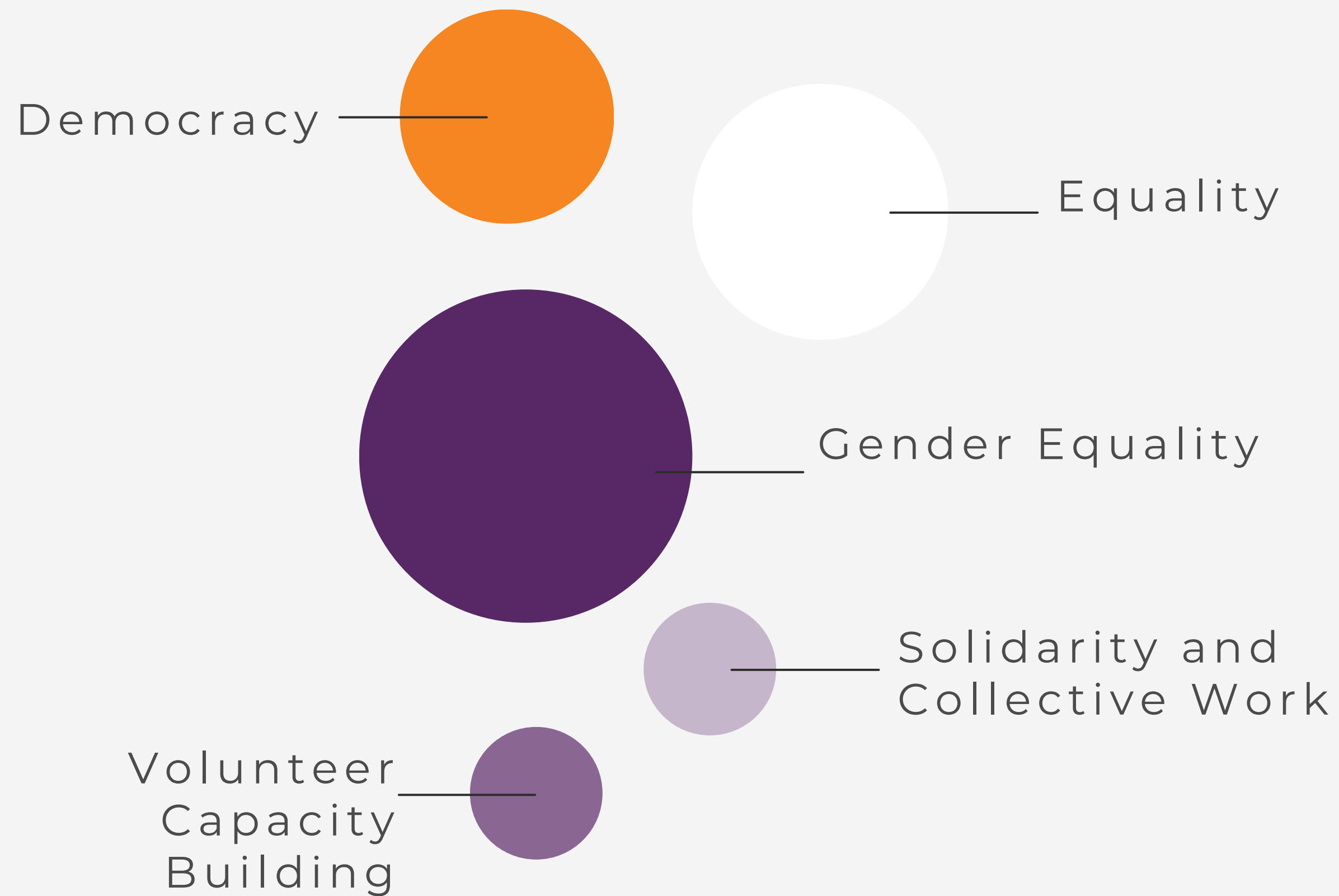




30 Years

OUR VALUES



For 30 years, we have been part of the Women's Movement in Turkey

Areas of Work



Networking



Lobbying



Culture



**Capacity Building/
Empowerment**



Publications



Communication



Advocacy

LOBBYING

Regional Meetings (1997-1998)

Under the moderation of Prof. Dr. Yıldız Ecevit, one of the founders of Flying Broom, women's organizations across 7 regions came together to discuss organizational models, the challenges they face locally, and potential solutions through women's solidarity and collaboration.



LOBBYING

CEDAW (2003)

The secretariat of the first and second national women NGO meetings with the participation of 453 women.



LOBBYING CSW (Since 2003)

We took part in the founding of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Thirty years ago, our founder Halime Güner was there. Since that day, all four generations have contributed to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

Finally, two women from Flying Broom attended the CSW69 – Beijing+30 meeting in New York, where they delivered presentations at the General Assembly.

CSW69



LOBBYING

Women Organize the Future (2004)

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Flying Broom held a future-focused meeting at the German Cultural Center with lobbying trainers from Germany. This meeting, held in 2004, aimed to contribute to efforts in Turkey to defend women's rights, run campaigns against attacks on women's rights, and promote the advancement of women's status.



LOBBYING

Beijing+5 Meeting (2000)

CEDAW Meeting (2003)

Women's NGO Strategy and Future
Planning (2013)

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Turkey has been a party to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) since 1988. Within this framework, the official—and, if available, shadow—reports of state parties are evaluated by the Committee every two years. Among Flying Broom's most significant international projects are those carried out in the context of CEDAW, reflecting its aim to facilitate communication and engagement among women's organizations. With these series of follow-up meetings, Flying Broom, aimed for participating women's organizations to create shadow assemblies in their own cities by developing plans and strategies related to women's issues.

LOBBYING

Shadow Assemblies (2014-2015)

With the Shadow Assemblies project, Flying Broom, in partnership with the German organization Planpolitik, aimed for participating women's organizations to create shadow assemblies in their own cities by developing plans and strategies related to women's issues. The methodology of the project was based on a simulation system.



LOBBYING

Women's Access to Justice and Human Rights Mechanisms Project (2022-2024)

As part of the "Women's Access to Justice and Human Rights Mechanisms" project, trainings were conducted and a digital education portal was launched.



CAPACITY BUILDING

Guide to Girls' Access to Justice and Legal Aid Services (2022)

With the support of the European Union and the Council of Europe, the Flying Broom Foundation has published an access guide for girls, serving as a reference on their access to justice and legal aid services.



LOBBYING

The Visit of Mirabal Sisters (2022)

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We hosted Minerva Josefina Tavares Mirabal, daughter of Minerva Mirabal—one of the sisters behind the declaration of November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. During her visit, she joined panels in Istanbul and Izmir, and an online panel titled “The Butterfly Effect,” open to a global audience.



NETWORKING

Local Women Reporters Network (Since 2003)

Through this project, Flying Broom has provided gender-sensitive journalism training since 2003, helping local women journalists amplify their voices and build a solidarity network among themselves.



NETWORKING

FIRST WOMENS NGOS DATABASE PROJECT (2003-2005)

41 Cities, 310 Women NGOs

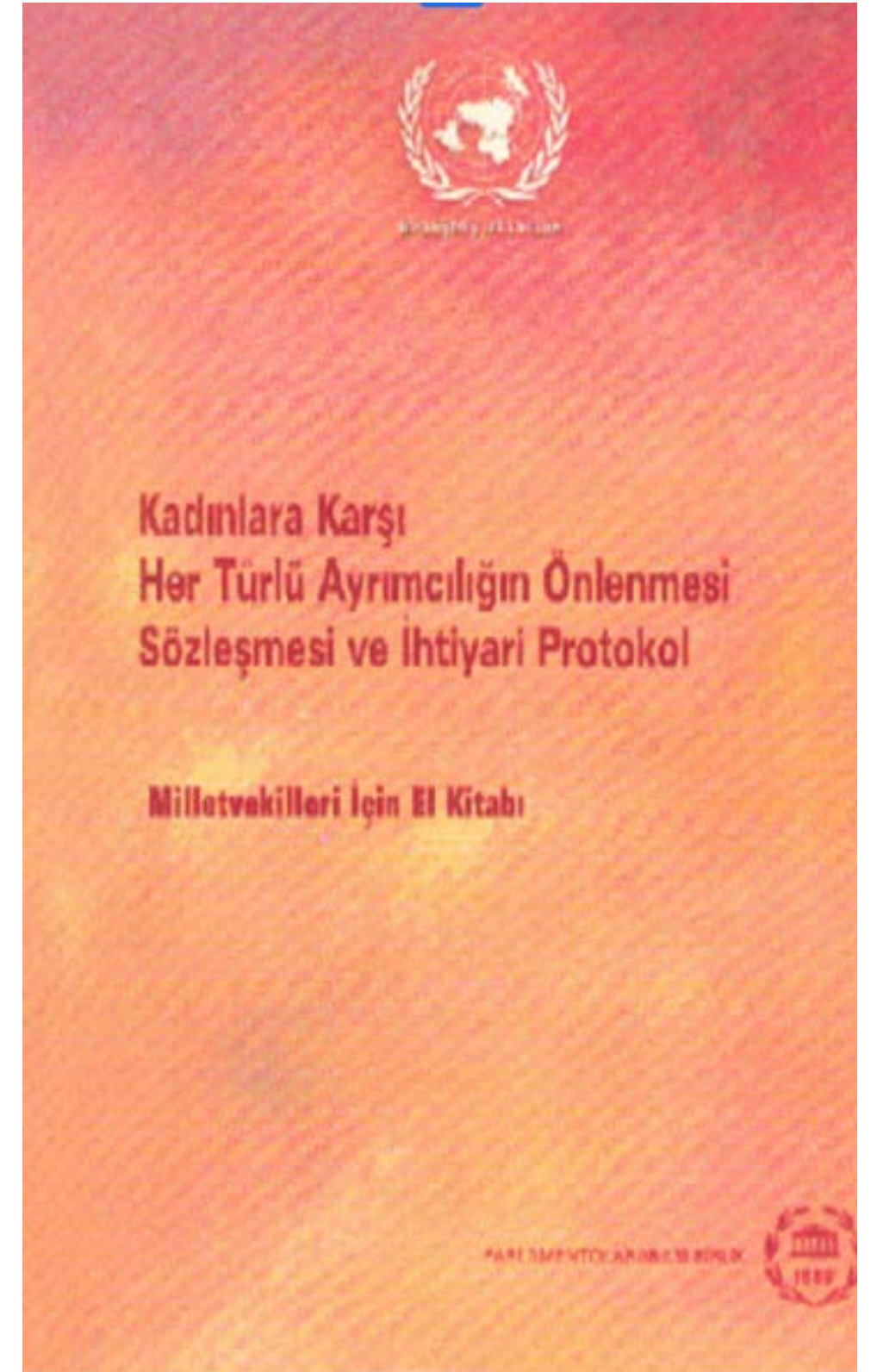
Flying Broom established, for the first time in Turkey, communication among all women's civil society organizations. In total, it reached 310 women's organizations across 41 cities.



NETWORKING

TWO BOOKS OF UN FOR THE EQUALITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN (2003)

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Flying Broom published “CEDAW and the Optional Protocol/Handbook for MPs” in November 2003. Published for the first time in Turkish, which is not included in the six official languages of UN, by Flying Broom with the special permission of the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan.



NETWORKING

Young Women are Building Bridges for EU France, Bulgaria and Turkey (2006)

Flying Broom discussed the European Union's gender policies and the equality policies of France, Bulgaria, and Turkey with young women on university campuses in these countries. It also contributed to involving young women in the struggle for gender equality alongside its partners in these countries.

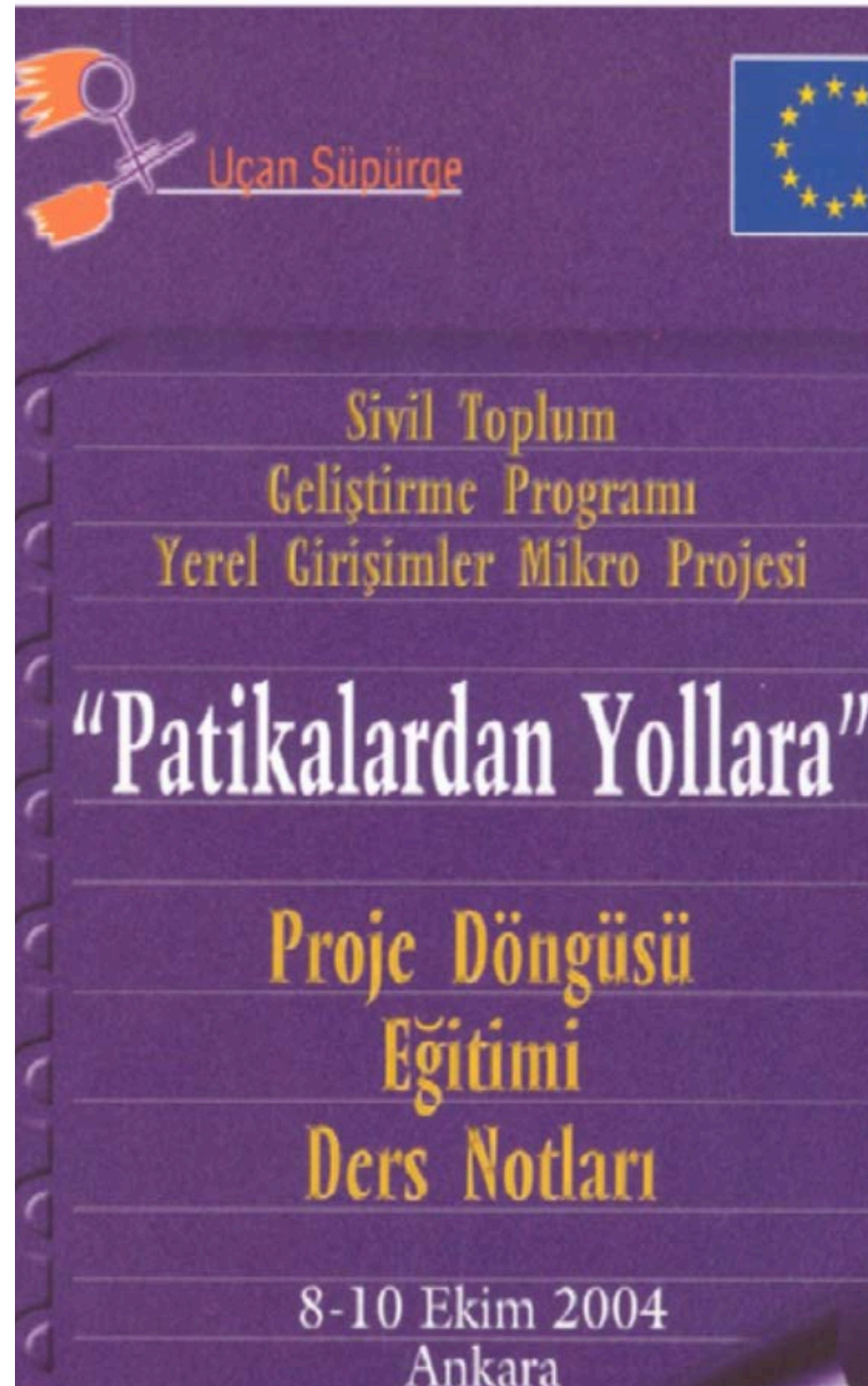


NETWORKING

From Paths to Roads (2006)

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This project, carried out in 7 cities across Turkey in partnership with 7 local women's NGOs, provided training to women's organizations on conflict resolution, collaboration, and project cycle management.



NETWORKING

First Step (2006-2008)

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Based in Ankara, Flying Broom has worked to strengthen cooperation between women's organizations and public institutions. In over 20 provinces, it brought together representatives from both sectors to address challenges, discuss the history of the women's movement, and improve dialogue and collaboration at local and national levels.



NETWORKING

Hello Neighbour – Iran (2007)

The goal of the program was to be informed about the status of women in decision making mechanisms, organizations and politics in neighbor country. Another goal of the meetings was to evaluate the position of women in Turkey and neighbor by comparing them and to actualize experience shares.



NETWORKING

Workshop on Strengthening Cooperation with NGOs in Combating Early and Forced Marriages in Turkey (2018)

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Since 2018, Flying Broom Foundation has focused on raising awareness of provincial action plans among NGOs and expanding organization across all 81 provinces, after mapping studies revealed weakened communication among women's organizations. Addressing this need, the "Workshop on Strengthening Cooperation with NGOs in Combating Early and Forced Marriages in Turkey", organized with the support of the British Embassy, brought together nearly 60 NGO representatives and activists active in provincial action plans. The invitation list was based not only on current activities but also on the "Say No to Child Brides" platform initiated by Flying Broom in 2012.

NETWORKING

Meeting on the Transformation of the Women's Movement: Today and Tomorrow (2018)

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Nearly 60 women from various organizations came together in Cappadocia under the secretariat and coordination of the Flying Broom Foundation. At the meeting titled The Transformation, Present, and Future of the Women's Movement, all participating women's organizations evaluated developments and the agenda on women's issues in Turkey up to 2018, and a short-term roadmap report was prepared.



CAPACITY BUILDING

Building Bridges (2003-2005)

Between 2003 and 2005, the Flying Broom team traveled across all 81 provinces of Turkey with two films focused on women's issues. Within the scope of this project, the films were screened with women in each city, supported by local authorities, followed by discussions about the participants' own life experiences. Acting as facilitators, Flying Broom listened to women's concerns in many provinces and helped build bridges among women across all 81 cities.



CAPACITY BUILDING

Early Marriages (2005)

Based in Ankara, Uçan Süpürge plays a central role in fostering cooperation between women's organizations and public institutions. To address the lack of dialogue that often hinders women's organizations, it has convened meetings in more than 20 provinces, bringing together civil society and public representatives. These gatherings have strengthened collaboration at local and national levels while addressing key issues such as the history of the women's movement, the challenges faced by women's organizations, and public institutions' approaches to gender equality.



CAPACITY BUILDING

Child Brides (2005-2013)

Since 2005, Flying Broom has been working on early and forced marriages. With the support of the Sabanci Foundation, it produced two films on child brides and screened them in numerous provinces. In addition, Flying Broom conducted field surveys on the issue and, by the end of the project, created a map of early and forced marriages in Turkey up to that time.



CAPACITY BUILDING

Nivea Awareness Meetings (2006-2007)

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In collaboration with Nivea, Flying Broom brought women together in seven cities to hold awareness meetings under the theme “Solidarity and Motivation Among Women.” Psychologist Feride Yıldırım Güneri also joined these talks, listening to women’s concerns. Through these “Solidarity and Motivation Among Women” seminars, issues women experience simply by being women were discussed in many provinces of Turkey within the scope of this project.



CAPACITY BUILDING

Bees Become Engineers Project (2015)

Within the scope of Koç Holding's Ülkem İçin project, Ford Otosan implemented the "Bees are Becoming Engineers" project in cooperation with Flying Broom and the Turkish Ministry of National Education. The project aimed to break down gender stereotypes in education and career choices, raise awareness on the importance of equal opportunities for women and men, and encourage more girls to choose engineering as a profession through targeted trainings.



CAPACITY BUILDING

Don't Let a Generation Be Lost – MALALA (2019)

Together with two valuable partners experienced in women's rights, iGAM and the Ravdanur Association, intensive advocacy activities were carried out within the scope of the "Let's Not Lose a Generation" campaign to change social attitudes towards the education of Syrian refugee girls and to increase their access to education.



CAPACITY BUILDING

E-Equality Project (2022-2024)

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The project created a digital training platform to promote women's participation, active citizenship, and gender equality awareness. Developed with expert academics and accessible to visually impaired users, it covers gender, law, media, and advocacy. Collaborating with women's organizations across seven regions, the platform reached audiences nationwide under the slogan "Equality for All."



CAPACITY BUILDING

Not Fate, But Decision (Since 2020)



In the “Decisions, Not Destiny” project, which recognizes that early and forced child marriages are not a matter of fate but depend on the correct decisions of lawyers who believe in gender equality, we have, since 2020, contributed to the training of hundreds of future lawyers as feminist advocates, with the support of expert instructors, helping them make an impact on the future.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Jurists of the Future (2023)

Within the scope of the Jurist of the Future project, we are organizing peer education on women's human rights with the participation of more than 300 young legal professionals from all over Turkey.



CULTURE

International Women's Film Festival (Since 1998)

The Flying Broom International Women's Film Festival, organized annually since 1998, showcases films by women directors from Turkey and around the world, along with panels and discussions. Founded in 1996, Flying Broom works to strengthen solidarity among women and raise awareness on gender equality. In 2003, the festival introduced an international competition with a FIPRESCI jury—the first women's film festival in the world to do so—and established awards honoring women's contributions to cinema.



CULTURE

International Women's Film Festival (Since 1998)



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CULTURE

Dear Child Photography Exhibition (2005)

- The Role of Men in
- The Family,
- The Gender
- Stereotype and
- Gender Equality



CULTURE

“Child Brides” Short Films (2007-2008)

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Early and Forced
Marriages

Call Me Back Life

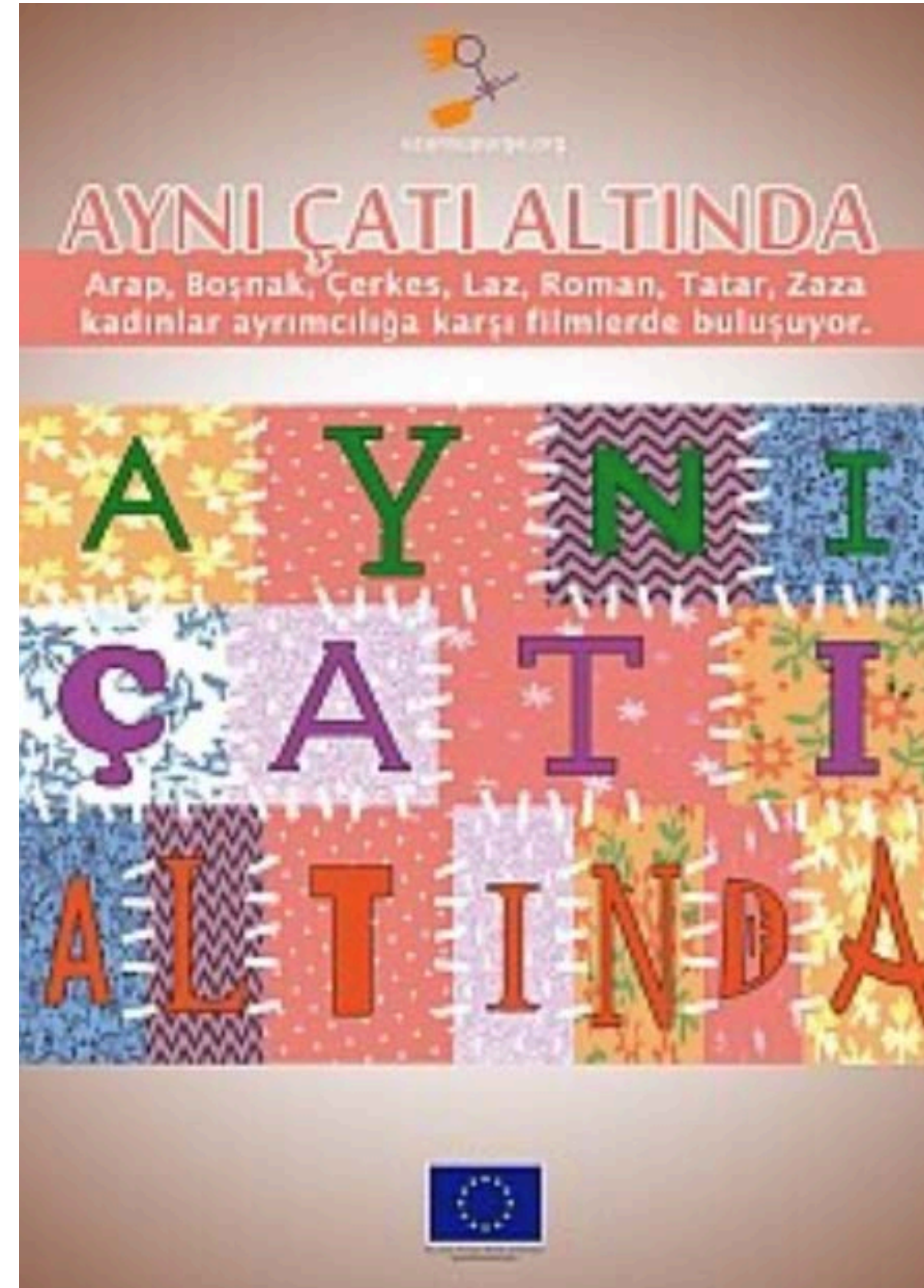
Breathe, Don't,
Breathe!



CULTURE

Under The Same Roof (2013-2014)

A script competition was organized within the project, which aimed to draw attention to the discrimination faced by women in Anatolia due to both their gender and cultural identities, with the goal of producing “films against discrimination.”



CULTURE

My Madam Curie (2015-2016)

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Flying Broom produced animated films about the lives of five pioneering women in Turkey and, with the support of the Ministry of National Education, screened them in primary schools across various districts of Ankara. Through this project, Flying Broom aimed to provide young girls with a new perspective on life and use these films to inspire them through the examples of women from diverse professions.

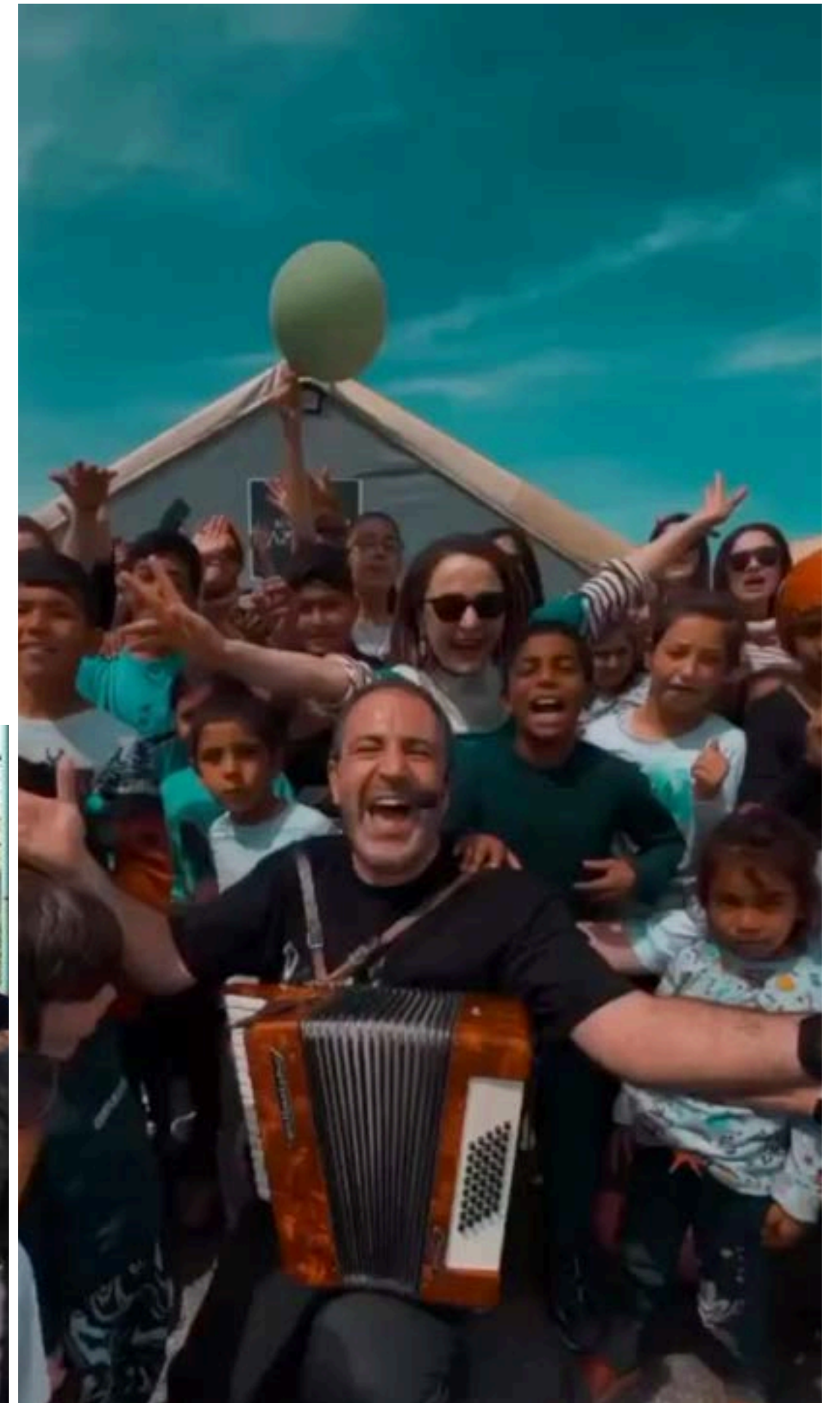


CULTURE

Elele Project (2022-2024)

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Through the Elele Project, we worked with young people in 12 provinces to drive change using art and culture methodologies. Within the scope of this project, they produced 75 art performances, 15 art workshops, and 11 short films. They also had the opportunity to receive workshop training in 5 native languages.



CULTURE

WeArtSyria (2024-2026)

The WeArtSyria project, supported by the European Union Delegation in Beirut, aims to empower women and girls in Syria through art. Despite the ongoing conflict in the region, this project plays an important role in strengthening women's solidarity.



CULTURE

Sanatla Project (2024-2026)

With the Sanatla Project, Flying Broom is carrying out a cultural and artistic initiative in 11 provinces, in partnership with 5 universities. Through artistic and cultural workshop activities, Flying Broom aims to increase dialogue among young people.



COMMUNICATION

Web Portal (2002)

www.ucansupurge.org.tr
www.flyingbroom.org

The first women's news portal was created...



COMMUNICATION

“Women 2004” Radio Program

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26 programs broadcasted.
Transcripts of these programs
were typed every week and
published both on Flying Broom's
web site and as a book.

The “2004 Women's Radio
Programs” was a successful
project that raise awareness
about women's issues in and
around all corners of Turkey. After
the program's conclusion, listener
demand was so high that Flying
Broom decided to create the
“2005 Women's Radio Project”



COMMUNICATION

Junction: Meeting Together as Women (2006-2007)

Within the scope of the European Union's local culture preservation program, Flying Broom implemented this project. It produced short television spots in 10 different dialects spoken in Turkey, such as Zazaki and Kurmanji, covering 8 different topics related to women, including health and education. These spots were broadcast on TRT. Through these programs, efforts were made to reach women who were unable to address many of their problems due to language barriers.



COMMUNICATION

The “Women 2007 TV Program” Project

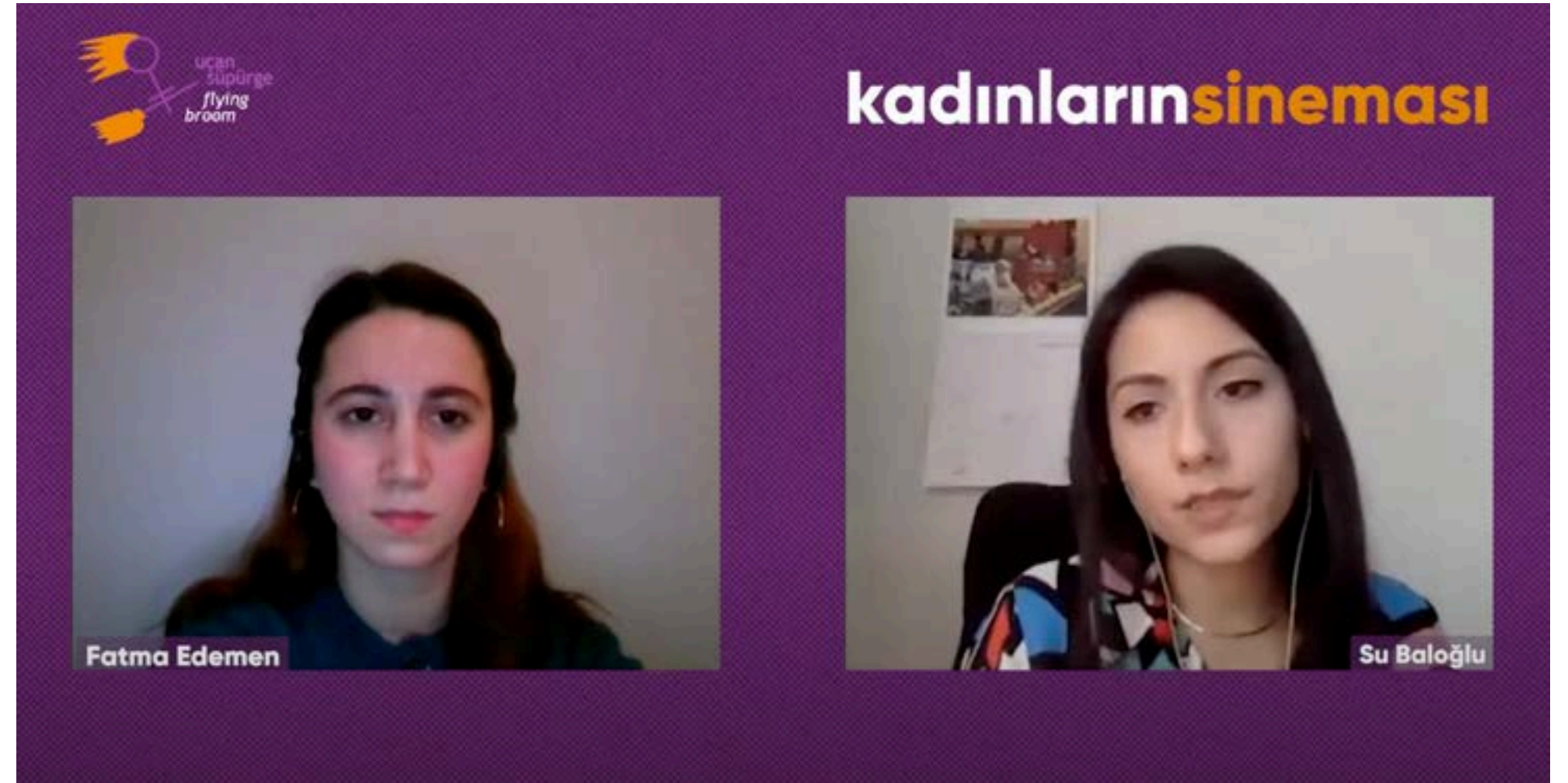
The Women’s TV Program Project was implemented in 12 provinces. In these cities, exploratory meetings were held with local women activists and consultants to identify local needs. Street interviews were also conducted in these provinces. Following the meetings, the program topics were determined based on the local interests and needs of each city.



COMMUNICATION

Women's Cinema YouTube Program (Since 2020)

With the support of the EU Civil Society "We Connect" Fund, our YouTube program Women's Cinema was launched to reach female students and aspiring professionals in film and television, make the work of women behind the camera visible, strengthen solidarity among women filmmakers, create representation opportunities for young women in cinema and communication, and foster new perspectives in the film and TV industry.



COMMUNICATION

The Missing Face of the Tale (2020)

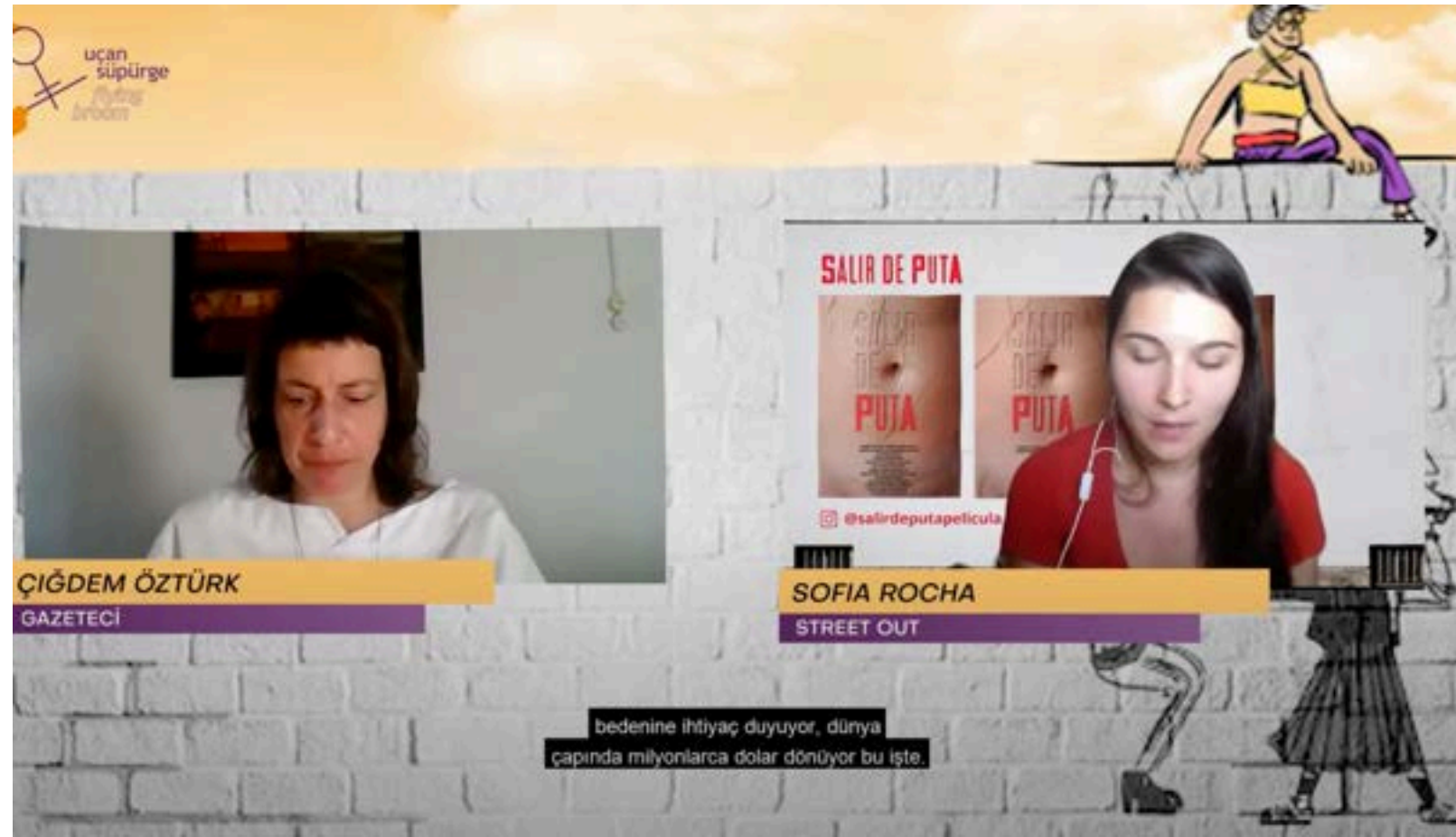
Every Sunday at 8:00 PM on the Kızılcağün TV YouTube channel, our program, hosted by Pınar Şenel and coordinated by Gökçe Akgöl, covers current women's issues as well as overlooked women's stories from the past to the present. In cinema and communication, and foster new perspectives in the film and TV industry.



COMMUNICATION

Podcasts (Since 2020)

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ADVOCACY

Monitoring is a Must (2013)

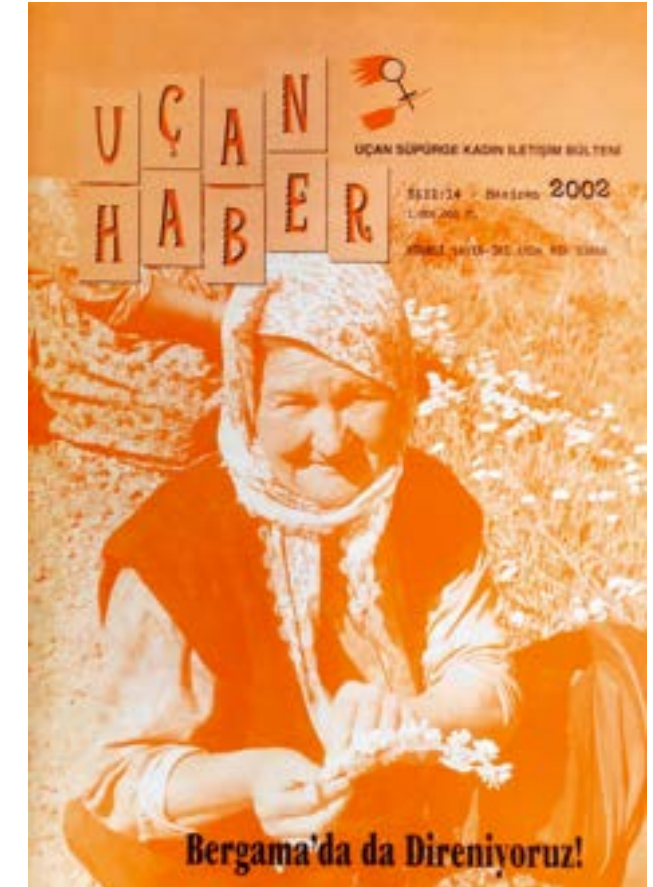
Monitoring is a Must! Project organised by Flying Broom and Goethe Institut with the support of Norwegian Embassy held in between 6-8 November 2013.



PUBLICATIONS

Flying News (Since 1998)

Expanding communication channels, building and maintaining connections between women activists and NGOs has been one of the main areas of focus for Flying Broom. In this context, the communication bulletin “Uçan Haber” (Flying News) was launched in February 1998. Published every two months, the bulletin aimed to support women’s groups by providing information on legal rights, legislative changes regarding women’s rights, nationwide and international events, new publications, and related cultural activities. The bulletin was also published in English under the title Flying News and distributed to embassies in Ankara as well as international women’s organizations.



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