

**National Seminar**  
**Report, Turkey - İstanbul, 28.01.2021**

**1. Aim of the workshop**

In line with the project outcomes:

- to bring together different stakeholders including teachers, NGO representatives, policymakers, academics, students and relevant parties, and
- to receive feedbacks from stakeholders regarding the CiSoTRA model.

**2. Preparation phase of the workshop**

Development of the program:

- Program was prepared in accordance with the guidelines for WP3.
- National seminar was planned as one and a half hour long digital event.

Speakers and moderators:

Ayşe Beyazova, researcher of the project, SEÇBİR

Kenan Çayır, manager of the project, SEÇBİR

Participants:

Social workers

NGO representatives

Academics

Students

Project team

E-classroom:

Materials about the activities will be available in e-classroom with open access.

**3. Delivery of the workshop**

Date/Location: 28.01.2021/Digital event via zoom

Number of speakers: 2

Number of participants: 47

Program content:

20:00-20:15 Opening

20:15-20:30 the CiSotra Model

20:30-21:15 Discussion

21:15-21:30 Comments and feedbacks

Some important remarks made during the seminar:

Kenan Çayır, manager of the Project, in his opening speech presented the project activities and emphasized the importance of developing an holistic and inclusive model to increase unaccompanied minors and young adults' access and participation.

Ayşe Beyazova, researcher of the Project, started her presentation of the model by explaining general structure of the Model first, and continued by giving detailed explanation of each component of the Model. She emphasized the crucial importance of coordination and collaboration between actors for the effective implementation of the model. Then, she introduced the concept of chain of education, and she underlined the fact that the model was based on the idea of making necessary arrangements in educational processes from a social inclusive point of view.

Following presentation of the model, a discussion session was carried out. In this session, some policy recommendations both in general and specific to Turkey, were proposed and discussed.

#### **4. Evaluation of the workshop and policy recommendations**

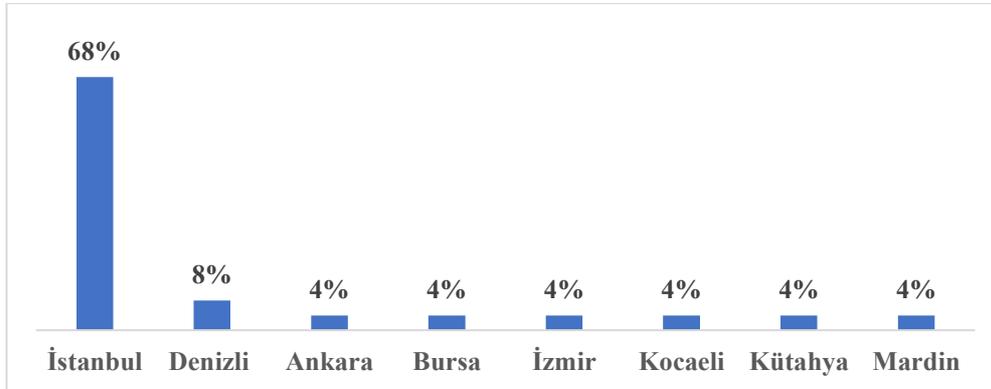
Evaluation analysis

Out of 47 participants, 25 filled in the evaluation form.

Figure 1, 2, and 3 below give a summary of the structure of participants:

- Figure 1 demonstrates that 68% of the participants are located in İstanbul while remaining participants are coming from seven different cities of Turkey.
- Figure 2 shows that 80% of participants are female whereas 20% are male. Participants between the age group 18-34 consist of the 68% of the total number of participants. Participants older than 40 years of age consist of 24% while those between 35 and 39 are 8%.
- Figure 3 shows that the majority of the participants are social workers, civil society activists or volunteers, academicians and social scientists.

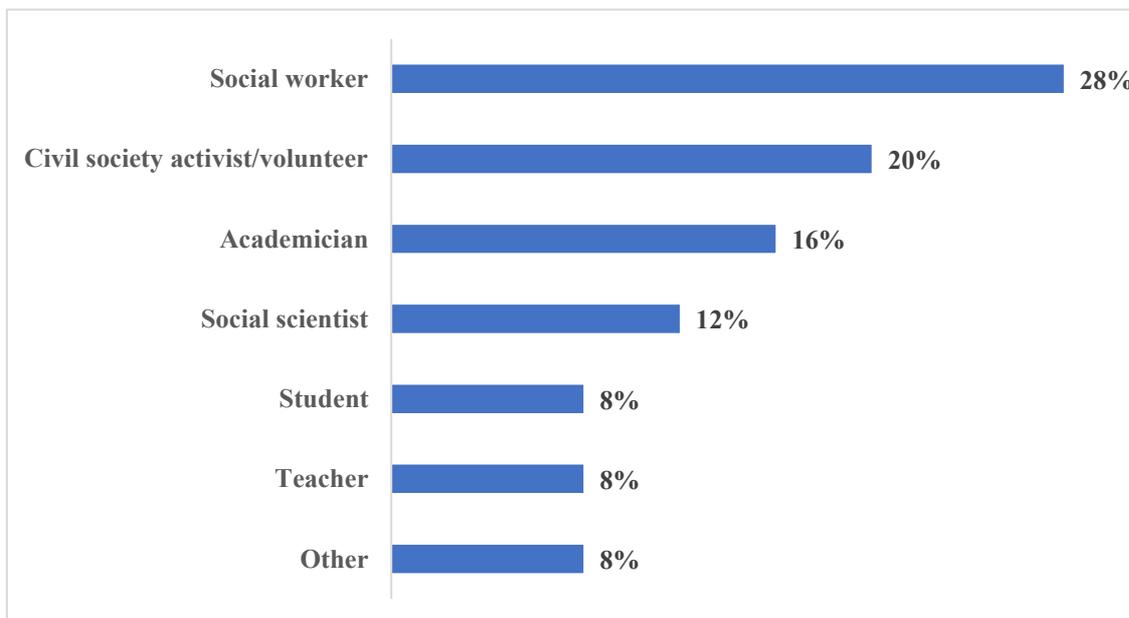
**Figure 1 Percentage of geographical location of the participants**



**Figure 2 Percentage of age and gender of participants**

	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Total</i>
18-24	12%	8%	20%
25-29	12%	8%	20%
30-34	24%	4%	28%
35-39	8%	-	8%
40+	24%	-	24%
<i>Total</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>100%</i>

**Figure 3 Percentage of position of participants**

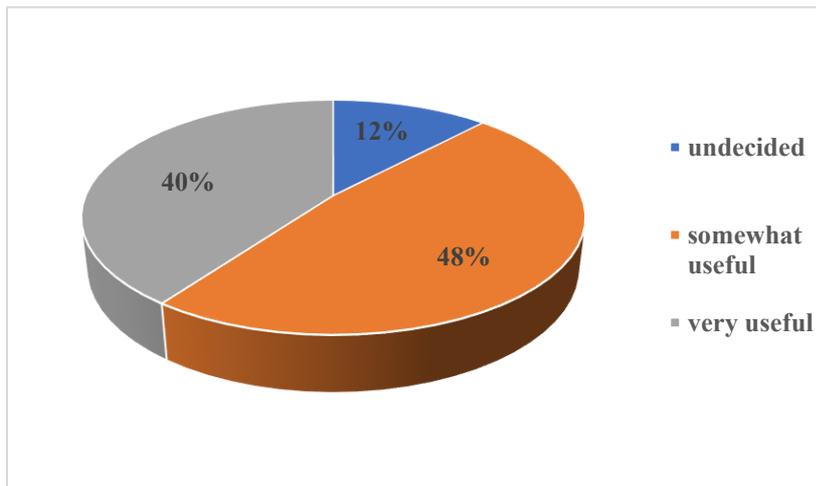




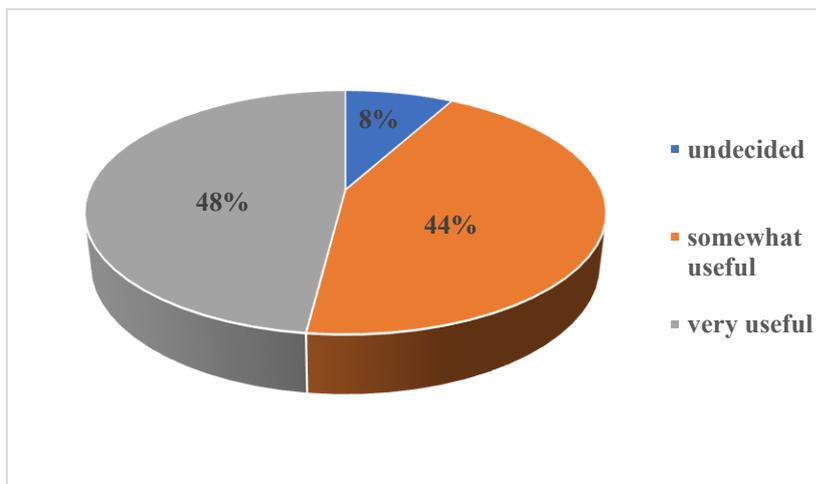
The figures below are about feedbacks about the seminar:

- Figure 4 shows that 88% of participants found the presentation of the model in the seminar useful, and 92% of participants found the discussions useful.
- Major aim of the seminar was to provide a setting for discussing the CiSoTRA Model with various stakeholders, and to collect contributions from them. Figure 5 shows the results on this aim. It shows that half of the participants found the discussion session very useful while the other half found them somewhat useful.

**Figure 4 Percentage of participants who evaluated the presentation of the model**



**Figure 5 Percentage of participants who evaluated the discussion session about the model**



**Policy recommendations**

Based on the feedbacks given to the CiSoTRA model by the participants, the following (policy) recommendations can be made:

- There are still so many unregistered unaccompanied minors living in Turkey. Some of them are living in religious cult homes, and hard to reach them. **Outreaching** these children to start their engagement processes, is one of the main issue in the context of Turkey and, this issue must be emphasized in the Model as well.
- As the very first step of the stabilisation process, unaccompanied minors are directly transferred to Child Detention Center when they enter to the host country. For effective implementation of the Model, **empowering personnel of these centers** must be prioritized.
- In Turkey, the Ministry of Family and Social Policies and the Directorate General of Migration Management are the two main public institutions; their non-collaborative ways of working cause many problems for social and legal workers. So, **coordination and collaboration between main actors** is also underlined as one of the crucial points for the effective implementation of the Model.
- All of the participants without any exception have pointed out the necessity of establishing a voluntary child fostering system in Turkey, and making **regulations on laws related to child fostering and adoption**. None of the participants was eager to put unaccompanied minors or young adults under state protection. So, they stated that they need **procedural consultancy** more than anything to deliver righteous support for minors and young adults.
- **Systematic supervision and inspection of workplaces** might be considered, since most of the migrant children whether they are unaccompanied or not, drop out of the school at very early ages, and engage in work life.