

Dissemination Meeting: Social Dialogue and Socio-Economic Development in Light of Current Developments in Turkey

Mardin, 4-5 October 2018

Meeting Venue: Erdoba Elegance Hotel, Mardin

Address: Yalim Mah. Ömerli Cad. Artuklu/Mardin

Program

4 October 2018, Thursday

Arrival to Mardin, Arrival of participants from outside Mardin

18:30 Transfer from the Erdoba Elegance Hotel to the Cercis Murat Konağı

19:00 – 22:00 **Dinner,**
Restaurant: Murat Cercis Konağı
Address: Şar Mahallesi, 1. Cadde No:517, 47100 Artuklu/Mardin

5 October 2018, Friday

09:00 – 09:30 **Introduction:** Aybars Görgülü, Executive Director, PODEM

Opening Remarks:

Mehmet Ali Tutaşı, Chairperson of Mardin Chamber of Industry and Commerce

Erdal Aksoy, Vice Chairman, PODEM

Luxshi Vimalarajah, Programme Director, Berghof Foundation

09:30 – 09:50 **Session I: Impressions on the Local Entrepreneurship in Mardin**

Moderation: Zeynep Gülöz Bakır, Project Manager, PODEM

Speaker: Ebru Baybara Demir, Social Entrepreneur and Chef

Speech Highlights;

- 1) Local development initiatives and multi-stakeholder partnerships
- 2) Experiences from Mardin on public - private sector cooperation

09:50 – 11:00 Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 12:00 **Session II: Regional Development and Social Dialogue in Challenging Times**

Moderation: Aybars Görgülü, Executive Director, PODEM

Speaker: Özge Genç, PODEM Member

Speech Highlights;

- 1) Overview of Turkey's economic performance from the perspective of regional inequalities and development
- 2) Economic and political analysis on the effectiveness of regional development incentives

Speaker: Vahap Coşkun, PODEM Member and Academician, Dicle University

Speech Highlights:

- 1) Role of the business sector in the dialogue processes in various international cases
- 2) Recommendations and lessons-learned for the business community in Turkey

12:00 – 13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 **Final Session: Expectations, Demands, and Priorities on the New Governance Period**

Moderation: Özge Genç, PODEM Member; and Aybars Görgülü, Executive Director, PODEM

Discussion points;

- 1) Kurdish question along with its local and regional dimensions and regional inequalities, expectations and concerns on the new governance period
- 2) Impressions on the public and private sector cooperation, recommendations for the ways to build bridges in between
- 3) Prospects, needs and recommendations for the future

Airport Transfers:

15:40 : Mardin Airport transfer for the participants travelling to **Ankara**

17:00 : Mardin Airport transfer for the participants travelling to **Istanbul**