

OBJECTIVE 01

To increase accountability and visibility of CSOs toward the public including measures to improve enabling environment for civil society

INTERNATIONAL SCOUT MOVEMENT STANDARDS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF CYPRUS

TURKISH CYPRIOT SCOUTS VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION

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THIS ACTION INVOLVED

Desktop research and report on the legal framework and standards for international scout organisations.

Report submission to the "parliament" and other decision-makers in February 2018.

ABOUT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SCOUTS VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION

The Turkish Cypriot Scouts Volunteers Association was established in 2012. The aim of the Association was to strengthen the local scout's movement while providing intellectual support for both theoretical and practical training of scouts and to promote an autonomous scout movement.

STORY OF THE ACTION

The Turkish Cypriot Scouts Volunteers Association conducted a comparative gap analysis study between scout standards in the northern part of Cyprus and international scout programmes standards. The analysis will be used as an advocacy tool align the standards in the northern part of Cyprus to international standards, which are more transparent and modern.



"Within the last fifty years, two legal texts have been adopted for governing the scout's movement. However, they are not in line with international standards or the movement's needs. There is also another legal text, waiting to be adopted by the "parliament", which disregards the movement's membership in civil society and contradicts the rule of autonomy, one of the basic principles of the scout movement."

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With the support of Grow Civic, the Turkish Cypriot Scouts Volunteers Association was able to conduct a desktop research on the international standards of the scout's movement. After identifying the problems and deficits of the current legal text, the association prepared a report that recommended policy changes to all relevant duty bearers. Upon finalizing the report, they started to visit the duty bearers, advocating for the necessary amendments to the legal text in order to have a more democratic and autonomous movement.

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RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH

The action supported the promotion of basic human rights and democracy, focusing on citizen's involvement in policy dialogue, design and monitoring. The association took into account the needs of the local community to raise their programme to meet the international scouting objectives (empowering youth, developing life skills and community leaders). In order to achieve these objectives, it proved necessary to advocate for amendments to the legal text. The team visited the relevant duty bearers with concrete recommendations developed from the gap analysis to reach a transparent and a modern scout's movement in line with international standards.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The action allowed the Turkish Cypriot Scouts Volunteers Association to reveal the current obstacles to reaching a transparent and a modern scout's movement. Following up on the action, the association is currently taking the necessary steps for the scout's movement to be improved, including through the assessment of its internal structure and capacity.

TO FIND MORE ABOUT THE ACTION

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