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1-7 March-- Earthquake Week

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National Anthem*

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HOW WAS FEBRUARY IN IECO?



The 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, who will help our students in their mobility. A pleasant and interactive atmosphere was created in the question-answer section where the questions of our Erasmus+ students about our university were answered. 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.



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 activities carried out and will be carried out discussed within the scope of the project. "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 26 December 2022. The project is holding 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.



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).



PARTNERSHIP

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. As a result of long-term research, the best universities of the countries from many different regions were contacted and positive 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 at further increasing the promotion and recognition of our university in the relevant countries.



"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 7 weeks. 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. 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 in the current period. All the activities carried out and to be carried out by IECO are 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.



ERASMUS+ STAFF MOBILITY APPLICATION RESULTS ARE ANNOUNCED

Applications were received on 26.01.2023-20.02.2023 for our university's academic and administrative staff 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. The application results were announced on March 24, 2023.

From the day we started receiving applications, the exchange programs attracted great interest from our staff and hundreds of applications were made within the scope of the related projects.

After the applications were over, the long and intense evaluation process began. Evaluations were carried out within the scope of the evaluation criteria determined for the relevant project year. In the evaluation process, the institutions that our staff would like to carry out mobility were determined in line with their preferences. Mobility institutions include new partners in France, Latvia and Lithuania, and established partners in countries such as Spain, Germany, and Italy.

Our staff, who were on the main list in the application results, were entitled to participate in the mobility with a grant. Apart from this, the requests of our staff who are on the reserve list and want to participate in the mobility without a grant were also received. The high demand for staff who would like to participate in the mobility without a grant is an indication of the intense interest in the program.

As IECO, we successfully manage Erasmus+ and Consortium processes. Smart Consortium and Small Steps Big Results Through our consortium projects, we ensure that more of our staff benefit from Erasmus+ mobility and gain new experiences every semester. It is an important plus for us that both our students and staff carry out more activities in the international arena. Thanks to these activities, we reach our internationalisation goals daily.





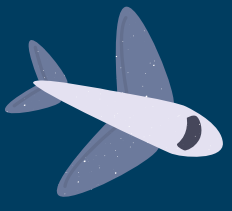
VISITS TO IGU IS CONTINUING: UNIVERSITY of SIALKOT

2022-2023 Spring semester is going to be very productive and intense for IECO. This month, a visit was made to our university from the University of Sialkot in Pakistan, with which we have been collaborating for a long time.

On March 6, 2023, two representatives from the University of Sialkot visited our university. At the meeting held within the scope of the relevant visit, Chairman of the Board of Governor Faisal Manzoor and Executive Director Muhammed Rehan Younas representing the University of Sialkot, Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Necmettin MARAŞLI, IECO Coordinator Alisa Usubova, IECO Specialist Hazal Emir and IECO Assistant Specialist Duygu Can participated. Our bilateral cooperation agreement was renewed within the scope of the meeting.

The guests were first hosted at the International Exchange and Cooperation Office. Afterwards, the guests were invited to attend the meeting in Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Necmettin Maraşlı's room. At the meeting, IECO Specialist Hazal Emir made a presentation about Istanbul Gelisim University. In the presentation, IGU and its faculties, general information about the university, international achievements of IGU and the agreements which have been made, including Erasmus+ agreements, were mentioned in detail. After the IGU presentation was over, University of Sialkot representatives also made a presentation introducing their universities and Pakistan. Representatives also shared the special events they organize in addition to their universities, faculties and departments. At the end of the meeting, International Student Office Director Umedjon Haitmuradov attended the meeting in order to provide more information about the international students of IGU. Sialkot representatives were very impressed with the success of IGU and stated that they would be happy to renew the bilateral cooperation agreement.

All these international visits and meetings serve IGU to achieve its internationalization goals, and IECO is the cornerstone for the expansion of these cooperations.



Great Breakthrough in ICM Projects: The Application Including Exchanges with 22 Countries were Completed



The 2023 Project Year International Credit Mobility (KA-171) project application was completed by the International Exchange and Cooperation Office on March 18.

As IECO, the project that we brought to our university at the point of exchange with Azerbaijan and Ukraine for the first time in 2020, gained significant momentum with the addition of 5 universities from 3 regions; USA, Indonesia, and Jordan to the partnership in 2022.

Inspired by the project proposal accepted in 2022, a project proposal covering 33 universities from 22 countries in 9 regions, including Western Balkans, Eastern Partnership, Southern Mediterranean, Russia, Asia, Central Asia, Latin America, Caribbean, and USA regions, was prepared during the 2023 call period. Our application was uploaded to the system on 18.03.2023 within the scope of the project call, which had a deadline of 22.03.2023. After the application process, an exciting wait began for our university. After the positive results of the applications, our university will open its doors to 22 countries outside of Europe.

International Credit Mobility Projects are an important milestone for Istanbul Gelisim University, which set out with the ideal of being a "World university", as it is a suitable tool to be a "door opening to the world". If the project proposal, which is expected to be announced in August, is accepted, the prestige of our university will be strengthened by increasing its visibility in the international arena.



Within the scope of Erasmus+, a new agreement with Romania

This month, we continue to add a new agreement to our existing exchange program agreements. On the 8th of March 2023, we signed a bilateral agreement with the University of Ovidius in Constanta.

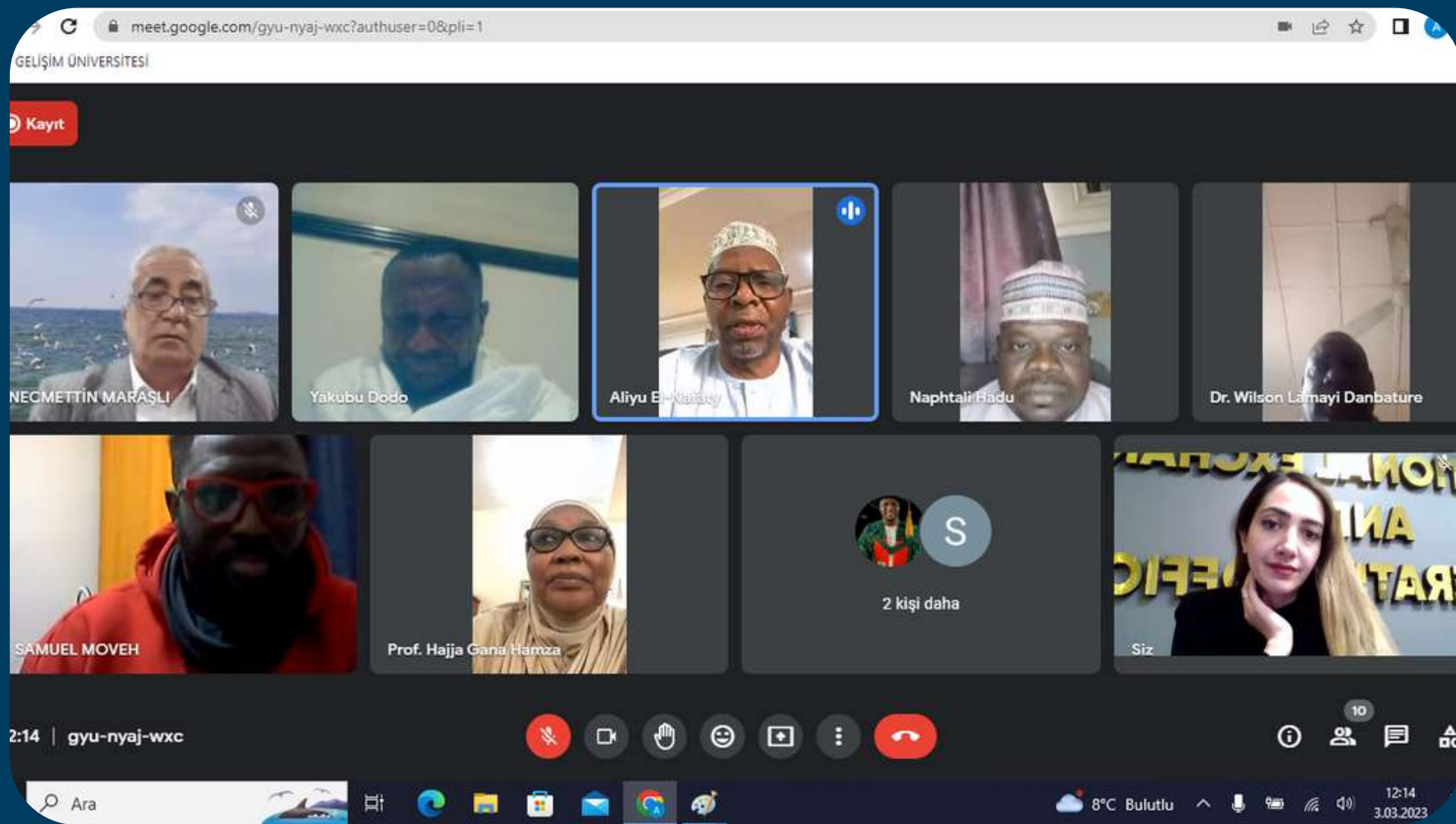


The University of Ovidius is a public university founded in 1961. The founder of the university is the Romania Ministry of National Education. The university was a pedagogical institute when it was founded, but later on, it became a comprehensive university in 1990. Today, the university has 16 faculties, 80 undergraduate programs, 70 graduate programs, and, 8 doctoral programs. Since all undergraduate programs are in English, the university has got an important place within the scope of Erasmus+. The university has students from many countries such as Türkiye, England, India, Israel, Morocco, and South Africa.

The university has two campuses, both of which are located in the city of Constanta. The main campus comprises an administrative centre and faculty of engineering, and the other campus comprises the faculty of humanities, theology, social sciences, and medicine. At the same time, the university is a member of the European University Association (EUA), the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE), and Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF). Additionally, the university is a founder member of the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN) and Balkan Universities Network (BUA).

As International Exchange and Cooperation Office, we will continue to increase our partners each day, and in this way, we will continue to present more mobilities in both studying and staff. Every partner acquired has great importance for us, IECO, and our university.





University of Gambia and İstanbul Gelisim University Moves Toward the Collaboration

International Exchange and Cooperation Office and representatives of the University of Gambia in Gambia held an online meeting on 10 March 2023.

İstanbul Gelisim University International Exchange And Cooperation Office and representatives of the University of Gambia met on 10 March 2023. Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Necmettin Maraşlı, IECO Coordinator Alisa Usubova, Faculty of Engineering and Architecture Aeronautical Engineering Department Erasmus+ Coordinator Samuel Moveh, and University of Gambia representatives attended the online meeting. At the meeting, institutional and international collaborations and potential agreements were discussed. In addition to this, both İstanbul Gelisim University and University of Gambia mentioned their success and projects in the international arena.

Gambia University is located in Serekunda, the largest city in Gambia. Although the university was opened in 1998, university started to receive student registrations in 1999. The university has 9 faculties, 1 institute of graduate studies, and 2 campuses. The university has various faculties such as Law, Economics, Nursing, Medicine, and Engineering. Gambia University launched the master's program in Public Health in collaboration with the University of Illinois at Springfield and the University of Iowa in the United States of America in 2012. According to many international lists, the university is the best university in the Gambia.

International Exchange and Cooperation Office will continue its meetings and visits to increase İstanbul Gelisim University's international recognition and cooperation. In this sense, each meeting is an important step.

A Lithuania Journey From the Faculty of Applied Sciences

Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Applied Sciences Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Research Assistant Gizem Hūlađa Kaderođu participated in the Erasmus+ Staff Training Mobility.

Attending the international week with the theme of "Internalization at Home (IaH)" held between 6-10 March 2023 at Kauno Kolegija / University of Applied Sciences in Kaunas, Lithuania, Mrs. Kaderođu had the chance to meet and exchange ideas with participants from different countries.

On the first day of the program, the presentations of representatives and the description of all laboratories on the main campus of the university were completed. On the second day, the laboratories and classrooms on the campus, where the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics is located, were introduced to our academic staff in detail. After the introduction, Res. Ass. Gizem Hūlađa Kaderođu made a presentation to department students and faculty members about general information about IGU and detailed information concerning the Faculty of Applied Sciences-Gastronomy and Culinary Arts and Faculty of Health Sciences-Nutrition and Dietetics departments.

Answering the students' questions about Erasmus+ study and internship mobility, thanks to her mobility, Kaderođu had the opportunity to get acquainted with the Lithuanian culinary culture as well as to compare it with our culinary culture, and about scientific activities.



What's Up with Erasmus+?



A BRIEF LOOK INTO IECO

- The evaluation process for Erasmus+ and Consortium Staff Mobility Applications has been completed and the lists have been announced.
- Within the scope of our project, which was granted by the International Center for Migration Policy Development, Project Specialist Ece Nur Yüksel gave a presentation covering the process to the Training Coordinator.
- All of our 2022 Project Year Study Mobility students started their mobility.
- The document and visa processes of our internship students, from the 2021 Project Year and 2022 Project Year, still continues.
- The negotiations about the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which includes academic, scientific and cultural cooperation, continues with universities.
- The processes of incoming staff who is coming from variable European countries and who would like to visit our university within the scope of the Erasmus+ mobility, continues.



MEETINGS

- **On the 6th of March 2023, representatives from University of Sialkot, Pakistan visited our university and a meeting was held.**
- **On the 8th of March, IECO held an online meeting with the Turkish National Agency.**
- **On the 10th of March, IECO held an online meeting with the University of Gambia University representatives.**
- **On the 31st of March, IECO and Prof. Dr. William Mosier held a meeting within the scope of "My Business Partner" project.**



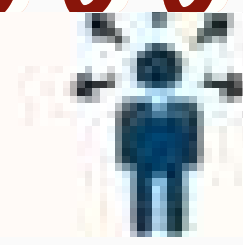
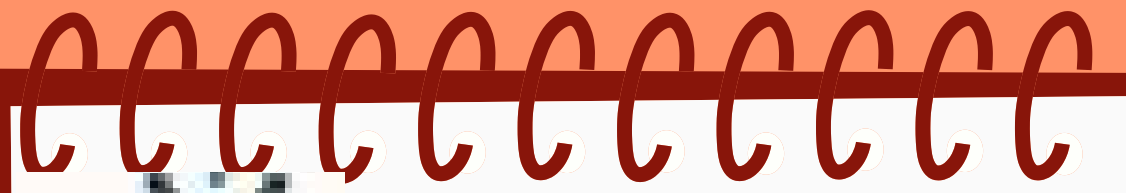


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MOBILITIES

- Research Assistants from the Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, **Res. Assist. Ayşen Ecem Özdemir** and **Res. Assist. Öznur Kaya Sağlam** returned from their Erasmus+ Training Mobility in Lithuania.
- Faculty of Applied Sciences Gastronomy and Culinary Arts **Res. Assist. Gizem Hülağa Kaderoğlu** returned from her Erasmus+ Staff Training mobility in Lithuania.
- **Ubaid Mehmood**, a student from the Institute of Graduate Studies completed his internship mobility in Germany.



MOBILITIES

- **Students from the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture** has started their Erasmus+ Study Mobility.
- **Nazan RAVLI**, a student from the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, has started her Internship Mobility in Italy.
- **Barçın ERDOĞAN**, a student from the Faculty of Health Sciences has completed her Erasmus+ Internship Mobility.



Experience from Erasmus+:

Try Erasmus+!



Hello everyone! Almost a year ago, I had the chance to participate in Erasmus+ mobility program. To be honest at the beginning, I wasn't exactly sure about going abroad. I was hesitating if I could handle it and survive on my own. Was it going to be good for my life or just a waste of time? Then I took the plunge and chose to go. Guys, it was the best decision i have ever made in my life.

I learned a lot about many things. What goes on out of my country, how people think from different nations, how they act in different situations. Communicating with people from other cultures is an amazing feeling.

I traveled to the cities that I have always dreamed about. My Erasmus friends and I cried, laughed, ate and had so much fun together. And those times are the memories that we will remember forever. I don't know if it's good or bad but after the Erasmus, life is not like before.

I'm a little bit nostalgic nowadays because it has been almost a year since I've returned from Erasmus mobility. Portuguese people use the term "Saudade" in these kind of situations :) Don't forget guys, in your story you are the main character and you have the power to do whatever you want!

AND ONCE ERASMUS, ALWAYS ERASMUS...

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DISCOVER the World

BRANDENBURG GATE

Brandenburg Gate ("Brandenburger Tor" in German) is one of the main symbols of Berlin, Germany. The building Reichstag locates in Brandenburg Gate's north. During Cold War, Reichstag was located in West Berlin, and Brandenburger Gate was located in East Berlin. Brandenburg Gate was made between the years of 1788-1791.

Brandenburg Gate has twelve columns, six entrances, and six exits. The columns are divided into five roads and citizens only have the right to use the outer two doors. The middle road is reserved for the royal family and essential traffic crossings. Above the door, there is a four-horse chariot statue (Quadriga) with a goddess on it, made by Johann Gottfried Schadow. The goddess has an eagle and a cross in her hands which are symbols of Christianity. Victoria, the goddess of victory in Roman Mythology, who is driving the Quadriga chariot in the statue, was depicted naked in the first years, but after the Berlin folk made fun of it, she was dressed in a copper dress later on.

The statue was stolen by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1806 and taken to Paris. After Napoleon Bonaparte was defeated by German forces in 1814, the statue regained its place above Brandenburg Gate. Although the gate was devastated during World War II, the gate was not destroyed. When the Nazis came to power, they started to use Brandenburg Gate as a symbol. After the war, East Berlin and West Berlin governments restored the door, but the door was not opened until built of Berlin Wall was.

With the construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961, the Brandenburg Gate, which was the intersection point of the East and West regions, changed the direction of the statue on it with the unification of Berlin. While there was an East-West Berlin division, the statue facing west was turned the other way after the unification. After Berlin was taken back, the statue was placed at the gate again.

The gate and the statue are considered the most important symbols of Berlin in every period. The gate later became a symbol of a united free Berlin and was reopened on 22 December 1989 when Helmut Kohl was Chancellor of West Germany.

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