



## We Presented the Purple Certificate Program to Bilingual Schools

We presented the Purple Certificate Program to bilingual schools in Istanbul on June 14th at Sabancı Holding's Sadika Main Hall. Participants included schools such as Robert College, Getronagan Armenian High School, Dame de Sion, Açı Junior High School, Zeynep Hazar High School, Hilar Schools and Üsküdar American High School, as well as institutions working in the field of education, such as the Istanbul Gender Museum, Sabancı Foundation, and the Teacher Network. We shared information about the Purple Certificate and the work of SU Gender. We introduced the Purple Certificate Program in English and Turkish with the presentations of Ayşe Gül Altınay, Hülya Adak, Nazlı Hazar, İlayda Ece Ova, Deniz Gündoğan İbrişim, Özge Ertem, Emirhan Deniz Çelebi, Caner Hazar, and Zeynep Gülu Gök. After the workshop focusing on education and gender relations, a networking event and a cocktail were held. The newly planned trainers' network will aim to conduct novel work in the field of gender and education. In the summer, the Purple Certificate team will complete the preparations for concrete steps to be taken on future collaborations.



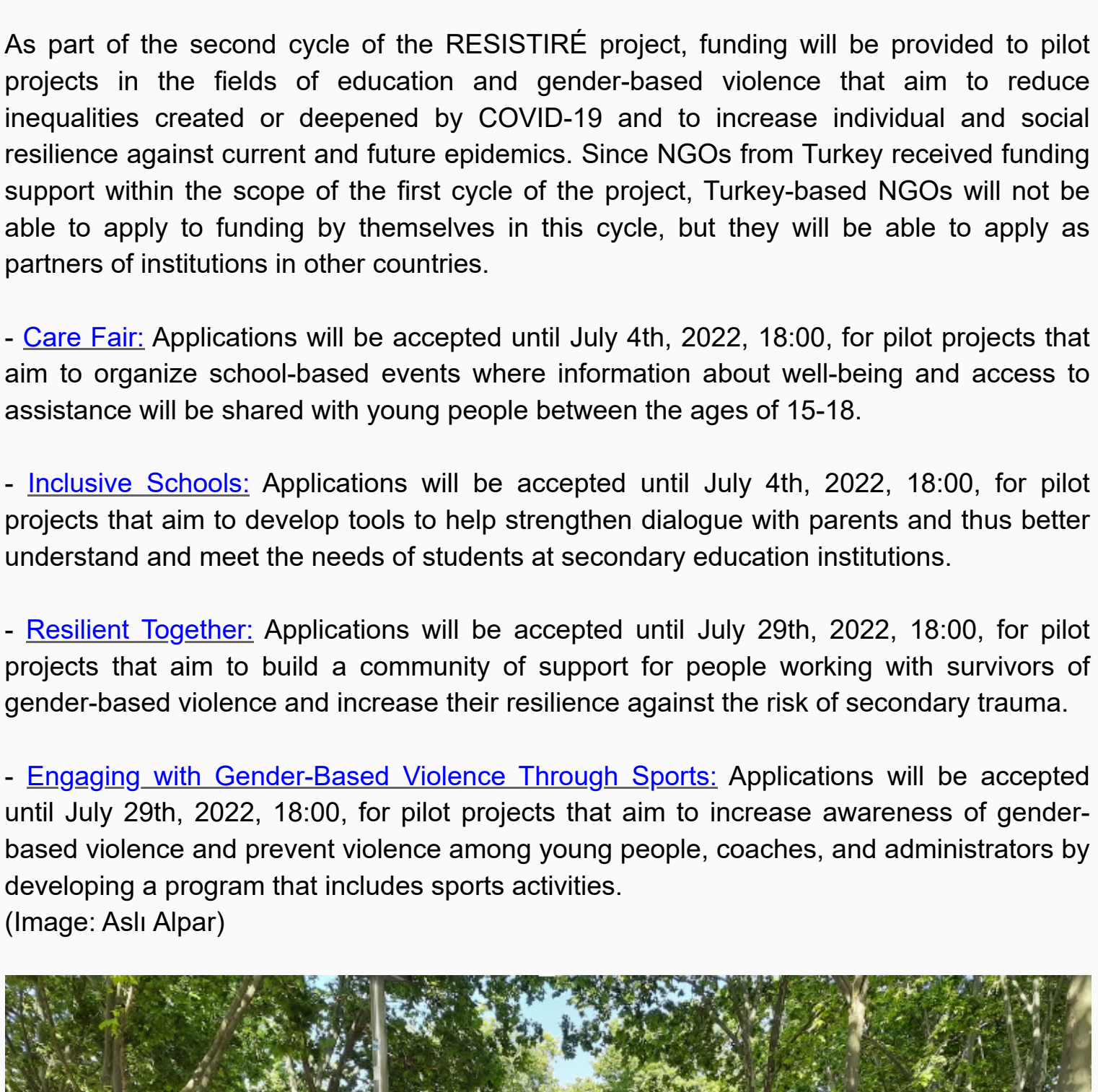
## GEARING-Roles Workshop in Istanbul: Institutionalization and Sustainability

On 22-23 June, Minerva Palace hosted an important international meeting on [the Institutionalization and Sustainability of Gender Equality Action Plans \(GEAP\)](#). As part of the EU Horizon 2020 GEARING-Roles project carried out by SU Gender since 2019, we organized a two-day Pairing Event bringing together scholars, advisory board members, and senior managers from Sabancı University, Oxford Brookes University, Ljubljana University, Deusto University and Yellow Window. These activities, which enable different institutions to learn from each other, constitute one of the most important participatory activities of the GEARING-Roles Project. As of 2022, GEAPs are considered as a prerequisite for applications to EU research funds and applications from non-GEAP universities are not accepted. The Project made it possible for Sabancı University to prepare a GEAP and put it into practice in 2021. The Project will end after the closing event to be held in Brussels in October 2022. Among the goals of the final year of the project are a comprehensive evaluation of the work carried out to date on gender equality and the implementation of institutional steps to ensure its sustainability.



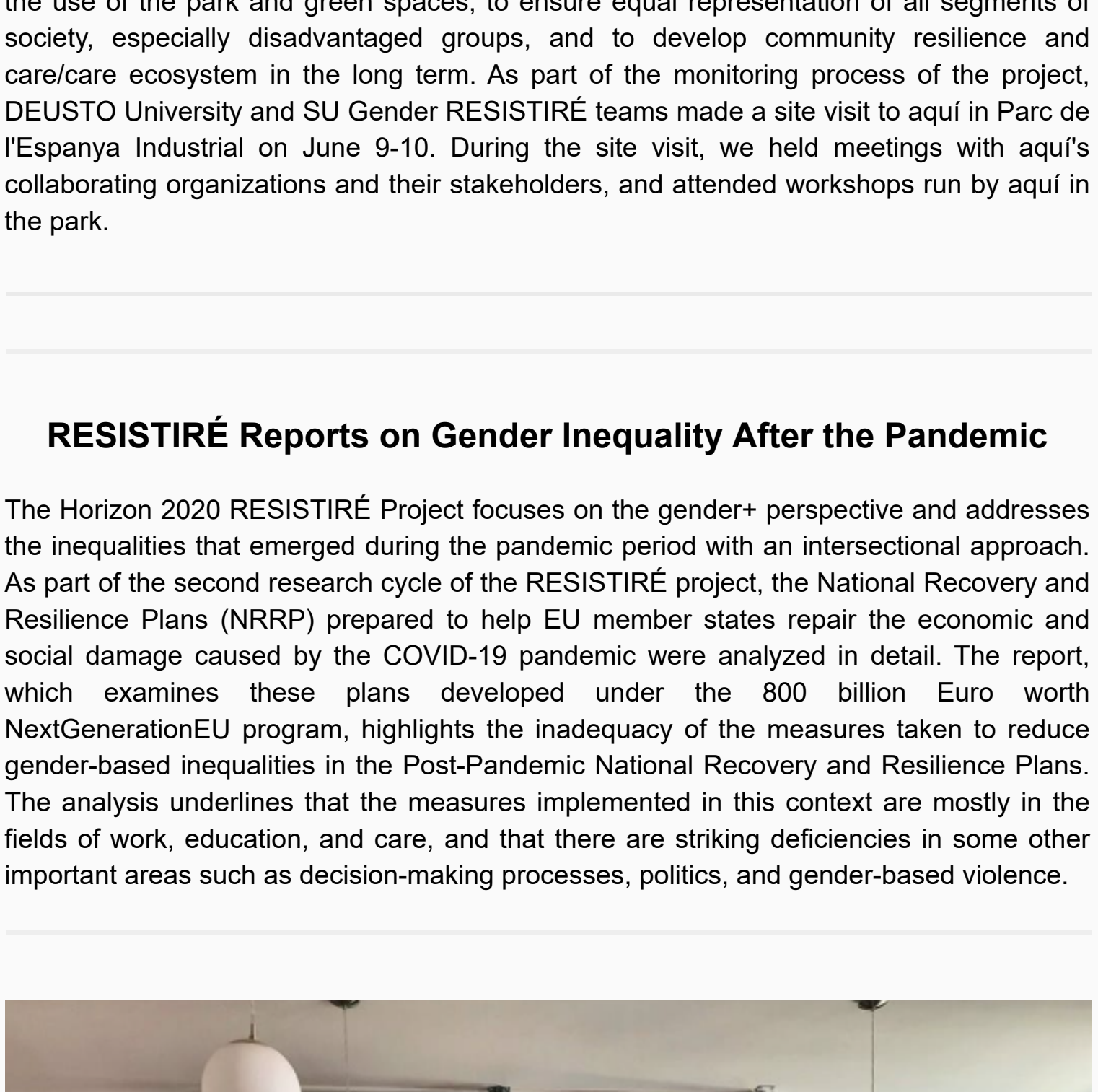
## Senior Management at Sabancı University Examined Gender Equality Action Plans

Within the scope of the GEARING-Roles EU Horizon 2020 Project, we organized a session titled "Horizon Europe: A Policy Framework for Implementing Gender Equality Action Plans (GEAP) in Research and Innovation" for our university's senior management, with the participation of Dr. Maxime Forest, institutional expert at Yellow Window. In the session, we discussed the implementation processes of GEAPs, which are a prerequisite for applying to all financial support to be given to research and higher education institutions by the EU within the framework of Horizon Europe from 2022, and their contribution to research and innovation.



## "Curious Steps: Beyoğlu in the Footsteps of Artist Women Beyoğlu" video is on air!

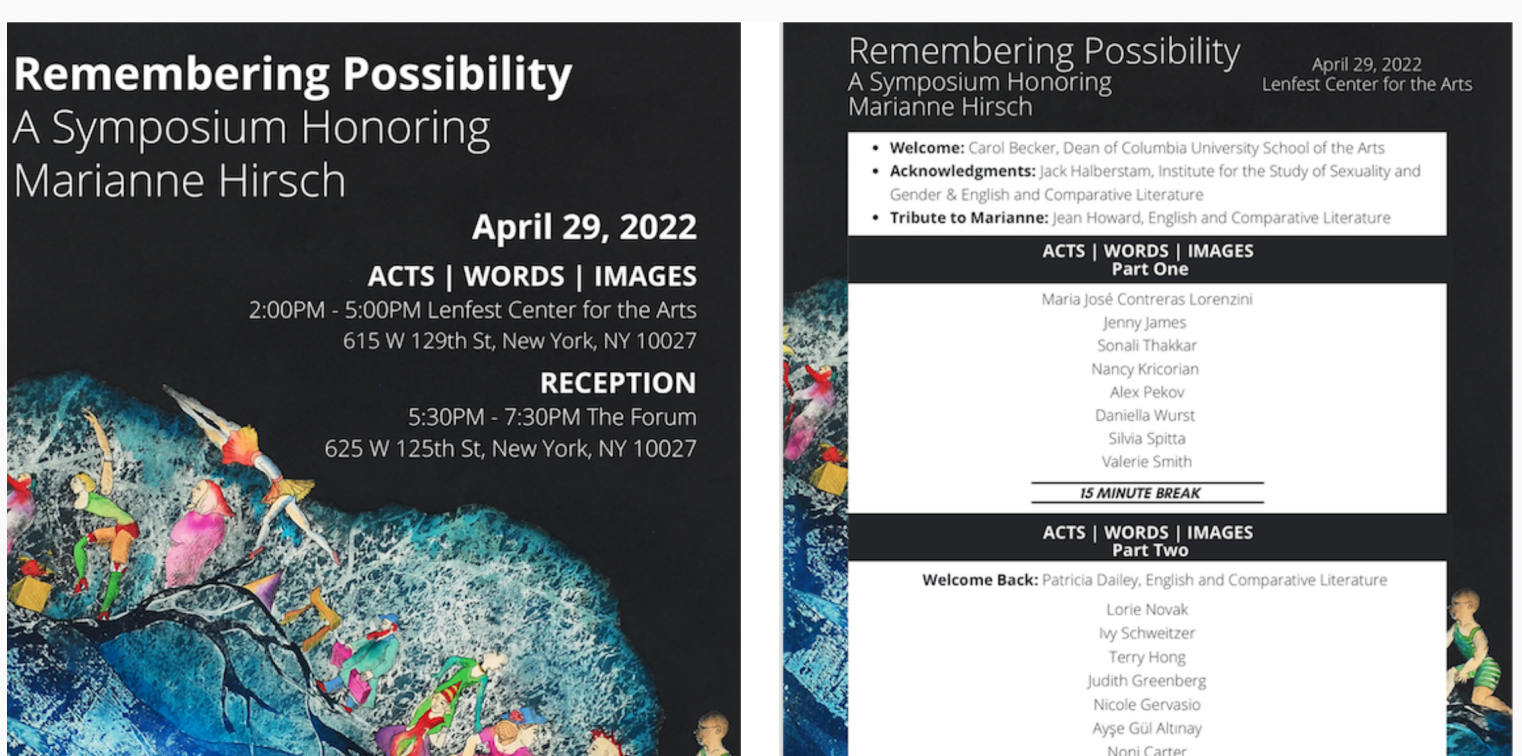
Curious Steps: Gender and Memory Walks Program traces the stories of women artists whose works were featured in the exhibition "I-You-Them: The Century of Artist Women" held in Meşher between October 2021 and May 2022. In the walk, storytellers from Meşher and SU Gender follow traces from the unique lives of artist women through a route consisting of ten stops where these women passed by, produced their art, and lived through a variety of encounters and experiences. The video of the walk was released in June. Click to watch [Curious Steps: Beyoğlu in the Footsteps of Artist Women Beyoğlu](#).



## We Organized Several ACTTING Workshops

As ACTTING project team at SU Gender, we attended the project kick-off on 15-16 February with the excitement of working together with 12 institutions from 34 countries for the next 3 years, producing knowledge and innovations for an inclusive and equal EU Green Deal. We also launched our project activities in Turkey with two workshops on May 26th. Our EU Horizon 2020 project, ACTTING (AdvanCing behavioral change Through an Inclusive Green deal) aims to understand how both climate change and policy responses to climate change (at local, national, and transnational levels) deepen and reproduce social inequalities and to learn from the inspiring examples happening on the ground, often with the initiative of marginalized groups such as women, younger generations, the Roma, nomads, and LGBTQI+.

The first workshop was on disasters and biodiversity, and the second was on food security and values. In this first cycle of the project, both workshops aimed at a) meeting with experts, activists, and NGO representatives working in these fields in Turkey, and b) introducing the project as a whole and collecting advice and recommendations for the identification of inspiring initiatives or examples of local bottom-up sustainable practices facilitating behavioral change relevant to vulnerable or marginalized groups. Participants included academics from Istanbul University, Adıyaman University, Erzincan University, Kadir Has University, Sabancı University, and Boğaziçi University as well as representatives from various NGOs such as [350.org](#), Green Thought Association, Yolda Initiative, Nature Protection Association, ÇEKÜL Foundation, and independent activists and entrepreneurs. We will continue to meet with academics, institutions, and initiatives within the scope of ACTTING during the project. For more information and questions, please write to [actting.sugender@sabanciuniv.edu](mailto:actting.sugender@sabanciuniv.edu).



## Funding from RESISTIRÉ for Pilot Projects in Education and Violence

As part of the second cycle of the RESISTIRÉ project, funding will be provided to pilot projects in the fields of education and gender-based violence that aim to reduce inequalities created or deepened by COVID-19 and to increase individual and social resilience against current and future epidemics. Since NGOs from Turkey received funding support within the scope of the first cycle of the project, Turkey-based NGOs will not be able to apply to funding by themselves in this cycle, but they will be able to apply as partners of institutions in other countries.

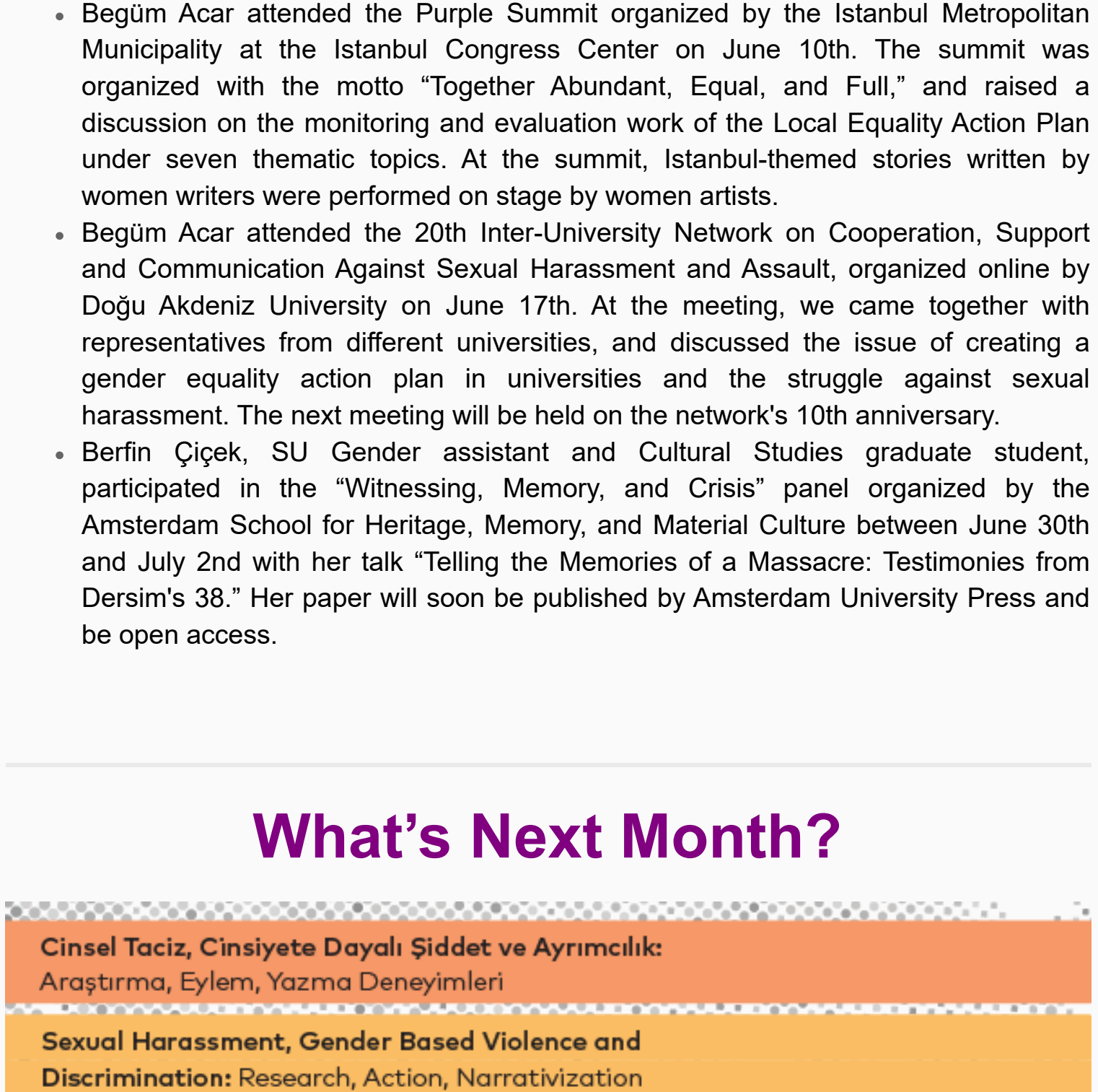
- [Care Fair](#): Applications will be accepted until July 4th, 2022, 18:00, for pilot projects that aim to organize school-based events where information about well-being and access to assistance will be shared with young people between the ages of 15-18.

- [Inclusive Schools](#): Applications will be accepted until July 4th, 2022, 18:00, for pilot projects that aim to develop tools to help strengthen dialogue with parents and thus better understand and meet the needs of students at secondary education institutions.

- [Resilient Together](#): Applications will be accepted until July 29th, 2022, 18:00, for pilot projects that aim to build a community of support for people working with survivors of gender-based violence and increase their resilience against the risk of secondary trauma.

- [Engaging with Gender-Based Violence Through Sports](#): Applications will be accepted until July 29th, 2022, 18:00, for pilot projects that aim to increase awareness of gender-based violence and prevent violence among young people, coaches, and administrators by developing a program that includes sports activities.

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## SU Gender RESISTIRÉ Team's Field Visit to Barcelona

The first cycle of the RESISTIRÉ project funded four pilot projects that aimed to reduce inequalities created or deepened by COVID-19 and to increase individual and social resilience against current and future epidemics. Within the call titled "[Green Spaces as an Ecosystem of Care](#)" Barcelona-based aquí is running the pilot project that aims to transform green spaces into an "Ecosystem of Care" by making them accessible to all users. Aquí is a social innovation collective that collaborates with citizens and local organizations to create more equitable, sustainable, and healthy cities. The project, carried out at Parc de l'Espanya Industrial, aims to increase equality and inclusiveness in terms of the use of the park and green spaces, to ensure equal representation of all segments of society, especially disadvantaged groups, and to develop community resilience and care/care ecosystem in the long term. As part of the monitoring process of the project, DEUSTO University and SU Gender RESISTIRÉ teams made a site visit to aquí in Parc de l'Espanya Industrial on June 9-10. During the site visit, we held meetings with aquí's collaborating organizations and their stakeholders, and attended workshops run by aquí in the park.

## RESISTIRÉ Reports on Gender Inequality After the Pandemic

The Horizon 2020 RESISTIRÉ Project focuses on the pandemic+ perspective and addresses the inequalities that emerged during the pandemic period with an intersectional approach. As part of the second research cycle of the RESISTIRÉ project, the National Recovery and Resilience Plans (NRRP) prepared to help EU member states repair the economic and social damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic were analyzed in detail. The report, which examines these plans developed under the 800 billion Euro world NextGenerationEU program, highlights the inadequacy of the measures taken to reduce gender-based inequalities in the Post-Pandemic National Recovery and Resilience Plans. The analysis underlines that the measures implemented in this context are mostly in the fields of work, education, and care, and that there are striking deficiencies in some other important areas such as decision-making processes, politics, and gender-based violence.



## RESISTIRÉ Consortium Met in Prague

The RESISTIRÉ consortium met physically in Prague for the first time. During the meeting hosted by the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Republic Academy of Sciences, parallel workshops were organized with the participation of external experts for six different policy proposal reports that are planned to be prepared based on the second cycle research outputs. Ayşe Gül Altınay, Nazlı Türker and Pınar Ensari from the SU Gender team attended the event. We conducted a participatory study in which we received feedback on the policy proposal titled "Crisis Management for All: Inclusive, Multi-Actor Crisis Management." The policy proposal, which took its final form with this work, calls for the European Commission and the Council of Europe to carry out effective work in order for states to prepare their national, regional, and local level crisis management plans with the participation of NGOs and representatives of disadvantaged groups and from a gender + intersectional perspective.



## We Participated in the Marianne Hirsch Symposium

On April 29th, Ayşe Gül Altınay participated in the conference "Remembering Possibility: A Symposium Honoring Marianne Hirsch" and shared SU Gender's decade-long, fruitful collaboration with [Marianne Hirsch](#), which include the Women Mobilizing Memory [conferences](#) in Istanbul (2014) and New York (2015), the co-edited volume [Women Mobilizing Memory](#), the exhibit [Mobilizing Memory: Women Witnessing](#) (with İşin Önel), the [Curious Steps Walk](#) of Beyoğlu and its sister-walk in Harlem), as well as Marianne Hirsch's ongoing contributions to SU Gender's International Advisory Board. Marianne Hirsch's pathbreaking scholarship, particularly her conceptualization of postmemory, has inspired several generations of scholars at Sabancı University, including (Cultural Studies MA, Dilara Çalışkan's recent work on [queer postmemory](#)). With deep gratitude to Marianne Hirsch for all that she has been and has done for feminist scholarship in general, and SU Gender in particular, we wish her blissful and fruitful retirement years. You can view "Remembering Possibility: A Symposium Honoring Marianne Hirsch" (including Ayşe Gül Altınay's talk "Feminist+ Solidarity") at [this link](#).

## ProGender+ Continues Its Trainings

On June 1st, Ayşe Gül Altınay and Esin Düzel gave the opening speech for *Korda Asia Pacific* (APAC) on the History of the Women's Movement. *Sabancı Group Diversity and Inclusion Development Program* continued with the panel titled "Combating Discrimination, Harassment and Mobbing" organized by Hülya Adak and Ebru Nihan Celkan. The Purple Certificate Program carried out with Enerjisa Production continued between June 4-5.

## Which Events Did We Attend?

• Çiğdem Geylan, Zeynep Özer, and Burcu Albayrak from Sabancı University attended the "Leadership Training for Promising Mid-Level Executive Women" organized by Yellow Window expert Lucy Ferguson on June 29-30 as part of the GEARING-Roles EU Horizon 2020 Project. In this two-day training, participants discussed institutional and individual obstacles, prejudices and difficulties affecting women's participation in decision-making mechanisms and methods of overcoming them.

• Begüm Acar attended the Purple Summit organized by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality at the Istanbul Congress Center on June 10th. The summit was organized with the motto "Together Abundant, Equal, and Full," and raised a discussion on the monitoring and evaluation work of the Local Equality Action Plan under seven thematic topics. At the summit, Istanbul-themed stories written by women writers were performed on stage by women artists.

• Begüm Acar attended the 20th Inter-University Network on Cooperation, Support and Communication Against Sexual Harassment and Assault, organized online by Doğu Akdeniz University on June 17th. At the meeting, we came together with representatives from different universities, and discussed the issue of creating a gender equality action plan in universities and the struggle against sexual harassment. The next meeting will be held on the network's 10th anniversary.

• Berfin Çiçek, SU Gender assistant and Cultural Studies graduate student, participated in the "Witnessing, Memory, and Crisis" panel organized by the Amsterdam School for Heritage, Memory, and Material Culture between June 30th and July 2nd with her talk "Telling the Memories of a Massacre: Testimonies from Dersim's 38." Her paper will soon be published by Amsterdam University Press and be open access.

## What's Next Month?



## Webinars on Sexual Harassment, Gender Based Violence, and Discrimination

As SU Gender, we continue our webinar series on sexual harassment, gender-based violence, diversity, and inclusion, both inside and outside the university. Our 12th meeting will take place online on July 20th, with Angela Santamaria and her talk titled "Experiences of Local Women in the Caribbean Region of Colombia: Practices for Surviving Sexual Violence." To register: [https://bit.ly/SUGender\\_Webinar12](https://bit.ly/SUGender_Webinar12).

## Curious Steps: Beyoğlu in the Footsteps of Artist Women

Our "Curious Steps: Beyoğlu in the Footsteps of Artist Women" walk, organized with the cooperation of Curious Steps and Meşher, continues upon popular demand. Registration is required to participate in the digital walk, which will take place on July 28th. To register, email [cinsadimlar@sabanciuniv.edu](mailto:cinsadimlar@sabanciuniv.edu), [kayit@mesher.org](mailto:kayit@mesher.org).

## Dicle Koğacıoğlu Article Award is Still Open for Applications

Dicle Koğacıoğlu Article Award is an award given by the Sabancı University Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and SU Gender in the name of our colleague, friend, and sociologist Dicle Koğacıoğlu who departed in 2009. Awarded since 2010, the aim of the award is to support gender-focused research and encourage young researchers. The award is open to Master's and PhD students, and graduates of Master's programs who completed their degree within the last two years. The deadline for the application this year is October 2nd, 2022. Click [here](#) for more information on the application criteria.

## Şirin Tekeli Research Award is Still Open for Applications

SU Gender initiated the Şirin Tekeli Research Award in memory of Şirin Tekeli, who has pioneered work in the fields of democracy, academic freedom, gender equality, and feminism. In its fifth year, the award is now open for applications. Aiming to support and encourage gender-focused research in Turkey, we hope to open up a nurturing and inspiring space that will bring together researchers who work in this field. Click [here](#) for detailed information about the application criteria. The application deadline is October 7th, 2022.