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- **Founded by Istanbul Bilgi University Center for Civil Society Studies in 2014.**

- **Incubation Center provides organizational development support to CSOs and informal citizen groups:**

  involved in non-profit activity

  working on right based issues

  located in Istanbul

  working through innovative solutions

  to social problems

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Incubation Center provides organizational development support on these issues

- Volunteering
- Fundraising
- Networking
- Strategy Making
- Project Management
- Communication Skills

METHODOLOGY

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Incubation Center provides organizational development support systems in the form of

- Workshops
- Trainings
- Mentorship
- Office space
- Academic input
- Networking
- Legal support
- Consultancy

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…since 2014 the Incubation Center

- 10 total number of Social Incubation Support Term* is completed.
- 80 civil society organisations (CSOs) and civic initiatives directly supported within this programs.
- 77 mentors offered mentorship support to 80 CSOs and civic initiatives.
- 84 trainings and workshops were organized.
- 1.957 people from 1.276 CSOs participated in these trainings and workshops.

**is the name of the organizational development process of the CSOs that are selected with an open call.*

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...since December 2014 the Incubation Center

- 160 different CSOs and civic initiatives used the center for their meetings, trainings and workshops.
- 5.632 people participated in these events.
- 18 CSOs and civic initiatives used the center as their own office space for 1.519 days.

EXAMPLES OF INCUBATED ORGANIZATIONS

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- LISTAG: An LGBTI parent support network for people with LGBTI children.
- RUSIHAK: Advocacy organization for mental disabled people's rights.
- Sulukule Volunteers Association: An organization for Roma children and youth in a gentrified area of Istanbul.
- Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence: Advocacy organization to fight different form of sexual violence.
- Black Box Association: An association providing memory tours of Istanbul to youth through coming into terms with history.
- Denizli Foster Care Association: The team tries to advocate about foster care system and work for maintaining international standarts for children who are benefiting foster care.

NEW PROJECTS

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… And onwards…

- Starting social incubation support term that includes also the CSOs outside of Istanbul
- Already have an ongoing social incubation support term for the CSOs in Istanbul and will initiate a new one
- Multiply the methodology of mentorship in civil society
- Organizing a mentorship training

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