars that guide the youth in the region are delivered free of charge.

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