



# ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY



## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION OFFICE

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**NOVEMBER**

WE REMEMBER WITH

**RESPECT**

AND

**GRATITUDE**

*Happy  
Teacher's Day!*



*The Republic demands generations with "independent thought,  
independent conscience, and independent wisdom" from you.*

*K. Atatürk*



**29 October – 4 November---The Turkish Red Crescent Week**

**1– 7 November– The Turkish Language Reform Week**

**10 November– Anniversary of Atatürk's Death**

**12 November– Disaster Preparedness Week**

**16 November– International Tolerance Day**

**20 November– World Children's Day**

**24 November– Teacher's Day**

**25 November– International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**



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# HOW WAS OCTOBER IN IECO?



Istanbul Gelisim University International Exchange and Cooperation Office participated in the ENHANCER Project Successful Projects Announcement Ceremony held at Swissôtel the Bosphorus on October 26 with its project named "My Business Partner", which was awarded within the scope of the 2021 ICMPD ENHANCER call. At the ceremony that took place, the certificate of success of our project was presented to International Exchange and Cooperation Alisa USUBOVA, representing our university, by the EU Ambassador and the ICMPD Migration Dialogue and Cooperation Director.



The information and networking meeting about the International Credit Mobility (KA-171) Project, which allows student and staff exchange with countries other than the European Union Program countries, was held on October 26, with the participation of Vice Rector and Research and Development Director Prof. Dr.Necmettin MARAŞLI and our academic staff who would like to work with our Office in the relevant field. In addition to the project briefing at the meeting, the KA-171 Project, which was brought to IGU with the 2022 project call of UDIO-K and includes an exchange with 6 universities from 5 countries (USA, Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Ukraine, Jordan), was introduced.



Erasmus Days (#ErasmusDays) events were held for the second time this year with the theme of "Informative Content and Competition" on October 15, by the Erasmus Office of Istanbul Gelisim University in order to disseminate the Erasmus+ Program within our university and increase its visibility. Our university students and staff showed great interest in the event, which continued with Erasmus Program information, the announcement of the International Credit Mobility Project details, a student and staff experience-sharing panel, and a quiz.



Within the framework of our Erasmus+ Bilateral Agreements, the Orientation Program of students coming from many different countries under the Erasmus+ Study Mobility to our university was held on October 3, 2022, with the huge interest of our students and the contributions of our Erasmus Buddy students. Great care was taken to share all the information that students would need during their mobility such as campus facilities, academic issues, transportation and residence permit.



The meeting, which will open a door to productive cooperation with the Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC), one of the largest educational institutions in the South Caucasus, was hosted by Istanbul Gelisim University International Exchange and Cooperation Office on October 28. In the meeting for the establishment of cooperation in all fields with UNEC, where our partnership has been continuing diligently since 2020, within the scope of the International Credit Mobility (KA-171) Projects, all issues were agreed upon.

# A ROOTED CHANGE: FROM ERASMUS+ TO IECO



IGU Erasmus+ Office, which carries out the establishment of Erasmus bilateral cooperation agreements within the body of Istanbul Gelisim University, encourages the participation of potential beneficiaries in the program by effectively carrying out the program promotion activities, and carrying out the exchanges within the scope of the Erasmus Program in an efficient way, has expanded its fields of activity and was renamed as "International Exchange and Cooperation Office (IECO)".

Erasmus+ Office, which previously worked in coordination with the International Relations Office to achieve the internationalization goals of our university, became the only unit referred to as the international face of the university after the International Relations Office was closed. In the previous processes, our Office, which has been operating in 4 main areas, namely "Erasmus+ Program Mobilities", "International cooperation within the scope of Erasmus+", "Projects" and "Event/Promotions", has been responsible for the execution of non-Erasmus agreements and non-Erasmus exchange programs (Free Mover & Bilateral Cooperation) with the name change. With this radical change that took place in line with the decision taken at the University Administrative Board Meeting dated 09.11.2022 and numbered 2022/19, IECO has become a stronger and more effective internal stakeholder as IGU's "gate to abroad".

In parallel with the new task of the International Cooperation and Exchange Office, it is aimed to produce strong and effective policies for the internationalization goals of the university by signing important collaborations with institutions and organizations from many parts of the world.

# Competent Staff, Effective Erasmus+

The International Exchange and Cooperation Office participated in the KA-131 Projects Information Meeting, which allows higher education institutions to carry out student and staff (academic and administrative) mobility by establishing partnerships with higher education institutions in the program countries. At the meeting hosted by Istanbul University between the dates of 31 October and 2 November, the procedures and principles in the 2022 Contract Term Operational Handbook was discussed in detail. In the meeting where the new types of mobility, Blended Mobility and short-term doctoral mobility were introduced, the emphasis on "Digitalization" and "Green Erasmus", which are among the most important targets of the European Commission in parallel with the European Green Consensus came to the forefront under the titles of "Green Travel" and "Erasmus Without Paper".



Ercan LAÇİN, Meliha Hilal ALTIOK, Hüseyin ÖZDEMİR, Ahmet ÇÖREKÇİ and Özlem YÜCEL from the Turkish National Agency made presentations at the meeting, which lasted for 3 days, in which the International Exchange and Cooperation Coordinator Alisa USUBOVA and the Exchange Programs Study Mobility Responsible Person Sena DUMAN represented our university. At the meeting, where the new reporting system (Beneficiary Module) was introduced and the importance of filling out the Online Learning Agreement (OLA) and Participant Report was discussed, details such as the content of Inclusion support and to whom they could be given were shared with the participants in line with the priorities of the European Commission. At the meeting attended by representatives of Higher Education Institutions from all over Türkiye, the new application platform was introduced and information was provided about the interface and operating mechanism of the portal.

The information conveyed at the meeting will make significant contributions to the improvement of the existing Erasmus Program implementation processes and effective program management.



# Intense Preparation for ICM Project Call: Konya Information Meeting



Istanbul Gelisim University International Exchange and Cooperation Office participated in the International Credit Mobility (KA-171) Project Information Meeting, held by the Turkish National Agency and hosted by Konya Selcuk University on 17-18 November 2022.

The content of the KA-171 projects, project eligibility and evaluation criteria were discussed at the meeting, where IECO and Turkish National Agency officials Selen TOKGÖZ, Fatma Nur BAŞAK, Bünyamin Ünal UZUN and Gözde TÜMKAN made presentations. Gülcan GÜVEN YEŞİLGÜL, Project Responsible Person, representing IECO, attended the meeting. At the meeting where the project application screen and application processes were introduced, Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University and Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University representatives shared their experiences on the project.

At the meeting attended by the representatives of Higher Education Institutions from all over Türkiye, the mistakes which were encountered in the project proposals were shared with the participants through "Things to be considered in project applications". The second day of the 2-day program ended with a social program that revealed the historical and cultural beauties of Konya.

ICM projects, which we brought to our university for exchange in two countries, Azerbaijan and Ukraine, for the first time with the 2020 project call, have come to include exchange with 6 universities from 5 countries in total, with the inclusion of USA, Indonesia and Jordan in 2 existing projects with the call for 2022. With ICM, our university opened the doors of the whole world as well as European countries to its stakeholders, enabling them to develop personally, professionally and academically. It is aimed that the number of ICM projects, which is an important tool in reaching this ideal for IGU, which set out with the ideal of being a "world university", will increasingly continue in the following call periods in the light of the information meeting held.

# An Innovative Step In the Light of EAIE: IGU-IPSA Partnership



Istanbul Gelisim University International Exchange and Cooperation Office and IPSA-Institute of Polytechnic Science and Aeronautics, one of the most well-regarded universities in France, signed a bilateral agreement within the scope of Student and Staff Mobility in the fields of “Electrical-Electronical Engineering, Aviation Management and Motor Vehicles”.

Istanbul Gelisim University International Exchange and Cooperation Office recently participated in the EIAE Exhibition in Barcelona, Spain. The International Exchange and Cooperation Office came to an end of discussions after contacting dozens of representatives from different countries about exchange programs and variable fields. The agreement was prepared and signed by both parties. IPSA Institute of Polytechnic Science and Aeronautics, which is one of the most favorite and well-regarded universities in France, has given countless graduates since its establishment in 1961. The university has 3 centers and all the centers are located in effective spots. The centers located in the cities of Ivry-sur-Seine, Lyon and Toulouse, which are very close to Paris, make the university very attractive. IPSA, which was accredited in 2011 by the Commission des Titres d'Ingénieur (CTI), a French higher education achievement committee, has agreements with China, the United Kingdom, Canada, Taiwan, the United States of America and Japan along with Erasmus+ Program.

This agreement was signed with IPSA, the apple of the eye of France with its accredited programs, corporate image and strategic location will be the touchstone for our university's internationalization goals.

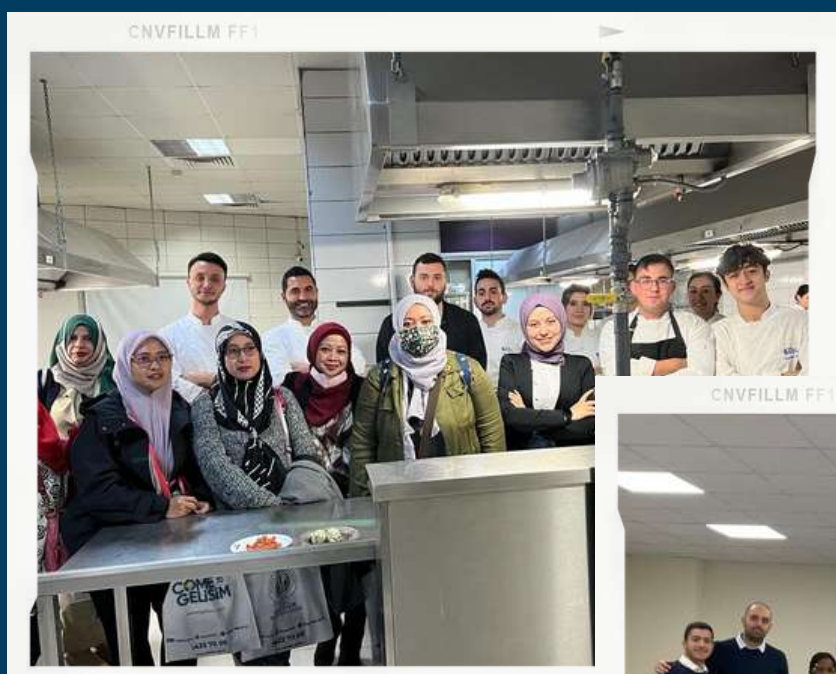


## Gate to Asia: Visit from Malaysia to IGU

The first guest of the process from the Erasmus Office to the International Exchange and Cooperation Office was Universiti Teknologi Malaysia with its visit on 14 November 2022. UTM, one of Malaysia's leading universities in the field of engineering and technology, came together with IECO to discuss bilateral agreement processes and to collaborate on the International Credit Mobility (KA-171) project. At the meeting, where the details of the partnership were discussed, Sena DUMAN, Bilateral Agreement Responsible Person, made a presentation about our university and emphasized its internationalization goals.

At the meeting, where UTM members also made presentations on the university structure, administrative and academic units and Malaysian culture, the potential opportunities that the cooperation to be established will provide to the parties were evaluated. In addition, IECO Project Responsible Person Gülcan GÜVEN YEŞİLGÜL provided information about the content and achievements of International Credit Mobility projects. After the meeting, in which the processes of the partnership, which will be established, were informed, our guests visited various units and campuses of our university, especially the International Student Office, the Student Affairs Office, and the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, accompanied by Sena DUMAN.

Within the scope of the meeting, the agreement processes are still ongoing, and it is aimed that the cooperation to be established between the parties will strengthen the presence of our university in the Asian geography and contribute to the achievement of its internationalization goals.



# Exchange Programs Information to High School Students from IECO



The International Exchange and Cooperation Office took part in the program organized by the Public Relations and Promotion Department of our university for high school students studying at the course center on 14-15 November 2022 and made a presentation on the activities of the Office and the abroad opportunities of IGU.

In the presentation made by Gülcan GÜVEN YESİLGÜL, the Project Responsible Person, on 14 November, Erasmus and other exchange programs were discussed in the context of study abroad and internship opportunities. In the presentation, which started with the office activities, IECO team and the introduction of the Erasmus Program, information was provided on Erasmus study and internship mobility; non-Erasmus exchanges, free mover and exchange opportunities within the scope of International Credit Mobility. The students showed great interest in the interactive presentation within the scope of the program. After the presentation, a full information feast took place with the answers given by Hazal EMİR, the Internship Mobility Responsible Person of our Office, to the questions asked by the students about the Work and Travel program in the question-answer section.

It is aimed to carry out and enrich the activities and promotions, which constitute an important part of the duties of IECO, by participating in promotional-based programs. It is also aimed to promote our university effectively and increase its preference.



# Enhancement of Partnership: Nüertingen-Geislingen University International Week



Istanbul Gelisim University International Exchange and Cooperation Office took part in the International Week of Nüertingen-Geislingen University (Germany), which is among our partner universities within the scope of the Erasmus+ Program.

In the program held on November 22, partner institutions from countries such as England, Netherlands, Ireland and Estonia made presentations on exchange programs and universities. Sena DUMAN, the Erasmus+ Study Mobility Responsible Person, made a presentation to inform the students who will participate in the mobility about our university and to encourage them to participate in the program. In her presentation, Sena DUMAN drew attention to the achievements of our University, its campus and its facilities along with the geographical advantages of Türkiye and the important metropolitan city of Istanbul in particular. One of our Erasmus+ Incoming students Jasmin ROGOZENCO (from Romania) shared her Erasmus experience at IGU with the participants.

Many students participated in the meeting, which was moderated by Gisela Zimmermann (Academic Coordinator) and Jutta Schnell (Head of International Office), from the International Office of Nüertingen-Geislingen University, which has been among the universities we have been partners with since 2014. With the meeting, it is expected that there will be a significant increase in incoming student and staff mobility within the scope of the agreement in the upcoming terms.



# Enhancement of Cooperation with UNEC

The negotiations that continued after the meeting which was held on October 28 with the Azerbaijan State Economic University (UNEC), one of the largest educational institutions in the South Caucasus, created a route for increasing and diversifying the fields of cooperation.



In addition to the current KA-171 Project partnership with UNEC, negotiations on the non-Erasmus bilateral agreement and dual degree program were continuing, while other negotiations were started on the e-commerce department master's program, which is a new program for UNEC. Within the scope of the partnership, the details of the cooperation were evaluated upon the request of the academic staff working in the related field at Istanbul Gelisim University to provide thesis consultancy for 20 students currently enrolled in the e-commerce master's program at UNEC.

In the relevant meeting, which was held online on November 25, 2022, significant progress was made in terms of cooperation. It is planned that the course of the partnership will progress towards establishing cooperation in terms of activities to be carried out in Life Long Learning Centers and Research Centers. With the thesis counseling to be provided to UNEC students, those who receive counseling will be encouraged to make their doctoral plans at our university. The agreement to be established when the negotiations are concluded is an important step for our university in terms of increasing its preferability as well as being the key to a strong eastern partnership.

# What's Up with Erasmus?

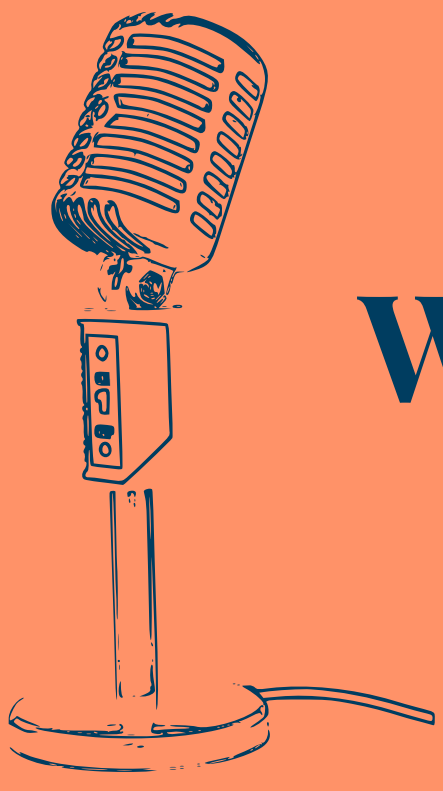
## A BRIEF LOOK INTO IECO

- Duygu CAN, a graduate of Yeditepe University, Political Science and International Relations started to work as Staff Mobility and Incoming Student Responsible on 28 November at IECO.
- Students who will participate in the 2022-2023 Academic Year Spring Term Erasmus Program, whose nomination procedures have been completed, have started the application process.
- Preparations for the applications to be received in December within the scope of Erasmus Staff Mobility have started.
- Department Erasmus Coordinators were identified to the EWP Dashboard system and information was provided on the use of the system.
- Acceptance letters have been prepared for students who want to study within the scope of the spring semester exchange program. Approximately 20 students from Finland, Germany, Romania, Poland, Hungary and Azerbaijan will study at our university in the spring semester. The application deadline for students who would like to study at our university within the scope of exchange programs has been determined as January.



## MEETINGS

- An online meeting was held on 11 November 2022 regarding the necessary revisions in the context of the documents before signing the contract within the scope of the "My Business Partner" Project, which was awarded by ICMPPD.
- An online meeting was held on 11 November 2022 for the establishment of bilateral cooperation with Universiti Teknologi MARA in Malaysia and the partnership of International Credit Mobility projects.
- Within the scope of the My Business Partner Project, an online meeting was held with the Refugee and Asylum Seekers Aid and Solidarity Association Project Unit on the project implementation processes on November 15, 2022.



# What's Up with Erasmus?



## BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

We extended our partnership with **University of Valencia**(E VALENCIA01), Spain until 2027

- We extended our partnership with **University of Malaga**(E MALAGA01), Spain until 2027.
- We extended our partnership with **University of EASD Segovia**(E SEGOVIA06), Spain until 2027.
- We extended our partnership with **ESAD College of Art and Design**(P MATOSIN01), Portugal until 2027.
- We extended our partnership with **University of Information and Technology**(PL RZESZOW03), Poland until 2027.
- Negotiations with **Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France** are continuing for bilateral agreement.



## MOBILITIES

- **Faculty of Applied Sciences Faculty Erasmus Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Ebru NERGİZ** has completed her Teaching Mobility in Azerbaijan!
- **Faculty of Applied Sciences member Assist. Prof. Ahmet Esad YURTSEVER** has completed his Teaching Mobility in Estonia.
- A student from Health Sciences Faculty, **Gonca Nur EGELİ** has completed her Erasmus Internship Mobility process in Austria.
- A student from School of Physical Education and Sport, **Yiğit Yusuf BAY** has started his Erasmus Internship Mobility in Germany.
- A student from the Faculty of Applied Sciences, **Ezgi Nur DALKILIÇ** has completed her Erasmus Internship Mobility in Spain.
- A student from Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, **Ceren ÇOĞALMIŞ** and a student from Faculty of Applied Sciences, **Namık Arda YAĞCI** have completed their mobility in Germany.





# Experience from Erasmus+: Try Erasmus+!



Hello,

In my last year at university, I went to Hagen, Germany under the Erasmus+ Internship Mobility Program. It was undoubtedly the best and most exciting experience I have ever had in my life.

I stayed for 2 months in a city which I did not know before. Communicating with people from different cultures with different languages taught me so much and it turned me to a new person. This program, which allowed me to travel and know every inch of the place, also contributed to me a lot in terms of language. I would definitely recommend this unique experience to every student. It adds more beauty to your university life and remains a memory that you will never forget.

I would like to thank Istanbul Gelisim University for giving me such an opportunity.

**Ceren OĐALMIŐ**  
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# DISCOVER THE WORLD

## Malbork Castle

Malbork is a city/town with a population of 40 thousand on the banks of the Nogat River in the south of Gdańsk in the north of Poland. The famous Malbork Castle is named after this city. The largest castle in the world by surface area, Malbork Castle was built in Prussia by the Teutonic Knights, a Crusader Catholic German sect, in the form of Ordensburg Castle in the late 1200s. The castle which was completed in 1406 has classical Middle Age architecture and it takes up a space of 143,591 square meters. It is also one of the most famous castles in both Poland and Europe. In addition, Malbork is the biggest brick castle in the world since its completion. UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) designated the "Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork" and the Malbork Castle Museum a World Heritage Site in December 1997. It is one of two World Heritage Sites in the region (north-central Poland), together with the "Medieval Town of Toruń", which was founded in 1231. Traveling the whole castle as a visitor takes 4 or 5 hours. With its large fortress, towers, courtyards and dozens of rooms to visit, once you enter, you will get lost by wandering.

### Teutonic Knights

The Teutonic Knights, whose full name is "Hospital of St. Mary of Jerusalem and the Order of the Teutonic Knights", is a Teutonic-Roman religious sect founded in 1190. The original purpose of the sect was to establish a hospital to assist Catholic pilgrims on their pilgrimage and to care for sick and injured Catholics. Other than this act of service, the knights also showed themselves in military service. They participated in the Crusades in the Middle Age. After the Crusades, they began to collect taxes from variable spots and took part in several battles. The Teutonic Knights managed to survive in Europe for nearly 800 years. And there are some Teutonic Knights who still exist today.

The famous castle witnessed countless wars but undoubtedly the most shaking experience for the castle was World War II. The castle took numerous damages in that time like the rest of the world. The castle, which was under the control of the Nazis during the war, was given to Poland after the war and underwent a restoration process. This restoration process has been managed very successfully and still manages to fascinate the visitors of the castle with its historical texture. The castle has been used as a museum since 1961. In this museum, it is possible to see many works related to ancient arts, royalty, scientific studies and the Teutonic Order.

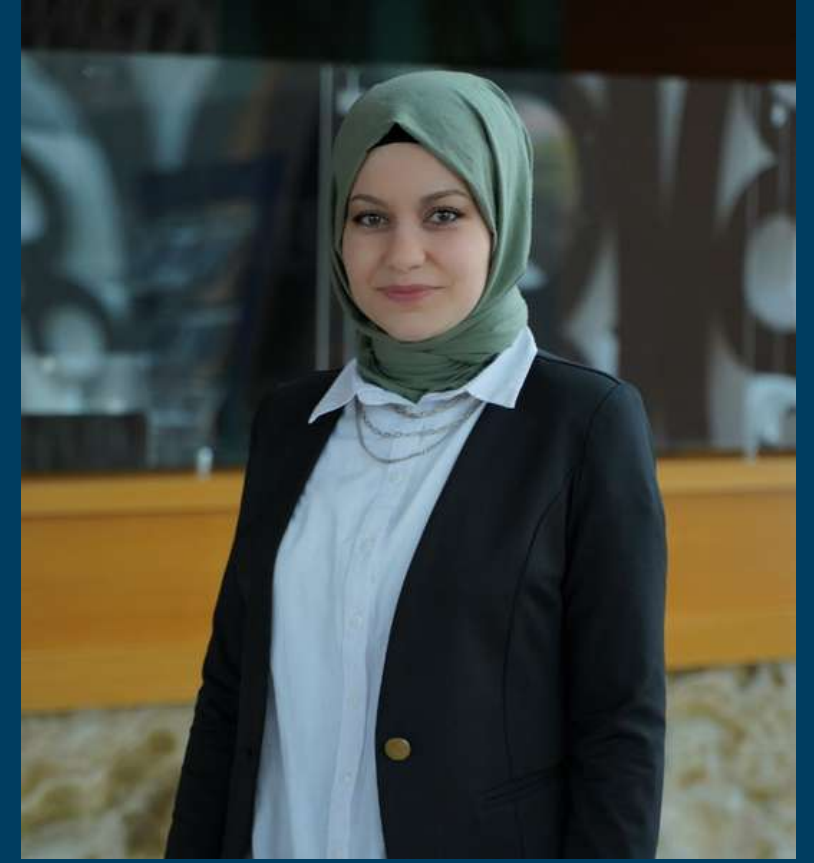
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