

# BUILDING WORKERS' POWER

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## UNIONS AT WORK

### WHAT IS YOUR MOST SIGNIFICANT WIN 2014 - 2018?

You and your affiliated unions have been on the frontlines of many struggles since we met in Berlin in 2014.

We want to document and share with all Congress delegations to the ITUC World Congress 2018 the most significant victories of trade unions during the period 2014 to 2018.

Can you describe the struggle and the outcome using the template we have prepared and provide a photo and quote from a union leader and trade union member? Send your most significant win to [congress@ituc-csi.org](mailto:congress@ituc-csi.org)

**Name of national trade union centre or union:**

HAK-IS TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (HAK-IS)

**Country:**

TURKEY

**Most significant union victory [Headline in 6 words]:**

Social Integration Project for Refugees via Vocational Educational Training

**Description of the issue or dispute [200 words]:**

HAK-IS contribution to the hospitality of the Syrian Refugees  
Around 3,6 million Syrians have taken refuge in Turkey since April 2011 in 8 years period due to the civil war in Syria. Moreover, over 7 million Syrians took refuge to or immigrated to countries neighbour to Syria or European countries. Therefore, the countries experiencing cases of immigrants and refugees should develop integration projects. Under these circumstances, this project was designed and implemented by HAK-IS Confederation in order to deal with immigrant and refugee problems at regional, national and European levels. In this direction, the below mentioned specific activities were executed during the period of 01 September 2015 - 30 November 2017 in Turkey, France and Germany in this Erasmus+ KA2 project for the target group to ease their social integration via vocational and language trainings.



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**Detail of the campaign or strategy [100 words]:**

At the end of the project activities, it is expected that all refugees and migrants have been effected positively due to the project intellectual outputs as followings:

- Vocational training curriculum and modules for the Laundry Staff (Level 2) and Dishwashing Staff (Level 2)
- Turkish teaching module for foreigners at basic (A1) level.
- Visual materials (booklets, billboard materials) and documentary film which have been produced and disseminated to break social prejudices against the target group.
- All results obtained in the project scope are available on internet: [www.siprvet.net](http://www.siprvet.net)
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**Photo and quote from union leader [20 words]:**

**Mr. Mahmut ARSLAN, President of HAK-IS Confederation:** As the HAK-IS community, we have extended a hand to all human beings that are oppressed, sufferer and needier all around the world within the bounds of our possibility. We have carried out some solidarity support and aid campaigns in many countries. We support the open-door policy of the Turkish Republic towards all refugees and migrants. That is why, we have lighted a candle for the social inclusion of the target group by implementing the said project for the benefit all migrants and refugees.

Photos are available on this link: <http://www.siprvet.net/sayfa-grubu/KAPANIS-TOPLANTISI-23-KASIM-2017/1/63>



Photo and quote from member [20 words]:



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**Ms. Fatma ABDÜLSELAM, Syrian refugee living in Gaziantep province, in the Southeastern Anatolia, a trainee of the Turkish language course:**

I am grateful to HAK-IS, its project partners and the European Commission for this beneficial project. I have gained my confidence in the communication skills with the local people by learning Turkish at basic life by the means of this project. Hereinafter, I will seek for a decent work to earn my life.







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