

National Campaign to increase the participation of women in politics



MEDITERRANEAN AREA: Turkey



Partners:

- KA-DER – Association for Support and training of women candidates
- Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

Key stakeholders: NGOs working on gender and women's topics, the media.

Target audience: General public, political institutions and decision making bodies (political parties and Parliament), the media, women and women candidates.

Funding: 23.980 Euro (FES Turkey, 2007); co-funding by "Kadin Fonu" (Women's Fund), KA-DER membership fees and indi-

vidual donations

Specific Objective of the Project:

- Founded on 4 March 1997, KA-DER aims to increase the representation of women in all elected and appointed positions, within decision-making bodies.
- KA-DER was established by a group of women from different sectors, in order to empower and encourage women and develop strategies for effective and equal participation of women at local and national parliaments and at all decision making bodies.
- Long-Term Goals are a 33% gender quota

and the continued Learning and Incentiving of Women Candidates

Role of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung:

- Consultation about project design and implementation, funding
- Panel discussion about German experiences of women's representation, with participation of female politicians from Germany and former women MP from German Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag)
- Public relations (press conferences, brochures).

All activities of FES Turkey are embedded in long time cooperation with KA-DER, as FES supported training seminars for women candidates and seminars about gender and women's representation in Turkey for many years.

Outputs of the Project:

- 1999 Campaign for the Early General Elections.
- 2002 Campaign for the Early General Elections (in coalition with 77 women's organisations)
- 2004 Campaign for Local Elections
- 1997-2002 Campaign to Change the Civil Code (In collaboration with 129 women's organisations)
- 1997-2005 Campaign for Gender/Women's Quota.
- 2003 -2005 Campaign for the Amendments on Turkish Panel Code in the Favor of Women (Under the coordination of the Women's Platform on

Turkish Panel Code)

- 2003-2008 For Tomorrow From Today – Campaign for Women's Participation and Representation of Women on Local Politics
- 2007 Campaign for the Early Elections

National Impact of the Project:

• The highly successful campaign has by now been supported by more than 300 NGOs from all over Turkey, and by various artists, business women, singers, etc. who provided their faces to be used in campaign billboards. In the 22 July 2007 elections, 50 women have been elected as MPs. The percentage has been doubled and been the highest in Turkish history.



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