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*We Will Not  
Forget...*


We remember our citizens who lost their lives in the earthquake disaster that occurred on February 6 and affected 10 provinces with respect and love.

IGU IECO Family



# February 2023



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13th of February-World Radio Day

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# HOW WAS JANUARY IN IECO?



Applications started to be accepted on January 26 for our university's academic and administrative staff who would like to participate Erasmus+ Staff Teaching and Staff Training mobilities within the framework of Erasmus+ and Consortium Mobility (Small Steps, Big Results, Smart Consortium) belongs to the years of 2020,2021,2022 contract periods. Applications pertaining to the three project years and consisting of six announcements intended for AYBU and TIMEF Consortiums closed on February 20. All the announcements opened for application met with great interest by our university's staff. It is planned that the main and reserve lists that will be formed after the completion of the evaluation process within the framework of the criteria in the announcement will be shared on the website in the near future.



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



IECO started to make agreements in Internship Mobility besides Study Mobility in the last December. As a result of intense efforts and correspondence within the scope of these works, a crucial internship agreement is made for our Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students can benefit from. Thanks to the internship agreement, our students will have the opportunity to make their Erasmus+ Internship Mobility in an internationally reputed Michelin star restaurant Sedem Restaurant.

As Istanbul Gelisim University IECO family, we aim to continuously increase our agreements each day. And these agreements will contribute greatly to the academic and social lives of our students.



IECO made a major breakthrough for the departments of Interior Architecture and Architecture. Agreements were made with architectural companies from many European countries within the frame of Erasmus+ Internship Mobility.

The contracted companies, EXTRAMUS and MGARK are the institutions where many of our students have exchanged before 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 years and that is also added they would host gladly new students in this manner.

IECO continues to increase the agreements each day to develop its students and also continues to bring new experiences to the students.



A new agreement is signed after the negotiations at EAIE International Education Fair which is Europe's greatest higher education fair by IECO in September.

After the fair was held in Barcelona and attended by IECO Coordinator Alisa USUBOVA and IECO Program Specialist Sena DUMAN, information and appreciation emails were sent to the institution. As a result of the negotiations, the agreement process was concluded in Latvia's Transport and Telecommunication Institute's departments including Aviation Management, Management Information Systems, Aeronautical engineering, and Aircraft airframe and powerplant maintenance.

IECO continues to contribute values to Istanbul Gelisim University with its globally written projects, organized events, and increasing collaborations each day.



## WE HOSTED OUR SPRING SEMESTER INCOMING STUDENTS

As International Exchange and Cooperation Office, a student orientation meeting was held on 13 February 2023 for the students who came to our university during the spring semester of the 2022-2023 Academic Year within the scope of Erasmus+ Study Mobility.

The orientation meeting was held with the presentation of International Exchange and Cooperation Program Specialist Hazal Emir and Assistant Specialist Duygu Can and with the participation of Erasmus+ incoming students from the countries such as Germany, Poland, Romania, and Azerbaijan and Buddy students, which will help our students in their visit and completed their process before our incoming students visit. The presentation mentioned opportunities such as libraries, student clubs and sports provided by our university; course elections, exams and Istanbul. Following the presentation, a pleasant and interactive atmosphere was formed in the question-answer section where our International Exchange and Cooperation Programs Specialist Hazal Emir answered all the questions of our Erasmus+ students about our university. This interactive atmosphere enabled our Erasmus+ students and Buddy students to meet each other and have pleasant conversations.

Orientation meeting organized by the International Exchange and Cooperation Office, for the students who come to our university within the scope of Erasmus+ at the beginning of each semester, helps our students and increases their commitment to our university.





# "MY BUSINESS PARTNER" PROJECT FIRST IMPLEMENTATION VISIT

Istanbul Gelisim University, IECO (International Exchange And Cooperation Office) hosted the representatives from International Centre for Migration Policy (ICMPD) on February 8, 2023, within the scope of project monitoring.

The first visit, which is among the routine monitoring visits within the project's scope, was made by Project Specialists İrem HARMAN and Onur DEMİRTAŞ. In the relevant visit, the activities which held before and the future activities were discussed in the project's framework. Also, during the visit which specialist Gülcan GÜVEN YEŞİLGÜL made a presentation on the progress of the project, and the reports on the processes that had already been completed, were submitted to the authorities.

"My Business Partner" project, which was presented by ICMPD within the scope of the 2021 ENHANCER Project call and based on the principle that the integration of social and economic life of temporarily protected Syrians, started to be implemented with the signing of the contract on 16 December 2022.

The project is holding a great importance in both creating an employment area and elevating GNP for the aim of encouragement of temporarily protected Syrians (SuTP) who are already entrepreneurs and/or who would like to become entrepreneurs through training and workshop activities within the project is planned to provide training for a total of 50 people to consist of 30 Syrians and 20 university mentor students.

The project, which is first brought by IECO to our university both in the terms of content and fund aims to increase the recognition of our university.







## **IGU's International Network is Getting Stronger: A Visit from Indonesia to Our University**

Istanbul Gelisim University's international network continues to strengthen. This month, guests from Indonesia visited Istanbul Gelisim University and held a meeting with the International Exchange and Cooperation Office.

February was very productive in terms of meetings with the International Exchange and Cooperation Office. A group of guests from Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia visited our university and met with International Exchange and Cooperation Coordinator Alisa Usubova.

Our guests first visited Istanbul Gelisim University International Student Office. After this visit, the guests visited the International Exchange and Cooperation Office and the meeting took place. The meeting discussed the potential cooperation between Istanbul Gelisim University and Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia. International Exchange and Cooperation Coordinator Alisa Usubova mentioned the achievements, duties and goals of the office. In addition, IGU's accreditation and ranking successes in the global community were mentioned. Guests, on the other hand, received information about the potential cooperation between Universitas Pendidikan and they spoke about the university's achievements and goals. From time to time, after the interview, the international office representative also contributed to the possible cooperation and mutual reconciliation was issued.

Thanks to international negotiations and agreements, IGU is walking confidently toward its internationalization goals. Undoubtedly, the role of IECO cannot be denied in achieving this goal.



# **STRONG IGU in AZERBAIJAN: EASTERN PARTNERSHIP IS REINFORCING**

Istanbul Gelisim University IECO visited potential partner institutions and current partner institutions in Azerbaijan between January 16 and January 20, 2023. Following the visit, the agreement processes with the institutions started within the compatibility framework of the agreements.



The two partner universities (ADA & Azerbaijan State University of Economics) and the five non-partner universities (Azerbaijan Medical University, Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts, Western Caspian University, National Aviation, and Baku Slavic University) were visited. During the relevant visit, potential areas for cooperation were evaluated and it was planned to build the partnership on two levels; International Credit Mobility (ICM) and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). After the visit, the five non-partner universities are included in Eastern Partnership within the scope of the 2023 ICM application, following the requested PIF (Partner Information Form) submissions.

At the same time, MOU, a cooperation agreement undertaking in every field, was prepared and forwarded both in the physical environment and via mail to the aforementioned institutions. In a short time, contract signing processes were completed with Baku Slavic University, Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts and Azerbaijan Medical University. Signature processes of the other two universities have not been completed yet and they are expected to be completed in near future.

IECO carries out intensive studies to increase the number of contracting institutions both within Erasmus+ and without Erasmus+. In this manner, intense work is being carried out to establish advanced collaborations for developing the relationship between both EU Members of third countries associated with the program and third countries not associated with the program.



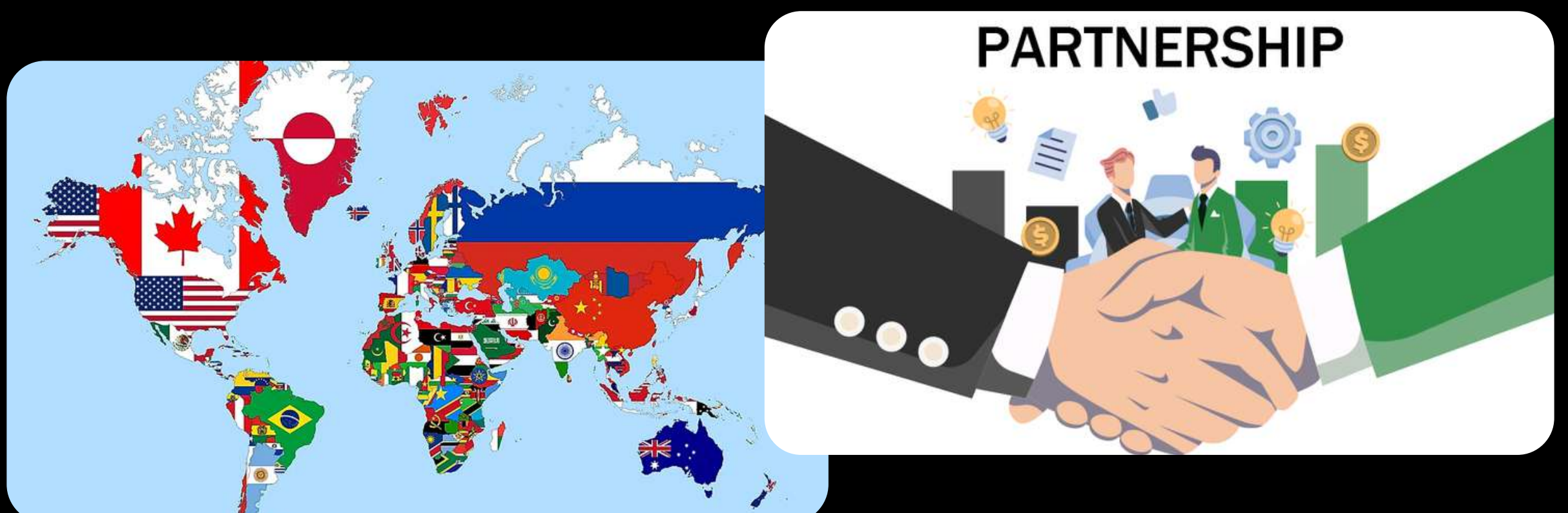
# IGU and Its Accomplishments in Global Arena: Collaborations Within the Scope of KA-171

Within the scope of the KA-171 project, Istanbul Gelisim University International Exchange and Cooperation Office signed new cooperation agreements with universities from various countries.

The International Exchange and Cooperation Office has long been in contact with many countries within the scope of the KA-171 project. Agreements were signed with most of the institutions which we contacted and we became partners within the scope of the project.

KA-171 Projects is also known as International Credit Mobility. International Credit Mobility is a European Union program that allows universities to exchange students and staff with countries outside the scope of “EU members and Program-related third countries”. The most important aspect where the program differs from the Erasmus Program is that it can exchange students and staff with “third countries not related to the Programme” (169 Countries Divided into 14 Different Regions) within the framework of certain procedures. Currently, Istanbul Gelisim University has agreements with 5 different countries within the scope of this project. These countries are the United States of America, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Jordan and Indonesia. As a result of long-term research, the best universities of the countries from many different regions were contacted and much feedback was received. These countries include Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Kosovo in the Balkans; Georgia located in the South Caucasus; Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan in Central Asia, India, Pakistan and Malaysia in Asia, Morocco in North Africa, Cuba and Chile in Latin America, and lastly Russia and Ukraine.

The major breakthrough made by our office within the scope of International Credit Mobility is aimed to further increase the promotion and recognition of our university in the relevant countries.







**"MY BUSINESS PARTNER"  
THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION HAS STARTED**

Within the scope of the "My Business Partner" project, which was deemed worthy of the grant within the scope of the 2021 ENHANCER call of the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), the contract signing process was completed on December 16, 2022, and the first steps regarding the implementation process began to be taken.

Following the sharing of the details of the project implementation at the opening meeting held by ICMPD on January 6, 2023, the proposal process for the procurement of translation services was started by IECO. Within the scope of the service, which includes the translation of the trainings in the project into Arabic within a 6-week training calendar, the proposals received from 10 companies were evaluated and it was decided to work with DAF Translation Company, which offered the most reasonable offer for translation.

In line with the decision, at the meeting held by IECO Coordinator Alisa USUBOVA and Specialist Gülcan GÜVEN YEŞİLGÜL with the participation of DAF representatives on February 6, 2023, the areas where the translation will be needed, the costs of translation services, training planning for the translator were discussed.

IECO aims to improve the quality of project implementation by carrying out studies with DAF, an institution that our university currently receives services from. With the successful implementation of the project, it will be possible to increase the number of ICMPD-sourced projects to which applications will be made in the future.





## **ERASMUS PROJECT WORKSHOP CONTINUES TO ADD VALUES TO ITS BENEFICIARIES**

A "Project Writing & Development Workshop" was held by the International Exchange and Cooperation Office, which started in February 2022, with the participation of 10 students in a 7-week period. In the workshop, which aims to provide critical and analytical thinking skills and teamwork skills, all project processes from literature review to creating a problem tree, from project writing techniques to project implementation were carefully transferred to the students.

Within the scope of the workshop, it was aimed at the students to learn the project processes, which are of great importance for many sectors, especially for CSO, local governments, and universities, and in this direction, the project forms belonging to the EU and Ministries were introduced and projects were developed

The exchange project no. KA152, prepared by the Turkish Psychology Students Working Group (TPSWG), formed by 3 university students under the leadership of Betül ŞİMŞEK, one of our workshop students, was deemed worthy of a grant. TPSWG, which is based on the intensity of stress and anxiety among young people in the current period; designed workshop activities on creativity, teamwork, leadership, feedback, effective communication, time and crisis management. At the same time, TPSWG achieved great success with the acceptance of the project, which includes breathing exercises, meditation and yoga activities so that young people can manage their stress and anxiety. Betül ŞİMŞEK, the leader of the team, expressed her gratitude for the contribution of the workshop to her and therefore to the project at this point.

All the activities carried out or to be carried out by IECO, it is aimed to strengthen the prestige of our university in the national and international arena, as well as to provide value and contribution to the internal stakeholders of our university.





# What's Up with Erasmus?



## A BRIEF LOOK INTO IECO

- Applications for Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching and Training have finished.
- As part of the Spring Term Exchange Program, 12 students from Germany, Poland, Romania and Azerbaijan came to our university to study.
- Residence permit documents and course registrations of the students who came to our university within the scope of the Spring Term Exchange Program have been completed.
- Grant instructions have been given to students who will complete their mobility for the 2022-2023 Academic Year Spring Semester.
- Recognition 1 decisions of the students who will start their mobility in the Spring Semester of the 2022-2023 Academic Year have been taken and their contracts have been prepared.
- The processes of the staff who would like to come to our university within the scope of Erasmus+ Training and Teaching Mobility have been started.



## MEETINGS

- **The Orientation Meeting, attended by the incoming students and buddy students who came to our university to study within the scope of the Spring Term Exchange Program, was held on February 13, 2023.**
- **An online meeting was held with Universitas Pendidikan in Indonesia to ensure bilateral cooperation on 24th of March.**
- **A meeting was held with ICMPD Representatives on 8th of February 2023.**
- **A meeting was held with DAF officials on February 6, 2023.**





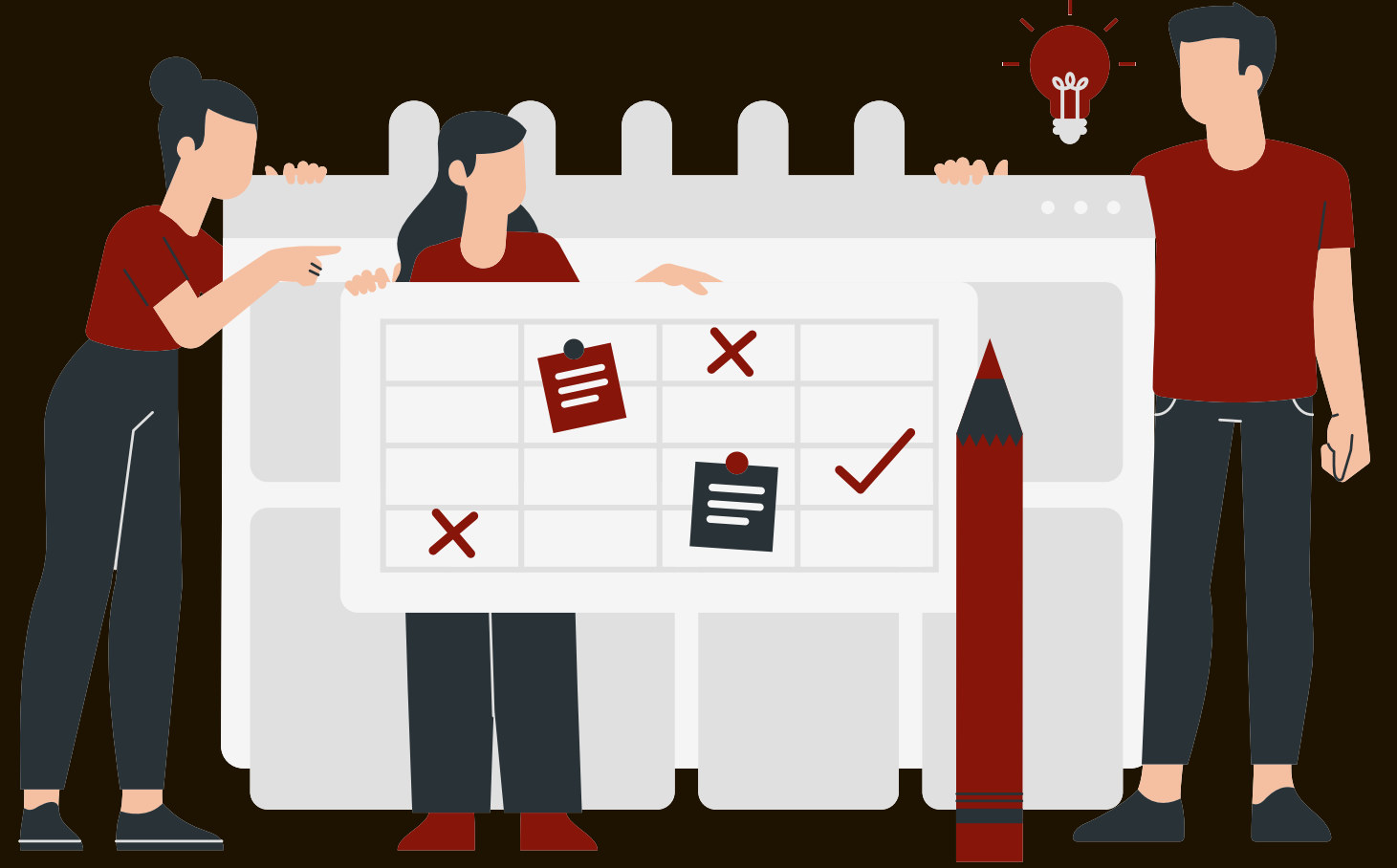


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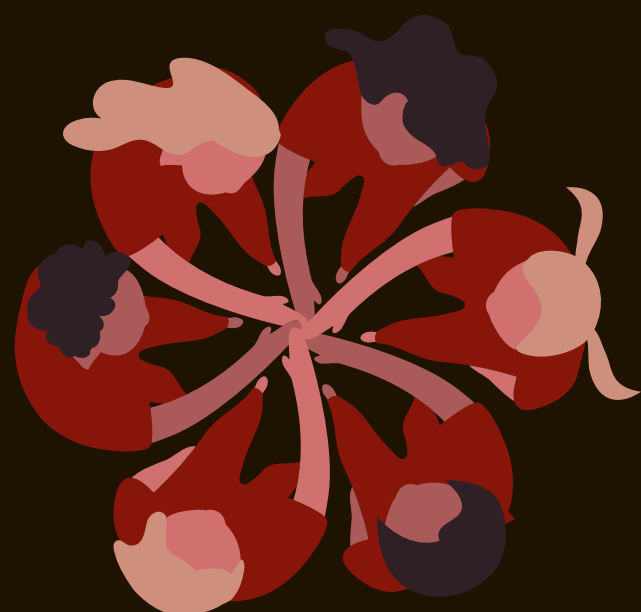
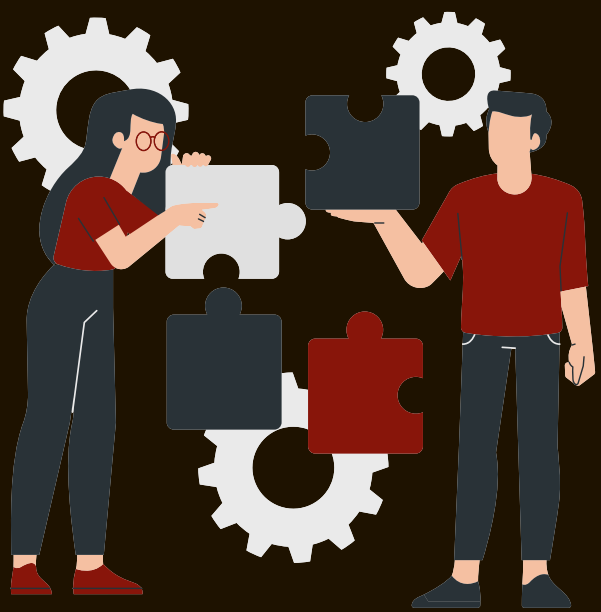
## MOBILITIES

- The students from the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Physical Education and Support have started their Erasmus+ Study Mobility.
- Lecturer Muhammed Hüseyin Peker from the Vocational School of Health Services has completed his Staff Teaching Mobility in Portugal.



## MOBILITIES

- **The students from Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School have started their Erasmus+ Study Mobility.**
- **The student from Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, **Begüm TONYALI** has started her internship mobility in Spain**
- **The student from the Faculty of Health Sciences, **Şuheyda TERAT** has started her intenshp mobility in Italy.**





# Experience from Erasmus: Try Erasmus!



Hello,

I am Diyanet Kaya, a senior student at Istanbul Gelişim University, Banking and Insurance department. I always heard the name of the Erasmus program, but I never knew that I would go myself one day. When starting this path, there is always someone who either idolizes or gets support with great directions. At this point, I would like to thank my lecturer Dr. Lokman Kantar, the Banking and Insurance department head and my department Erasmus coordinator, Res. Assistant İllknur Külekçi for their support and encouraging me to embark on such an adventure with the right guidance.

Until I joined the Erasmus program, I was in favor of the answer that the person who travels a lot, has a much stronger memory, while giving the answer to the question "Does he who travels a lot, knows or reads a lot". Because when you join a European country, you have the opportunity to visit and see other European countries. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, I have been to many other European countries with planned and programmed trips, and by meeting new people from these countries and having the opportunity to spend time with them, I learned about different cultures, languages, religions, food and many more. The reason we share our experiences here is that other fellow students participate in such innovative programs by taking us as an example. Of course, there are some good aspects of this road as well as some difficult aspects. But remember that if there are no difficulties on the path you are walking, that path will lead you nowhere. So once you get used to it, nothing is difficult. Trust yourself, the rest will come.





# DISCOVER THE WORLD

## VERSAILLES PALACE

The Palace of Versailles is a complex of castles and palaces and is a former royal residence of France. It is one of the most famous monuments in France and one of the largest palaces in Europe. The palace (Château de Versailles) is located 20 kilometers south of Paris, the capital of France, and is 360 years old today. The Palace has played an important role in the history of France for many years also.

The Palace of Versailles was originally a modest hunting lodge built for Louis XIII in 1631. However, the king's son, Louis XIV, built the current palace outside of Paris and moved the country's administration and courts to Versailles in 1682. The palace remained the epicenter of French royalty until 1789. In 1789, a revolutionary group of mostly included women attacked the palace and kicked out King Louis XVI and his queen, Marie Antoinette. The king and queen were then sent to Paris, and both were executed by beheading in Paris.

The palace can accommodate 20 thousand people at the same time in size. Covering a total area of 110,000 square meters, the palace has 700 rooms, 67 stairs and more than 200 windows. There are countless handmade sculptures, paintings, items and furniture from different centuries inside the palace, whose interior design is made of gold fabrics, heavy starry plaster coating and marbling. Structurally, the Versailles Palace, which is accepted as the end of the baroque period and the beginning of the classical style, is one of the architectural works that summarizes French history as well as reflects all the features of the royal period.

An interesting feature of the palace is that until the French Revolution of 1789, there were no toilets and bathrooms in the palace, according to the understanding of nobility at that time, with the thought that the nobles could meet their needs wherever they wanted. This is why it was widely said in Europe that the scent of the palace of Versailles was "unique from all the palaces in Europe" (Memoirs: Duc de Saint-Simon). The most famous room in the palace is the Hall of Mirrors. The Hall of Mirrors was built by the Venetians, who were famous for the decoration of the period. These artists were killed by the Venetian Government after the hall was built to keep the mirror-making secret.

The Palace of Versailles is still one of the most visited places in France with its halls, gardens, secrets and history.



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