PATHWAYS TO SOCIAL COHESION

CLOSING CONFERENCE

Education Programme for Syrian Refugees and Host Communities (BILSY)

10/11 April 2019
Hacettepe University
ANKARA
Germany’s cooperation with Turkey has a long history, dating back to the late 1950s. Today, with the crisis in neighbouring Syria, Germany has been supporting Turkey in responding to the refugee influx. Since the start of the crisis in 2011, Turkey has taken in more than 3.6 million Syrian refugees. The Turkish authorities thus face major challenges in providing basic services for the new arrivals. Social peace is also at risk in host communities, not only but especially in the south east of the country, where refugees now outnumber residents in some regions.

The Education Programme for Syrian Refugees and Host Communities (BliSy), implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of Germany’s Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) aims to strengthen the organizational capacities and performance of educational institutions in collaboration with the Turkish Ministry of National Education (MoNE) and to provide safe spaces for intercultural exchange that help Syrian refugees and members of the host communities in seven provinces of Turkey to live together in a spirit of neighbourly trust.

The project is active in several provinces of Turkey and is based in Gaziantep.

The project scope covers mainly the following fields of interventions:

- Improvement of learning conditions and access to education for refugees and host communities
- Capacity building activities for teaching staff in the field of didactics and intercultural competences
- Volunteer programs fostering community resilience and social cohesion among young people from refugee and host communities through sport-, cultural-, leisure-, youth camp- activities and other events.

Within this context, the Closing Conference aims to:

- strengthen the collaboration between Germany and Turkey on the need to overcome challenges of forced migration
- identify thematic areas in need of enhancing Turkish-German dialogues on integration
- provide a platform to a multitude of actors from government, private and civil society sectors to exchange on successes and lessons learned whilst moving towards a comprehensive approach to social cohesion

Representatives of Ministries and Municipalities in Turkey and Germany, representative of the Syrian Community, external development partners, NGO partners, general audience from the Turkish and Syrian Communities including teachers, youth, academicians and university students, sportspeople, artists.
Official Opening & Welcome Remarks
:: Joachim Scheurer - Project Director, BILSY, GIZ
:: Prof. Dr A. Haluk Özen - Rector of Hacettepe University
:: Martin Erdmann - German Ambassador in Turkey
:: İhsan Selim Baydaş - Deputy Minister for Youth and Sports
:: Reha Denemeç - Deputy Minister for National Education
:: İsmail Çataklı - Deputy Interior Minister

Integration under the Challenge of Forced Migration
This opening plenary will focus on questions on integrated refugee management, successful integration of those refugees expected to stay, return of refused asylum seekers, access to education, language courses, labour market, handling of crime, and tackling root causes of migration.

:: Rubeena Esmail-Arndt - Country Director, GIZ Turkey
:: Abdullah Ayaz - Director General, Migration Management Directorate Ministry of Interior
:: İbrahim Vurgun Kavlak - General Coordinator, SGDD-ASAM
:: Dr Abdullah Aksoy - Deputy Secretary General, Municipality of Gaziantep

Moderator: Prof. Dr Sema BUZ - Hacettepe University, Head of HUGO

Paralel Panel Sessions

12:30-13:00 TWS Al Farah Refugee Chorus

Moderator: Elif Kahan, Conflictus

Integration of Syrian Children into the Turkish school system
:: Mehmet Nezir Gül - Director General of Lifelong Learning General Directorate, Ministry of National Education
:: Kemal Gül - Ministry of National Education
:: Kadir Altunaynak - Ministry of National Education
:: İlker Yılmaz Akar - Ministry of National Education
:: Ayşenur Bülbul - Ministry of National Education
:: Prof. Dr Berat Bekir Öziş - Istanbul Medipol University, Istanbul
:: Prof. Dr Neşet Mutlu - Erciyes University, Kayseri
:: Prof. Dr Erdal Kaçar - Çukurova University, Adana
:: Teacher representatives

Moderators: Prof. Dr Sedat Uçar, Çukurova University, Adana & Ms. Gözde Demirel, Istanbul University, Istanbul

14:00-15:30 Parallel Panel Sessions

Volunteerism and Youth as a shared identity
:: Ali Güneş - Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Youth and Sports
:: Emirhan Aslan - European Volunteer Service National Agency
:: Simay Kardeş - UN Volunteers
:: Ali Almana - Education Officer, BILSY
:: Representatives of the BILSY volunteer programme

Moderator: Prof. Dr Mehmet Ali Eryurt - Hacettepe University

Understanding Social Cohesion within the scope of acculturation and integration process in Turkey
:: Prof. Dr Murat Erdoğan - Turkish-German University
:: Assoc. Prof. Dr Saim Özcüürmez - Bilke University
:: Prof. Dr Sebastian Vollmer - Göttingen University
:: Paladia Ziss - GIZ's Support to Refugees and Host Communities (SRHC) Cluster Task Force on Social Cohesion

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr Mehmet Ali Eryurt - Hacettepe University

Contribution of municipalities to Social Cohesion system
:: Ömer Ataş - Migration Office, Municipality of Gaziantep
:: Hüseyin Ateş - Museums and Libraries Office, Municipality of Gaziantep
:: Ayhan Yavuz - Mayor of Kirikhan Municipality
:: Danielle Gluns - Head of Research and Transfer Office Migration Policy, University of Hildesheim
:: Stefanie Pipiale - Coordinator, Integration-Measures, District Marburg-Biedenkopf

Moderator: Úlge Uğurlu, Consultant

Parallel Social Cohesion Activities
16:00-18:00 networking, exhibition area

18:00 Folk Dance Performance and TWS Volunteer Concert
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### Parallel Panel Sessions

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- Havret Saygs - An Ethnographic Investigation of the Interaction Between Refugee and Local Women
- Pelin Şatıroğlu Gündalı - Socio-Economic and Cultural Problems of High Educated Syrians: An Assessment On Social Acceptance and Integration
- Abdullah Diriköç - Sub-urbanization as a Barrier in front of Integration
- Dr Şengül İnce and Assoc. Prof. Dr Burcu Şimşek - Neighbors in what terms: The neighborhood experiences of migrant/refugee women in Ankara

**Moderator:** Assoc. Prof. Dr Emrah Akbaş - Yıldırım Beyazıt University

#### Solutions and Suggestions on Social Cohesion from an Academic Perspective
- Assoc. Prof. Dr Mehmet Nuri Gültekin - The Integration and Interaction Patterns of The Syrian Refugees in Gaziantep
- Nur Incetahacı - Rehabilitation efforts of Turkey and exclusion of disabled refugees: The case of Gaziantep
- Assoc. Prof. Dr Mahmut Kaya - Local experiences and recommendations in border cities
- Merve Mert (Education Reform Initiative) - Community Building Through Inclusive Education
- Süleyman Gök and Gözde Yılmaz - Development of Civil Society Participation Mechanisms in the Process of Immigrant Integration: Digital Technology Assistance in the Political Integration of Refugees

**Moderator:** Prof. Dr Kâzım Karataş - Head of Department, Hacettepe University

#### Strategies for Social Cohesion from an NGO and INGO Perspective
- Nart Izhak - Programme Manager, Olive Branch Organisation
- Alaa Mughrabieh - Hurras Network
- Dr Muhtat Çokar - General Director, Human Resource Development Foundation
- Ruşen Çetinkaya - Deputy Coordinator, Turkish Red Crescent
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**Moderator:** Ayşegül Yalçın Eriş - Deputy General Coordinator, SGDD-ASAM

### Expectations and Suggestions on Social Cohesion from the Refugees and Host Communities Perspective
- 2 Turkish & 2 Syrian Youth

**Moderator:** Neşe Kılınçoğlu - UNHCR

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### Conclusion Panel

Steps from a hosting into a socially cohesive society - Insights from the conference
This panel will be moderated by GIZ, HUGO and ASAM (Joachim Scheurer, Prof. Dr Sema Buz and Ibrahim Kavlak)
The conference is organized by BiLSy in cooperation with the Migration and Politics Research Center of Hacettepe University (HUGO) and the Asylum-Seekers and Immigrants and Solidarity Association (SGDD-ASAM).

The project partners, who will facilitate a panel and present their activities, are the following: Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Municipality of Gaziantep, Municipality of Kırıkhan, SGDD-ASAM, German Olympic Sports Confederation, Turkish Olympic Committee, Conflictus - Conflict Resolution Training and Consultancy. Further project partners and GIZ projects of the Support to Refugees and Host Communities (SRHC) Cluster are present as speakers and participants.