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Promotion of Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey Project

'EU-Turkey Dialogue on City & The Arts'

Meeting the Challenge

The preparations leading up to '2010 Istanbul European City of Culture' have revealed how little the Art Universities of the EU and Turkey are contributing to

the Accession dialogue. To draw the Art Academia more into the dialogue and to see how their sector can contribute to the convergence in Education of Turkey and the EU, the Istanbul-based Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University is working closely with partners in London, Malmo, and Vienna.

Together they are creating a 'City & The Arts' Forum, which will serve as the basis of a sustainable communication platform and in the short term will facilitate a series of workshops and production of artworks made cooperatively between the EU and Turkey.

The Benefits

This project successfully draws in two different target groups to the civil society dialogue. On the one hand there are the Arts Universities, who, by working together, can contribute to identifying how Turkey and the EU can best converge in their approaches to the arts in Higher Education. And on the other hand, there are the 100.000 citizens from the EU and Turkey who are expected to participate in the exhibitions of the artistic collaborations of students from Austria, Sweden, Turkey and the UK. The 'City & The Arts' project will also contribute to the significant inter-cultural dialogue that will emerge from 2010 Istanbul European Capital of Culture.

Partners

- ▶ Austria, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna
- ▶ England, Central Saint Martins College Of Art And Design Sweden, Schools Of Art And Communication, Malmo University

The Project Facts

A total budget of 462,000 Euros

- 18 months project ending in November 2009.
- Activities include supporting 12 workshops in 4 different European cities (Istanbul, London, Malmo and Vienna), competitive selection and creation of 24 artworks, establishment of a web-based City & Art Communication platform, seminars, publications and exhibitions in EU & Turkey, and a film to document the creation of the 'City & Art' pieces. Partners in the project include Academy of Fine Arts (Austria), St Martin's College of Art & Design (UK), and the School of Art & Communication at Malmo University (Sweden).

"It's wonderful to be able to contribute to 2010 Istanbul European City of Culture through this City & Art communication forum. I hope my artwork is selected"

A student from St. Martin's College, London



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