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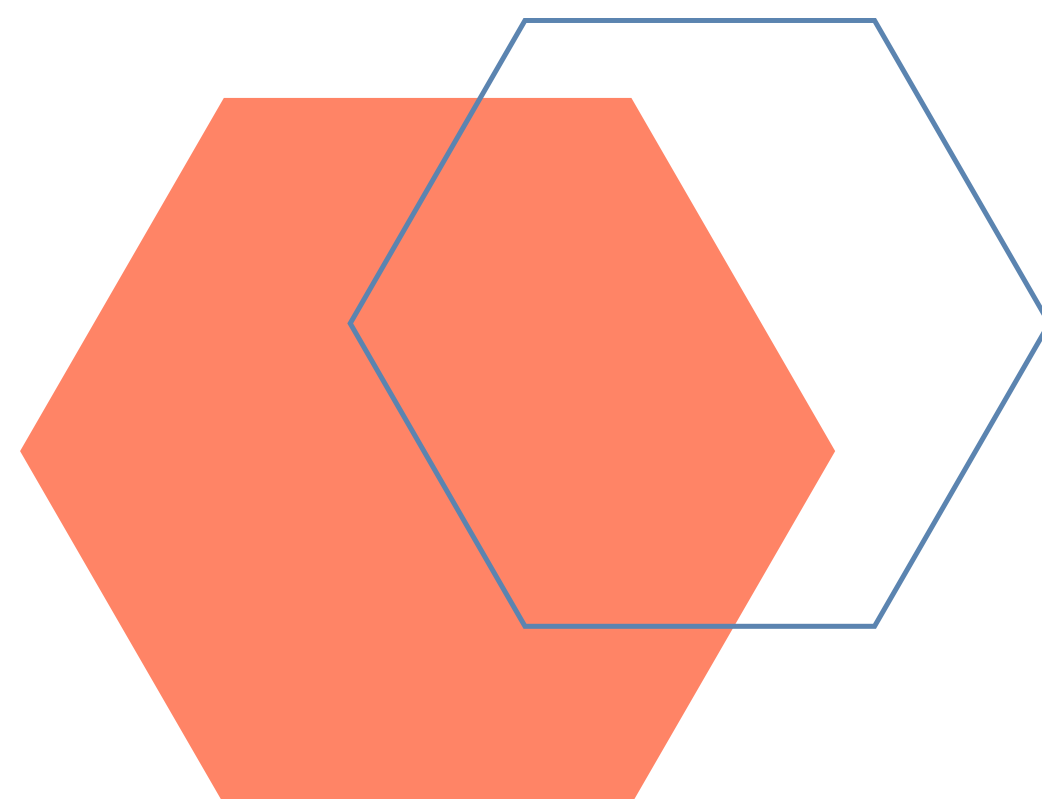
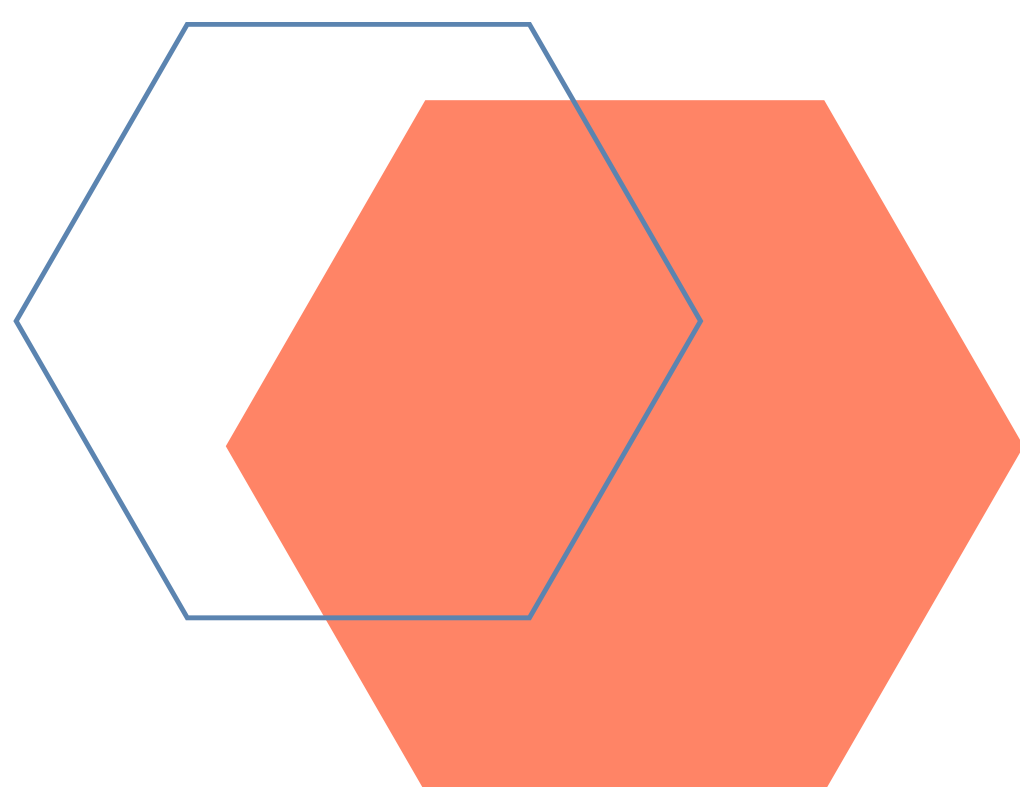
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HOW WAS DECEMBER IN IEKO?



As IGU IEKO, the grant agreement of our project named “My Business Partner”, which we presented within the scope of the International Migration Policy Development Center (ICMPD)'s "Enhancing Entrepreneurship Capacities for Sustainable Socio-Economic Cohesion (Enhancer/FRIT)" Project call and was deemed worthy of grant was signed on 26 December. The project, which includes social, economic and cultural integration in order to provide sustainable employment and livelihoods to Syrians and local host communities, and which will last for 12 months, is a first for IGU in terms of both its content and financing source. The fact that the Refugees and Asylum Seekers Assistance and Solidarity Association's involvement in the project as a partner institution will contribute to the strengthening of university-civil society cooperation.

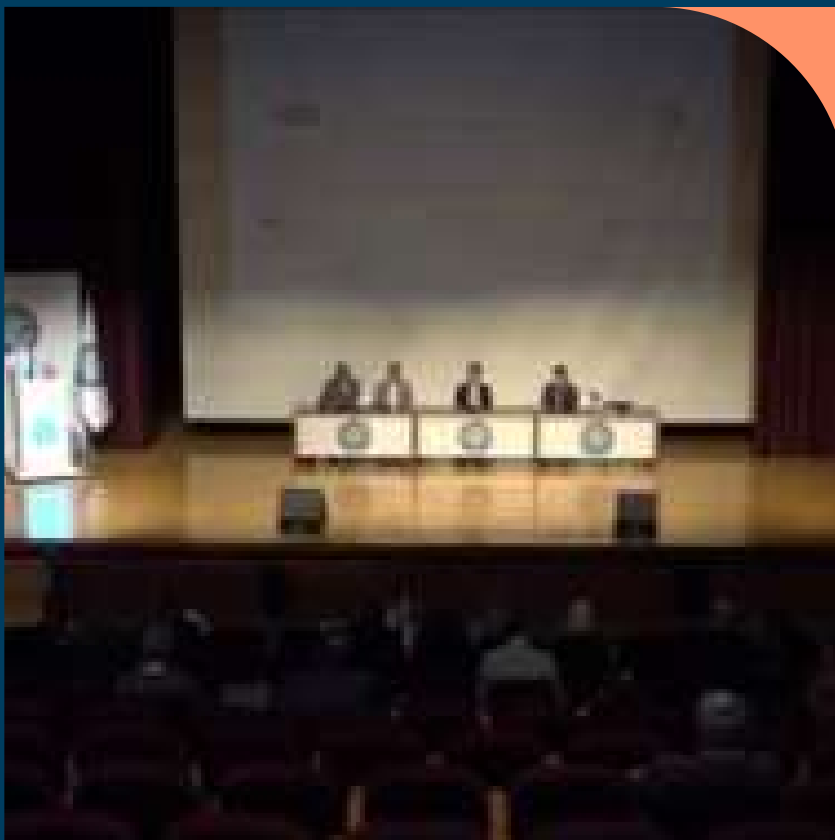


As Istanbul Gelisim University IEKO, we participated in the Internationalization in Higher Education Consultation Meeting, hosted by Istanbul University on December 20, 2022. Representing our university, Vice Rector for Research and Development Prof. Dr. Necmettin MARAŞLI and IEKO Coordinator Alisa USUBOVA attended the meeting.

Adopting the Internationalization strategy of The Council of Higher Education, Istanbul Gelisim University has adopted as its goal to increase its human, social, cultural, intellectual and organizational capital through internationalization. In this respect, the information obtained within the scope of the meeting is important in terms of guiding the IGU Internationalization strategy.



Istanbul Gelisim University International Exchange and Cooperation Office organized an orientation program on 01.12.2022 for International Exchange and Cooperation Department and Faculty/Department Coordinators, who play an active role in the management of study and internship mobility processes in exchanges realized within the scope of Erasmus+ Program. The program started with the speeches of IEKO Coordinator Alisa USUBOVA, Vice Rector for Research and Development Prof. Dr. Necmettin MARAŞLI and Vice Rector for Education and Training Prof. Dr. Nuri KURUOĞLU participated in the meeting. In the presentation made by IEKO Specialist Sena DUMAN, the issues to be considered within the scope of mobility, the necessary documentation process and the steps to be followed were discussed.



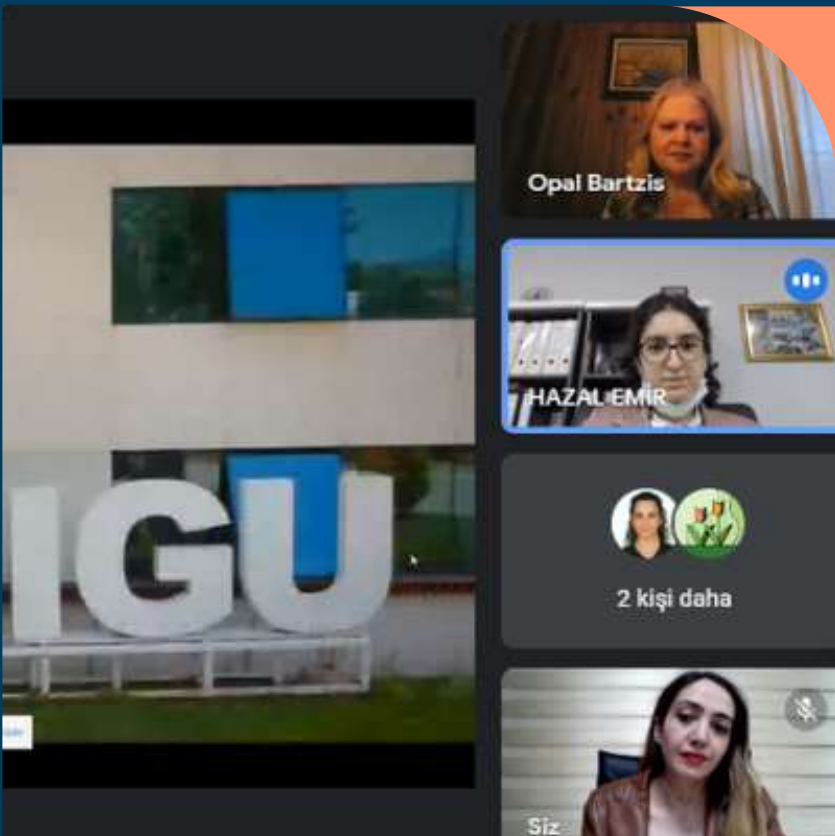
Istanbul Gelisim University International Exchange and Cooperation Office participated in the Central Projects Information Meeting hosted by Bursa Uludağ University on 7-8 December 2022 by the Turkish National Agency. The meeting, which consisted of 4 sessions and attended by IEKO Coordinator Alisa USUBOVA representing our university, continued for 2 days.

It is aimed that IGU, which does not already have the KA-3 Project, will turn to Brussels-based projects strongly encouraged by the Turkish National Agency, and also reach the capacity that can receive a share from the KA-3 projects, thereby contributing to the diversification of financing resources and strengthening its prestige.

HOW WAS DECEMBER IN IECO?



The International Exchange and Cooperation Office continues to expand its cooperation within the scope of Study and Internship Mobility. After nearly 150 agreements made within the scope of Study Mobility, the office took action to support students in finding an institution within the scope of internship mobility. Among the contracted institutions are architectural companies, restaurants and entrepreneurship companies.



An online meeting was held with Michigan State University in the USA at the point of partnership establishment within the scope of International Credit Mobility (ICM). Opal Leeman BARTZIS, who is working as the Director of Foreign Education at Michigan State University, IECO Coordinator Alisa USUBOVA, Res.Assist. Ümran ALTUNDAL, IECO Specialist Gülcan Güven YEŞİLGÜL participated in the meeting and IECO Assistant Specialist Hazal EMİR made a presentation. The meeting, which started with a general introduction of IGU and its achievements, ended with the introduction of Türkiye and Istanbul. Following the presentation of EMİR, Res. See. Ümran ALTUNDAL gave her own presentation introducing the Department of Social Work. After the end of the meeting, necessary information and documents for cooperation were shared with BARTZIS. Correspondence for the establishment of a partnership within the scope of the project is still ongoing.



The International Exchange and Cooperation Office signed an agreement with the University of Deusto, one of the leading universities in Spain, in the "Tourism" section in order to offer more alternatives to its stakeholders and to strengthen the presence of IGU in Spain.

IECO carries out important works for IGU to reach its internationalization goals with the projects it realizes and the bilateral agreements it has increased day by day, both within and outside of Erasmus+. As with every agreement made, the agreement which was signed with the University of Deusto will be a valuable step in increasing the recognition of IGU globally.



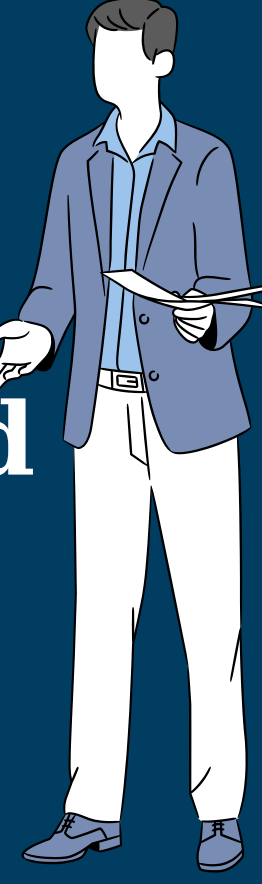
Istanbul Gelisim University International Exchange and Cooperation Office hosted Istanbul Gedik University Erasmus+ Coordinator Inst. See. Yücel KAMAR on 16 December.

Within the scope of the visit, information was given about the working procedures of our office on issues such as selection, follow-up, and coordination, especially the documentation and archive processes of IECO, as well as the project processes.

It is aimed that the visit will make significant contributions to increasing the local recognition of our university.



Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Applications Have Started



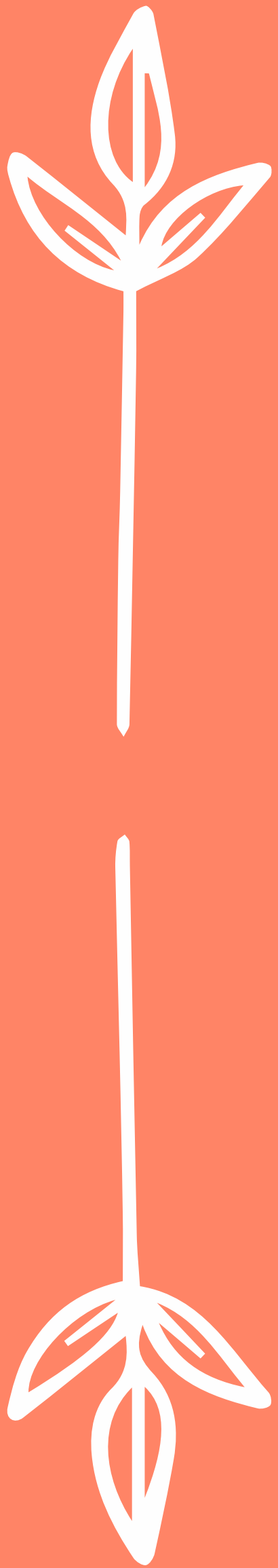
Applications started on 26.01.2023 for the academic and administrative staff of our university who would like to participate in Erasmus+ Staff Teaching and Training mobility within the scope of Erasmus+ and Consortium Mobility (Small Steps Big Results, Smart Consortium) for 2020, 2021, and 2022 contract periods.

In the applications received through the application portal (<https://erasmusbasvuru.ua.gov.tr/>) and which will last until 14 February, a quota of 15 people in total in the context of teaching mobility and 20 in the context of training mobility has been allocated. As of the day, we started receiving applications, the exchange programs attracted great interest from our staff. Within the scope of the announcement we have made is 3 projects in total:

For 2020 and 2021 Smart Consortium Project Staff Mobility for Training, a total of 4 quotas, 2 for each, 2020 Project Small Steps Big Results Consortium Project 2 for Training Mobility Additional Application, 2021 Project 5 quotas for Teaching Mobility, for 2022 Project Erasmus+ Staff there are 10 quotas for Teaching Mobility and 14 for Training Mobility.

As IGU IECO, we have been attaching great importance to being involved in consortium partnerships since 2019 so that more of our students and staff can benefit from exchange programs. Our partnership continues in 2 consortium projects carried out under the coordination of the All Communication and Media Federation (Small Steps, Big Results) and Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University (Smart Consortium) established in 2019.

With the contribution of consortium partnerships, we coordinate more than 50 outbound staff mobility every year. At IECO, we work devotedly and meticulously to the point of increasing this number exponentially.





The Pearl of Eastern Partnership Azerbaijan is Open to "GELISIM"

Istanbul Gelisim University IECO visited our current partner institutions and potential partner institutions in Azerbaijan between 16-20 January 2023.

Our university was effectively promoted within the scope of the visit to 7 universities, 2 of which were partner institutions, in Azerbaijan, which ranks 4th among the target countries in the Document of Target-Oriented Internationalization in Higher Education. By IECO Project Specialist Gülcan GÜVEN YEŞİLGÜL, Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC), Azerbaijan Medical University (AMU), Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts (ADMIU), ADA University, Baku Slavic University (BSU), Western Caspian University (WCU)) and the National Aviation Academy (NAA) were visited, and meetings were held with the International Relations Unit of the universities.

Within the framework of the visit, our relations with Azerbaijan State Economics University and ADA University, which started within the scope of our International Credit Mobility (ICM) project partnership, which was accepted in 2020, and which we maintain with the current changes, were strengthened, while the meeting with the other 5 universities on the establishment of partnership and bilateral cooperation in the ICM application for 2023 provided. At the same time, information was provided on our 2022 application, which has already been accepted by our partner universities, and a presentation was made about the issues to be considered in the project implementation processes, selection, and document processes.

As a result of the visits, necessary initiatives were taken to sign a bilateral agreement with the institutions. MOUs, which include cooperation in every field and a framework for an agreement was prepared and delivered to the institutions digitally and physically. After the signature process is completed, Azerbaijan will be the country where we have the most MOUs.

The fact that The Council of Higher Education has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Türkiye, which has an important place in the context of internationalization strategies and is considered the main element of internationalization, brings Azerbaijan to the forefront for IGU, which creates internationalization strategies in line with The Council of Higher Education's goals. In this respect, IECO aims to deepen the presence of IGU in Azerbaijan by adding 5 new institutions to the existing Eastern Partnership within the scope of ICM.



Major Breakthrough in Internship Mobility: An agreement Signed with Michelin Star Restaurant Sedem



IECO started to work on reaching an agreement within the scope of Internship Mobility as well as Study Mobility agreements last December. As a result of intense efforts and correspondence within the scope of these studies, a very important internship agreement was made that our Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students can benefit from. Thanks to the internship agreement, our students will have the opportunity to perform their Erasmus+ Internship Mobility at the Michelin-starred Restaurant Sedem, which has a great reputation in the international arena.

Previously, many institutions were contacted to support our students in finding an institution for internship mobility. One of these institutions was the Vocational College of Hospitality and Tourism Maribor in Slovenia, which is our partner within the scope of Learning Mobility. The institution, with which we have been actively exchanging students and staff since 2021, stated that they would accept our students within the scope of Internship Mobility as a result of the meetings held. Within the scope of the agreement with the institution, Restaurant Sedem will accept 2 students per year for internship mobility. In addition, our bilateral agreement with the Vocational College of Hospitality and Tourism Maribor has been extended until 2029.

Restaurant Sedem is a world-renowned restaurant affiliated with the Vocational College of Hospitality and Tourism Maribor. The restaurant has been among the best restaurants in the city of Maribor three years in a row and won The Plate Michelin two years in a row. In addition to these achievements, it is an institution that carefully approaches students and young professionals and their careers.

Vocational College of Hospitality and Tourism Maribor, which mainly provides education in the fields of Tourism and Culinary Arts, is one of our important partners with which our cooperation is strong. The institution also has many achievements and awards in the international arena.

As Istanbul Gelisim University IECO, we aim to continue to increase our agreements day by day. These agreements will contribute greatly to the academic and social lives of our students.





Great News to FFA and FAE: The Number of Agreements are Increasing!

The International Exchange and Cooperation Office have made a breakthrough in the interior design and architecture departments. Within the scope of Erasmus+ Internship Mobility, agreements were made with architectural companies from many European countries.

As IECO, we have made agreements with companies in many European countries, especially with Italy and Germany, within the scope of internship mobility. Among these companies are MGARK in Padova, Italy for the Interior Design department, Direktorenhaus Museum für Kunst Handwerk Design in Berlin, the capital of Germany, and Extramus in Italy for architecture.

EXTRAMUS and MGARK, which are among the companies we made agreement with, are the institutions where many of our students have exchanged within the framework of Erasmus Internship Mobility. As a result of the meetings held with the institutions, it was shared that both institutions were very pleased with the contributions of our students who carried out their internship mobility in the previous periods, and that they would welcome new students in this direction.

The Direktorenhaus Museum für Kunst Handwerk Design, located in Berlin, the capital of Germany, is originally a museum. On January 12, 2023, Museum Director Eliza Ilieva and IECO Assistant Specialist Hazal Emir held an online meeting and made an important attempt to make the agreement. After the meeting, the agreement was completed with the institution and the agreement includes the Department of Interior Architecture as well as other departments in the Faculty of Fine Arts.

The International Exchange and Cooperation Office continues to increase its agreements with each passing day, to develop its students in this direction and to provide them with new experiences.





The Contributions of EAIE Continues: An Agreement Signed with Latvia

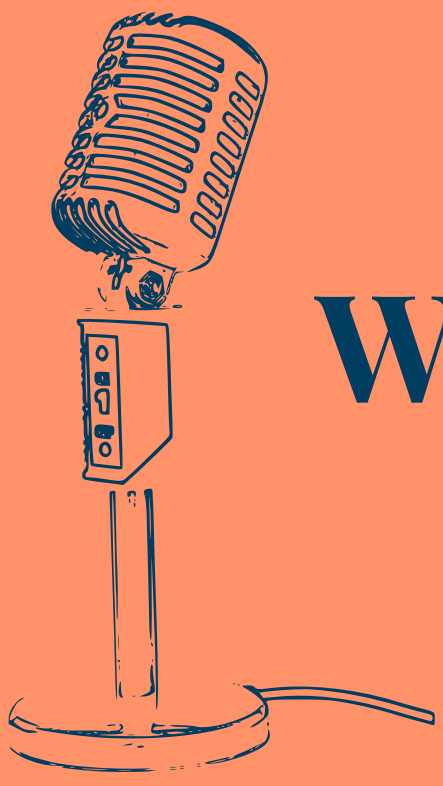
A new agreement was signed as a result of the negotiations held at the EAIE International Education Exhibition, Europe's largest higher education fair, attended by the International Exchange and Cooperation Office in September.

After the exhibition was held in Barcelona and attended by IECO Coordinator Alisa USUBOVA and IECO Specialist Sena DUMAN, information and thank you emails were sent to the institutions. As a result of the contacts made, the agreement process with the Transport and Telecommunication Institute in Latvia, covering the departments of Aviation Management, Electricity, Management Information Systems, Aircraft Engineering, and Airframe-Engine Maintenance, was concluded. Institutions will be able to exchange students and staff within the scope of the agreement.

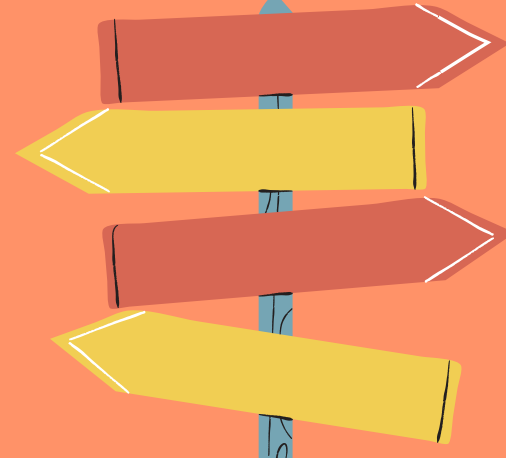
The Transport and Telecommunication Institute is located in Riga, the capital of Latvia. The university is the largest university in the capital Riga and is also a technical university. The foundation of the university dates back to 1919. In this respect, being a well-established institution is of great importance for both our students and our university in the context of quality change. The education quality of the university, which has 7 faculties, is technically and academically competent. In particular, since we currently have very few agreements in the field of aviation, the agreement with Latvia is of great importance in terms of offering more alternatives to our students and staff in terms of the institutions they can choose within the scope of their mobility.

Europe's largest education fair, EAIE, continues to contribute to Istanbul Gelisim University in achieving its internationalization goals. IECO will continue to increase its global effectiveness with the projects it writes, the events it organizes, and the ever-increasing collaborations and add value to Istanbul Gelisim University.





What's Up with Erasmus+?



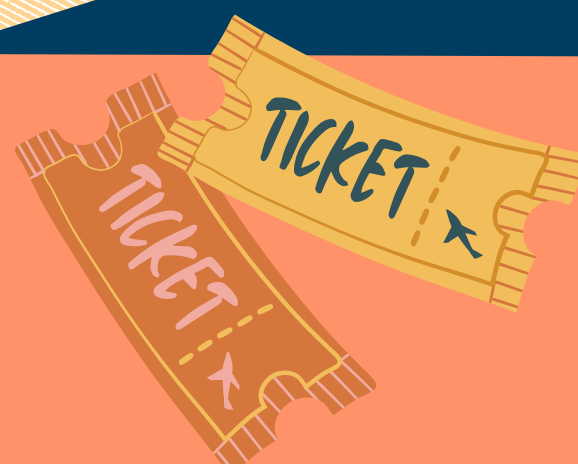
AGREEMENTS

- Our partnership with **International University of Vision**(MK GOSTIVA01) Macedonia was extended until 2029.
- A new agreement was signed with **Restaurant Arzak** in Spain within the scope of Internship Mobility.
- A new agreement was signed with **Youth Entrepreneurship Club** in Greece within the scope of Internship Mobility.
- A new agreement was signed with **Extramus** in Italy within the scope of Internship Mobility.
- A new agreement was signed with **Michele Gambato Architetto** in Italy within the scope of Internship Mobility.
- A new agreement was signed with **Direktorenhaus** in Germany within the scope of Internship Mobility.
- A new agreement was signed with **Restaurant Sedem** in Slovenia within the scope of Internship Mobility.



MOBILITIES

- **Aviation Management Erasmus Departmental Coordinator Res. Asst. Rabia Şentürk** has completed her **Training Mobility in Slovakia.**
- **The student from the Faculty of Applied Sciences Ahsen Sude Sadıklar** has started her **Study Mobility at the University of Valencia, Spain.**
- **The student from the FEAS Çiğdem Çalışkan** has started her **Study Mobility at the University of Ovideo, Spain.**



Experience from Erasmus+:

Try Erasmus+!



Hello Everyone,

Participating in the Erasmus+ program was one of the best decisions I've made in my life. Last spring semester, I completed my mobility in Žilina, which is a small city in Slovakia. I would like to point out that the High Tatras Mountain in Slovakia, really adds a different beauty to the city. Although it is small, we had 4 Turkish Döner restaurants in the city.:) I had taken time to finish my term as soon as possible and to travel around Europe. I had the opportunity to visit 11 countries in total. I have had incredible experiences. Also, I made new friends. These trips remind people of the idea that one can live freely, without the need for others. This is a feeling that every student should definitely experience. Do not miss this opportunity. Even if you lose everything, your experiences stay with you.





GEDIMINAS TOWER

Gediminas Tower is the remaining part of the Upper Fortress in Vilnius, Lithuania. The tower is an important state and historical symbol of the city of Vilnius and Lithuania itself. It is depicted on the litas, the ancient national currency, and the tower is mentioned in numerous Lithuanian patriotic poems and folk songs. The Lithuanian flag was hoisted atop the tower on October 7, 1988, during the independence movement that resulted in the Act of Re-establishment of the State of Lithuania on March 11, 1990. Gediminas Tower is located near the Lithuanian Royal Palace, the reconstruction of which was completed in 2009.

The first wooden walls of the tower were built by the Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas. The first brick castle was completed by Grand Duke Vytautas in 1409. The three-decker tower was rebuilt in 1933 by Polish architect Jan Borowski. In addition, some old castle ruins have been restored under the guidance of archaeological research.

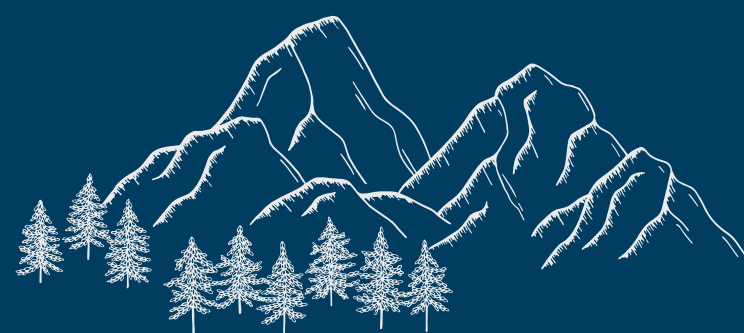
Visitors can reach the top of the tower on foot or by elevator. The tower houses a museum displaying archaeological finds from the hill and surrounding areas. The museum has models of Vilnius castles dating from the 14th to the 17th centuries, weapons and iconographic materials of Old Vilnius.

Legend of the Tower

Long ago, Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas was hunting in the forests of the Šventaragis Valley. Duke Gediminas hunted a wild bull, but was tired of the difficulty of the hunt and spent the night in the forest. Duke Gediminas dreamed that a great iron wolf stood on the hill where he was hunting that day, howling loudly as if it were a hundred wolves.

When the Duke returned to the palace, he asked the palace magician, Lizdeika, to explain his dream to him. The Palace Sorcerer interpreted this dream as follows: It was an omen that he should build a city on this place that would later become known around the world and become the magnificent capital of Lithuania.

Obedying the will of the gods, Gediminas began to build the future capital and the fortress. The city was named Vilnius after the nearby Vilnia river. The tower is the only surviving part of this castle built by Gediminas.





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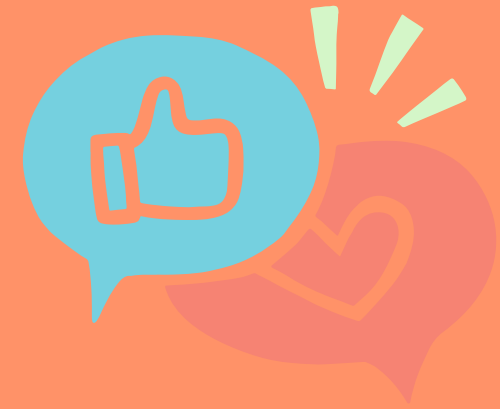
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