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In 2014,

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ERI ranked among the world's top 50 think tanks in the "Best Education Policy" category in the 2013 Global Go To Think Tank Index, University of Pennsylvania's The Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program which evaluated over 6 thousand organizations from 182 countries.

ERI continued to offer communication and collaboration platforms to teachers. The 11th Good Practices in Education Conference was organised in April and the theme of the conference was "participation". A total of 1,184 education professionals came together for the conference and the local workshops held in Erzurum and Gümüşhane around 136 good practices. Teachers who completed their critical thinking training in the Thinking School, Thriving Students Project received their certificates.

ERI collaborated with civil society at both global and national levels. Main partners included Research Triangle Institute International (RTI), UNICEF, Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV), Istanbul Bilgi University's Child Studies Unit (ÇOÇA) and Çelikel Education Foundation.

During 2014, ERI worked on access to education, inclusive education, active participation of children in schools, equity in education, use of ICT in education, educational outcomes and academic achievement. In order to enhance student participation and culture of democracy in schools, ERI carried out the Towards Democratic Schools Project in partnership with ÇOÇA.

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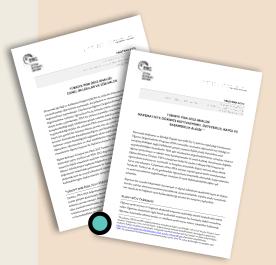


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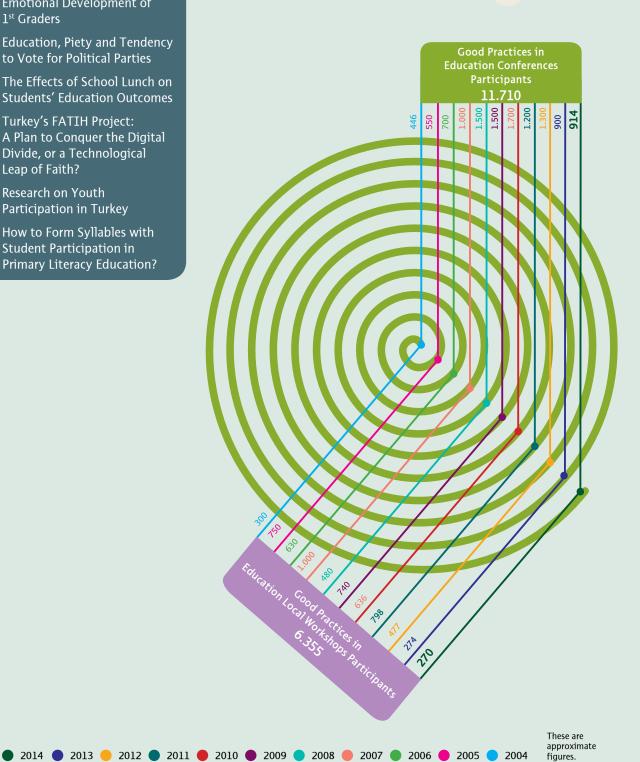
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