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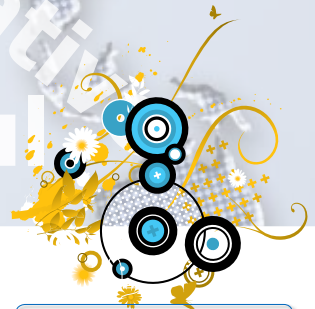
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GOOD PRACTICES IN EU FUNDED PROJECTS FOR STUDY VISITS

In this issue you will find information about Study Visits of our EU funded projects to the different centres of Europe.



"Removal Centres" examined in UK

In the scope of the "Technical Assistance for the Reception Centres for Asylum Seekers and Refugees and Removal Centres for the Illegal Migrants Project", the Technical Assistance Team carried out a study visit to two Removal Centres, Tinsley House and Brook House, in UK between July 1 – 4, 2009. Representatives from Ministry of Interior, General Directorate of Security, Department of Foreigners, Borders and Asylum as the beneficiary and Members of Technical Assistance Team participated to the visit where they had the opportunity to obtain information on design and operation prerequisites by observing the solutions adopted and the lessons learnt with regard to the design, materials, security and operation of these centres.



The visited Removal Centres set a good example for the project team with regard to architectural design and implementations, and were also similar to the project that will be implemented in Turkey in terms of the concept and systems and materials to be used. It was observed that the strict security measures in Brook House are not necessary for the centres to be built in Turkey, but the management and operation model implemented in Tinsley House is closer to the design concept envisaged by the Project Team.

It was observed that the centres designed for Turkey and the visited two centres have similarities such as specifying the systems and materials to be used in construction according to fields/needs, prioritising Fire Safety, and especially, considering efficiency and effectiveness as well as consumption control in the utilization of resources such as water and electricity.

The visit, which was carried out with great hospitality, was completed with the support of United Kingdom Border Agency and Offender and Detainees Group. All organisations participating in the study visit agreed to reconvene for developing mutual cooperation and collaboration between centres during and after the project.

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Civil Society Dialogue Project Promoted in Germany



The Civil Society Dialogue Project Team held a press conference and an info meeting on June 23, 2009 in cooperation with the Centre for Studies on Turkey which is based in Essen, Germany, for the Turkish origin civil society organisations in Germany and the Turkish Media broadcasting in Germany.

Deren Doğan Yavuz, Senior Programme Officer from the Secretariat General for EU Affairs; Didem Oflaz, Project's Communication Expert; and Tuna Çağlar Dik, Monitoring Expert provided important information about the support for NGOs all around Turkey within the scope of "Promotion of Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey," contacting and networking with potential project partners in European Union, and on Civil Society Dialogue Project-II which is the next grant opportunity, and the Interpretation / Translation

Facilities. The press conference drew great interest among the Turkish community in Germany and had widespread press coverage.

Following the press conference in Essen, the Civil Society Dialogue Project Team met with the officials of Press Now, which is the Dutch partner of the grant beneficiary Antalya Association of Journalists on June 24, 2009 in Amsterdam, and had an opportunity to observe the developments and activities on the European side of the project. The next stop of the Project team was Rotterdam. Deren Doğan Yavuz, EUSG Senior Programme Officer, was a key speaker at the conference on "Entrepreneurship and Knowledge Economy" on June 25, 2009, which was a joint organization of CSD Project grant beneficiary Ankara University and its Dutch partner InHolland University.

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Dutch and Belgian Models in Socio-Economic Projects



In the scope of "Support to the Solution of Economic and Social Integration Problems in Istanbul, Izmir, Ankara and Bursa as Major In-Migrant Destinations" (İGEPE) Project, the first study visit to the Netherlands and Belgium was carried out between July 13 – 17, 2009. During the study visit with a total of 14 participants from Ankara, İstanbul, İzmir and Bursa Metropolitan Municipalities, the European Union institutions in Brussels were visited as well as the project sites in Amsterdam, Delta Werken, Beringen and Bruges.

Within the study visit, a "social renewal" project was visited in Amsterdam, which included the renovation of community centres, social housing and lifelong learning facilities. In Amsterdam, such multi-purpose facilities are used for attracting people in social environments and direct investments towards these environments. Beneficiaries expressed their appreciation from this 5-day visit, and they have found that it was very fruitful since they had the opportunity to see 12 socio-economic projects in Belgium and the Netherlands.

Among the most striking visits, Amsterdam Library project and Mining Region project visits could be mentioned. Amsterdam Library was completed and opened last year. The building, which was designed by Jo Coenen, is outstanding with its use of natural light, and it serves many functions as

a social environment by having a theatre, an exhibition space, a market, a restaurant and a radio station as well as reading areas and internet zones.

In Beringen – Genk Mining Region, 3 projects in different stages were visited. The common property of the projects was that they treated old mine buildings as a cultural heritage and use them for various purposes. For example, while Beringen mine is used as a business and sports centre, Genk Winterslag mine building was designed as a cultural centre. Aytekin Çilli, Urban Planning Expert from Ankara Metropolitan Municipality stated "seeing 3 similar projects, one in the initiation stage, one in the implementation stage and one completed, was very useful for implementing our own projects".



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"Social Integration Models" observed at Barcelona during EKOSEP Study Visit



Study visit of the "Technical Assistance for Supporting the Municipalities of Diyarbakır, Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep and Erzurum for the Solution of Economic and Social Integration Problems" Project (EKOSEP) was held between June 29 – July 01, 2009 in Barcelona, Spain. The participants of the visit, which was hosted by Barcelona Municipality, were representatives from governorates and municipalities of Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Erzurum and Şanlıurfa provinces.

In the scope of the study visit in cooperation between EKOSEP Technical Assistance Team and Catalonia Regional Government and Barcelona Municipality, a programme was prepared where the Spanish Government's Administrative Structure and the roles and responsibilities

of the Regional Governments and Local Administrations were introduced, and specifically for local administrations, social inclusion and strategic planning activities of Barcelona Municipality were examined. The new "social services law" as one of the important tools in social inclusion plan was included in the programme as an element of the policy approach of the Central Government, and detailed informing/sharing was envisaged regarding the structures within governance as one of the good examples of participatory local administration, and NGO visit was also included in the programme.

The representatives of all EKOSEP beneficiary institutions and organizations from Diyarbakır, Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, Erzurum stated that they gained utmost benefit from the programme, and expressed their gratitude to the Technical Assistance Team and the administrative staff for their performance before and during the organization. The study visit was successfully completed thanks to the utmost attention and participation of the attending EKOSEP beneficiaries during all official visits and meetings, and professional preparations of the representatives of the hosting institution and their openness in experience/knowledge sharing and support.

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