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TÜSİAD Work Group on Fight Against Informal Economy

Objective

Take or recommend actions that focus on establishing structural mechanisms, providing practical solutions and monitoring progress to reduce the informal economy, which is one of the most important obstacles to establishing fair competition in Turkish economy and enhancing the competitive power and social prosperity of the Country.

2009 Action Plan

1. Platform for Fight Against Informal Economy
 - Foundation document
 - Securing commitment and participation of major Professional Organizations, Labor Unions and other related NGOs
 - Social Consensus Manifesto
 - “Launch” Conference
 - Periodic meetings of Platform’s bodies with related public sector organizations coordinated by Revenue Administration
2. Development and implentation of Communications Plan
3. e-Government Standardization and Coordination Project
4. Recommendations to legislation on Taxes, Social Security/Labor and Municipalities
 - Involvement of TÜSİAD’s related Work Groups
5. Solution proposals by sectors
 - Establishment of sectoral project groups that are pragmatic, action- and results-oriented

Progress to-date

1. Presented TÜSİAD's objectives and detailed action plan to Deputy Prime Minister Nazım Ekren and top economic bureaucrats.
2. Participated in working sessions with Tax Council and senior bureaucrats of Ministry of Finance in developing the strategy and roadmap
3. Acted as a pressure group in the announcement of "2008-2010 Action Plan of Strategy for Fight Against The Informal Economy" as a Prime Ministry Circular.
4. Established credibility and rapport with the Revenue Administration, which is identified as public sector's "Coordinating Agency" for monitoring and assessment of the above mentioned Action Plan.
5. Presented TÜSİAD's position to and established a collaborative relationship with The World Bank.
6. Secured support of major related NGOs as well as media and opinion leaders.
7. Developed the foundation document of the Platform for Fight Against Informal Economy.

Objective of EU Visit

1. Explain TÜSİAD's position
 - Objective of Working Group on Fight Against Informal Economy
 - Progress to-date
 - 2009 Action Plan
2. Seek EU's support

- Inclusion in formal spokesperson communications of EU
- Inclusion in EU Progress Report
- Project funding (such as e-government)
- Participation in PR activities