Evidence Based Policy and Advocacy:

Case of TESEV, Turkey

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James McGann (Founder of Think Tanks and Civil Society Program) categorizes the think tanks as follows:

Policymaking

Partisan

Scholar

Activist

A project implemented
by a consortium led by the
Center for the Study of
Democracy

Threefold categorization:

Universities without Students

Contract Research Organizations

Advocacy Tanks

Source: Brookings Institute

Think – Tanks can also be categorized based their strategy, audience and function

Strategy

Function

Audience

TESEV is cross cutting these categories therefore bridging the different stakeholders that belong to these categories.

SELDI.net
Southeast European Leadership for
Development and Integrity

CSD

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Policy Think Tanks in Turkey gained traction from 2001 onwards

- **Civil Society Consultation gained Importance**
- **Civil Society Participation became highly important**
- **EU open negotiations with Turkey**

TESEV Research Impact Examples

Policy Impact

New Constitution Process

Reform Commission on Public Administration Law

Discursive Impact

Kurdish Issue

Crimes against Armenians

TESEV is determined to expand its research areas, rethink its research organization and outreach in line with the changing dynamics of the time.

Ways of Doing Research

- TESEV Academy
- Expanding the expert network

Communicating Research

- To target different segments of the public
- Ability to affect policy-making through public opinion related work
- Efficient use of social media
- Utilizing visual data