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HOW WAS MARCH IN IECO?



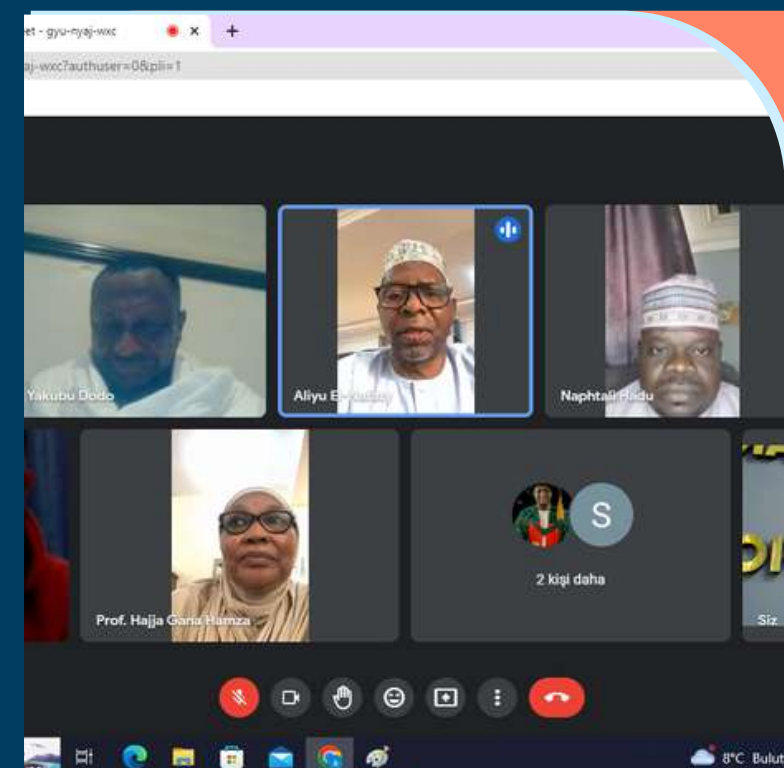
On March 6, 2023, two representatives from the University of Sialkot visited our university. At the meeting held within the scope of the relevant visit, the Chairman of the Board of Governor Faisal Manzoor and Executive Director Muhammed Rehan Younas representing the University of Sialkot, Vice-Rector 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.

All these international visits and meetings help in serving IGU to achieve its internationalization goals, and IECO is the core for the expansion of these cooperations.



As IGU IECO, we continue to add new agreements to our existing agreements with each passing day. A new agreement covering the department of Mathematics was signed with the University of Ovidius in Romania on March 8, 2023. 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+.

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 mobility opportunities to both our students and staff. Every partner acquired has great importance for us, IECO, and our university.



İstanbul Gelisim University International Exchange And Cooperation Office and the representatives of the University of Gambia met on the 10th of 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.



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

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.



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.

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. Through our consortium projects, Smart Consortium and Small Steps Big Results, we ensure that more of our staff benefit from Erasmus+ mobility and gain new experiences every semester.

ERASMUS+ STAFF MOBILITY ORIENTATION MEETING WAS HELD

After the Erasmus+ teaching and training mobility results announced on 24.03.2023 within the scope of Erasmus+ Consortium Mobility (Small Steps, Big Results, Smart Consortium) the orientation meeting was held in 2 sessions on 5th and 7th April for 2020, 2021, and 2022 contract periods, with the participation of 44 academic and administrative staff who were entitled to participate in the mobility.

The Erasmus+ Staff Mobility orientation meetings held with the presentation of IECO Specialist Gülcan Güven Yeşilgül, for our academic and administrative staff, what they should do from the first stage of the mobility process to the last stage for each project (Small Steps Big Results, Smart Consortium, KA-131), visa process, granting, how to fill out the training and teaching agreements information was provided. After the presentation, an interactive atmosphere was created in the question-answer section where all the questions were answered about Erasmus+ mobility.

The first session of the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Orientation Meeting, which was held in two sessions, was held on April 5 with the intense participation of our academic and administrative staff. The second session of the meeting, held on April 7, was held both face-to-face and online, to inform more of our academic and administrative staff.

As the International Exchange and Cooperation Office, we work diligently and devotedly to ensure that as many of our staff as possible benefit from the Erasmus+ experience, to add value to both their academic and individual lives.





WITHIN THE SCOPE OF MY BUSINESS PARTNER PROJECT PARTICIPANT APPLICATIONS HAVE STARTED !

My Business Partner Project, implemented by Istanbul Gelisim University within the scope of the ENHANCER Project, financed by the European Union and carried out by the International Migration Policy Development Center (ICMPD) with the coordination of the General Directorate of Development Agencies of the Ministry of Industry and Technology, that aims to help Syrians under temporary protection in Türkiye's social and economic activities and aims to integrate them into its economic life with various workshop and training activities.

Within the scope of the project, 30 Syrian entrepreneur/entrepreneur candidates whose status is under temporary protection and 20 mentor participants are expected to participate in the project. In order to increase the visibility of the project, a project call letter was sent to all universities in Istanbul and Istanbul Provincial Immigration Administration.

After the online interview processes with mentors and Syrians under temporary protection, the project is expected to start its activities with an orientation meeting on 22 May 2023.

Thanks to this project, financed by the European Union, it is aimed to increase the recognition of our university, to offer new job opportunities to the participants and to break the prejudice against the minority group.

AN INTENSIVE ATTENTION TO IGU WITHIN THE SCOPE OF STAFF MOBILITY



As the IGU IECO, we met intense affinity from Incoming Staff. This month, our first guest was Catarina Lopes, International Office Manager from ISAG-European Business School in Portugal. Every year, the months of April and May are very productive for Erasmus+'s Incoming Staff. The first staff member to visit our university in April was Catalina Lopes from ISAG-Business School, with whom we have been collaborating for a long time.

Catalina Lopes first visited the IECO on April 4, 2023, and met with the office staff. After this introduction, IECO Coordinator Alisa Usubova, IECO Assistant Specialist Duygu Can and IECO Specialist Hazal Emir held a meeting with Catalina Lopes. Before the meeting, Catalina Lopes made a presentation introducing her university. Following Catalina Lopes' presentation, IECO Specialist Hazal Emir made a presentation about the main structure, departments and achievements of Istanbul Gelisim University. After the presentations were over, a detailed meeting was held with the IECO Coordinator Alisa Usubova and Catalina Lopes on bilateral cooperation, Erasmus+ processes and International Credit Mobility. Catalina Lopes shared many details and information about International Credit Mobility with our office and answered many of our questions with the information she provided. In addition, Catalina Lopes had many questions about the structure of our university as well, and all these questions were answered in detail.

After the productive meeting with the IECO, Catalina Lopes visited International Student Office where she met with the International Student Office Director Umedjon Haitmurodov. All of Catalina Lopes' questions about the processes were answered by Umedjon Haitmurodov, and then she left the International Student Office for a campus tour to introduce our university to our staff.

All these visits within the scope of Erasmus+ not only allow us to meet face-to-face with our partners and establish closer relations with them but also contribute to promoting our university and its achievements. Visits will certainly continue to increase. The increasing continuation of visits within the scope of Erasmus+ Staff mobility is also an indicator of the satisfaction felt by the beneficiaries of our university.

Cooperation with France is Expanding: University Polytechnique Hauts-de-France

Bilateral agreements with France continue to increase. This month, an agreement was signed with the University Polytechnique Hauts-de-France with the contributions of Lecturer Nazlı Yüceol from Istanbul Gelisim University Vocational School of Health Services.



The agreement process originally started in October with the contributions of our lecturer Nazlı Yüceol, Estelle Le Meur from the International Office representative of the University Polytechnique Hauts-de-France contacted the International Exchange and Cooperation Office about the agreement possibility. After the contact was established, the negotiations regarding the department began and this negotiations took a few months. The agreement which is covering the International Trade and Finance department was obtained from the Erasmus+ Agreements System. The agreement includes Student Mobility and Staff Teaching-Training Mobility.

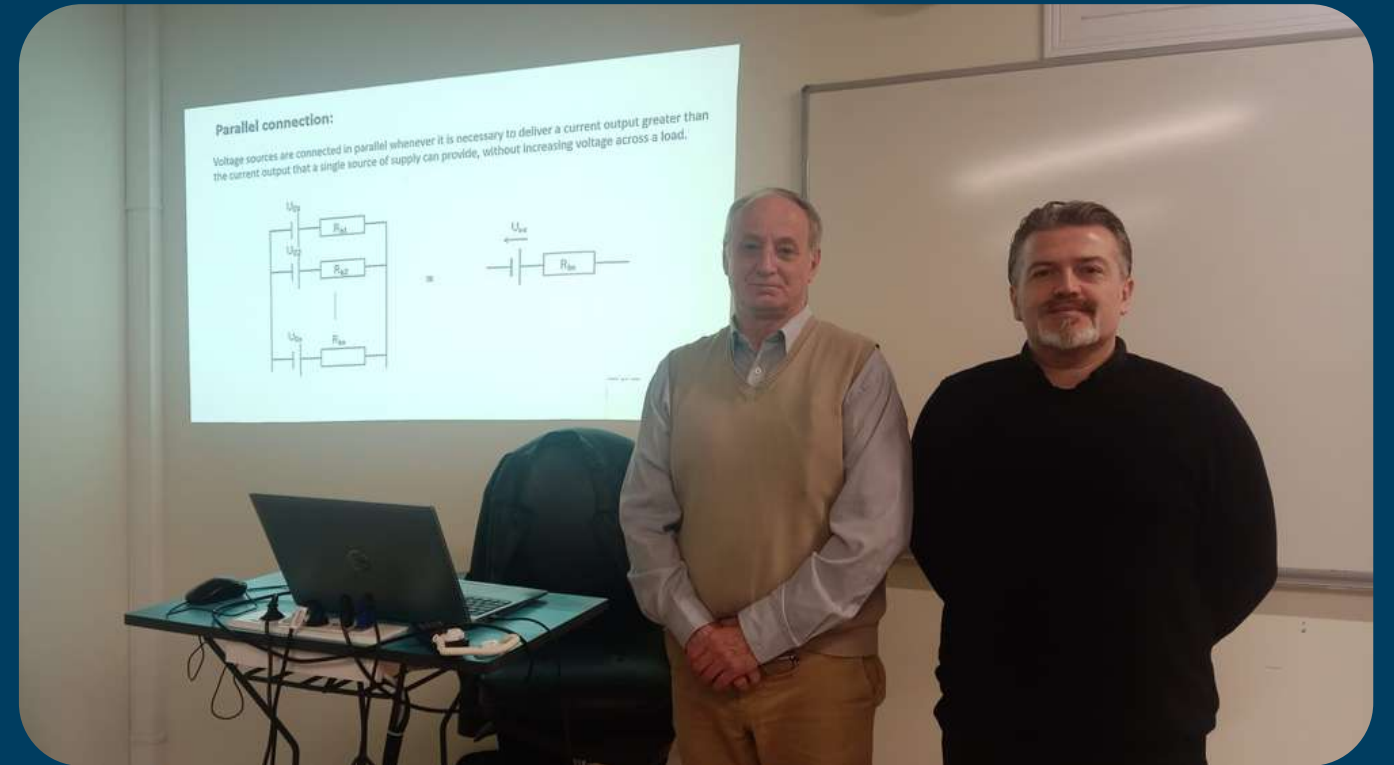
If we would like to mention our new partner, the University Polytechnique Hauts-de-France is located in the Hauts-de-France region in the north of France and was first established in 1968 as the name of University of Valenciennes and Hainaut-Cambrésis. Later in 2018, the name of the university was changed to Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France.

The university started its education life in 1978 and has produced many graduates since then. The university has 5 campuses in Famars, Valenciennes, Arenber, Cambrai and Maubeuge. In addition, the university has many partners from Finland, Belgium, Germany and Italy.

With each agreement, our students and staff are increasing their choice of institutions, and at the same time, we are taking firm steps toward our internationalization goals.



3 Staff from Université de Dunaújváros Hungary were Hosted at our University



Three staff members from our long-term partner Université de Dunaújváros in Hungary completed their Erasmus+ mobility at Istanbul Gelisim University. Miklos Horvath and Lazslo Balasz from Université de Dunaújváros completed their visit within the scope of Erasmus+ Teaching Mobility and Sandor Czifra completed his mobility within the scope of Training Mobility.

Lazslo Balasz and Sandor Czifra visited the IECO together on April 10, 2023, and held a meeting with the office. At the meeting, Lazslo Balasz made a general presentation introducing the Université de Dunaújváros. After this presentation, IECO Assistant Specialist Duygu Can make a presentation about the structure and achievements of Istanbul Gelisim University. Both of our guests were very impressed by the achievements of IGU and frequently expressed this. After the meeting, Lazslo Balasz met with Assit. Prof. Aman Sado Elemo, our lecturer from the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, Department of Psychology. Sandor Czifra visited the Student Affairs and Distance Education Office and he held very detailed meetings at both the Student Affairs Office and the Distance Education Office. He also had the opportunity to make process comparisons between his institution and IGU.

Miklos Horvath visited the IECO on April 11, 2023. With the presentation made to Miklos Horvath in the office, he gained a lot of information about our university. Later, he met with Assist. Prof. Kenan Şentürk, who works at the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.

Miklos Horvath shared the Physics II course on April 14, and Lazslo Balasz shared the Communication Psychology course on April 11, within the scope of Teaching Mobility. It is seen as an important achievement for our university that our students take lessons from Europe's leading professors and benefit from their experiences.

These visits within the scope of Erasmus+ are of great importance for both our students and us. Visits are expected to increase with each passing day.

Memorandum of Understanding Agreements are Increasing at the Fastest Rate: New Agreements Made with Brazil and Azerbaijan

IGU IECO continues to increase the Memorandum of Understanding Agreements other than Erasmus+ Agreements. In the month of April, Memorandum of Understanding Agreements were signed with Khazar University in Azerbaijan and Universidade Federal de Uberlândia in Brazil.

First of all, within the contributions of Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Necmettin Maraşlı agreements were signed and shared with Khazar University in Azerbaijan, and later with Universidade Federal de Uberlândia in Brazil. Thanks to these agreements, cooperation between institutions in academic and research fields will be ensured.

With the agreement signed with Khazar University, the number of memorandums of understanding signed by the International Exchange and Cooperation Office with Azerbaijan has increased to 10. The agreement with Universidade Federal de Uberlândia is also the first memorandum of understanding we signed with Brazil.

One of our new partners, Khazar University is a private university located in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, in 1991. It provides education to university students at associate, undergraduate and doctoral levels. The university also runs exchange programs. Universidade Federal de Uberlândia is a public university founded in 1950. It was ranked among the top 25 universities in Brazil in 2019 and is ranked 3rd in the region. The university has 15 faculties and 14 institutes. In this respect, the university is in the advanced ranks in terms of research and education.

Memorandum of Understanding Agreements are as important as Erasmus+ agreements in increasing the recognition and prestige of our university. As IECO, we are increasing our effectiveness not only in the European continent but also in many international continents.



First Visit from Our New Partner: Ovidius University of Constanta



In April, Assoc. Prof. Denis Ibadula from the Ovidius University of Constanta which whom we signed the agreement last month within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme, visited Istanbul Gelisim University.

In the first step of her mobility, Denis Ibadula visited the IECO. Here, a general introduction presentation of our university was made by the IECO team. Later, Denis Ibadula, together with the IECO team, made a campus tour to get to know the general structure of our university. During this campus tour, Denis Ibadula was introduced to our university's libraries, classrooms, and faculties in detail.

On the last leg of the visit, Denis Ibadula made a presentation called "Significant Numbers in Mathematics and Beyond" in the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture Civil Engineering department Assist. Prof. Mahmut Taner's lesson. Our staff from the Mathematics cadre attended this presentation and it was a very productive lesson. In addition, Denis Ibadula and the IECO team agreed to expand the scope of the existing Erasmus+ agreement.

The International Exchange and Cooperation Office will continue to host its guests from Europe in the best possible way. In this respect, our office makes a great contribution to the promotion of our university in the international field.

Erasmus+ Journey from Croatia to IGU

Edita Mamic from the University of Zadar visited Istanbul Gelisim University and the International Exchange and Cooperation Office in April.

Edita Mamic visited IECO on April 25, 2023, as the first step of her visit. The presentation that introduced IGU and its general structure was made to her by IECO Assistant Specialist Duygu Can, as it was made to other staff who came here within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme. Later, another presentation was made to Edita Mamic, introducing the natural and historical beauties of Istanbul and Türkiye. In addition, there was even an exchange of information on common words in Turkish and Croatian. Edita Mamic shared many words common between Croatian and Turkish and gave information about them as well.

After the meeting, Edita Mamic visited the Students Affairs Office, where she was informed about the general working mechanism of the unit. After this visit, Duygu Can and Edita Mamic met with the Secretariat of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, and at the last stage of the visit, a campus tour was organized to introduce our university.

April is a busy month for Incoming Staff within the scope of the Erasmus+ Programme. Many guests from many countries have chosen our university within the scope of Erasmus+ Programme.





The Todor Kableshkov University of Transport Once Again Preferred IGU for Erasmus+

In 2022, we had visitors from Todor Kableshkov University of Transport. In 2023, different visitors from Todor Kableshkov University of Transport again visited our university and the International Exchange and Cooperation Office.

Every year, numerous staff from Bulgaria visits Istanbul Gelisim University as part of the Incoming Staff Mobility. Our first visitors from Bulgaria this year were Fidanka Ananieva and Snezhana Mircheva.

Our Bulgarian guests first visited the International Exchange and Cooperation Office on April 17, 2023. In the next step, an introductory presentation was made to our guests and discussions were held on many subjects. Fidanka Ananieva and Snezhana Mircheva visited the Finance unit within the scope of Training Mobility. At the end of the meeting held at the International Exchange and Cooperation Office, the guests visited the Finance department accompanied by IECO Assistant Specialist Duygu Can and received detailed information about the operation there. The finance unit showed great interest in our guests and communicated with them on many issues. After this meeting, a campus tour was organized by Assistant Specialist Duygu Can to introduce our university, many departments and university were introduced to them.

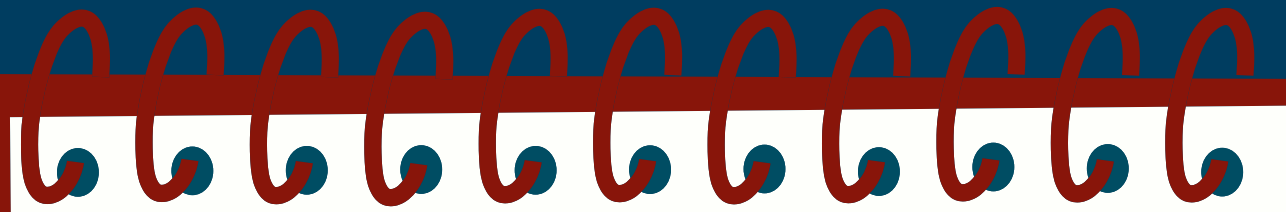
As the International Exchange and Cooperation Office, we will continue to host our guests in the best way possible and be our university's gateway to Europe.

What's Up with Erasmus+?



A BRIEF LOOK INTO IECO

- Erasmus+ and Consortium Staff Mobility Application Evaluation process completed and lists were announced.
- The nominations processes for our students in Erasmus+ Study Mobility have started.
- Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Orientation Meeting was held in 5-7th of April.
- A meeting was held in 13 April 2023 with IECO Coordinator Alisa Usubova and Lecturer Büşra Hacıköylü.
- The bilateral agreement with the code LVRIGA 40 Riga Building College in Latvia is expanded.
- A meeting was held with candidates for translation within the scope of "My Business Partner" Project.



MEETINGS

- **An online meeting was held with Turkish National Agency about intensive programs in 4th of April 2023.**
- **On-line unit quality meeting was held in 11 April 2023.**
- **A project meeting was held in 13 April 2023 with the participation of International Exchange and Cooperation Assistant Specialist Ece Nur Yüksel.**
- **A meeting was held in 19 April 2023 about the advertisements and statistics within the scope of My Business Partner Project.**

MEETING





What's Up with Erasmus+?



MOBILITIES

- **Assoc. Prof. Yavuz Çililer** from the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences Political Science and International Relations department has completed his Teaching Mobility in Germany.
- **Prof. Ebru Nergiz** from the Faculty of Applied Sciences International Trade and Finance department has completed her Teaching Mobility in Hungary.
- **Res. Assist. Cansu Türker** from the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences Business Administration department has completed her Training Mobility in Germany.
- **Assist. Prof. Onur Türker** from the Faculty of Applied Sciences Logistics department has completed his Training Mobility in Lithuania.
- **Res. Assist. Nuran Akdağ** from the Faculty of Applied Sciences International Trade has completed her Training Mobility in Slovakia.



MOBILITIES

- **Lecturer Özgür Doğan and Res. Assist. Mustafa Demir** from the School of Physical Education and Sport Sports Management department have completed their Training Mobility in Serbia.
- **Assist. Prof. Sevean Kahraman** from the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture Electric-Electronic Engineering department has completed her Training Mobility in Macedonia.
- **Res. Assist. Rabia Şentürk** from the Faculty of Applied Sciences Aviation Management has completed her Training Mobility in Azerbaijan.



Experience from Erasmus+:

Try Erasmus+!



My Erasmus memories were very special and unforgettable for me. First of all, I am very happy to meet new people from different geographies, cultures, religions, languages, races. Every day of Erasmus was like a dream for me.

At the beginning everything was very difficult and I didn't know how to deal with some problems. I cried and there were times when I felt lonely. But at the same time, I traveled, laughed, had fun a lot, and although I had just met them, my friends whom I saw as my family were always with me.

I think about these times every day. I am very lucky to experience the Erasmus. I believe that I grew up in this long period and Erasmus taught me a lot about life.

Now I can do anything, I can go anywhere and it feels great! I would like to thank myself, my family and Istanbul Gelisim University for the chance to participate in Erasmus + mobility, which has contributed a lot to me both personally and academically.

I wish to write more, but I'm at a loss for words.

By the way, everyone who signed my flag is very precious to me. Thank you very much to all my friends for these notes.



DISCOVER the World

JERÔNIMOS MONASTERY

Jeronimos Monastery is a monastery located in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal.

Jeronimos Monastery, named after a religious community living in that region, was transferred to Real Casa Pia de Lisboa for the education and shelter of orphan children until 1940. The church began to serve as the Church of Santa Maria de Belem.

The building has also been selected as one of the seven wonders of Portugal and has had the status of a National Monument since 1907. The monastery is within walking distance of other touristic structures and monuments in the Belem region and more and more tourists flock here every year.

According to some sources, the monastery was started to be built in 1501, and according to some sources, in 1502. The construction of the monastery took more than 100 years and the structure was opened to visitors in 1604. The construction was done in the first 70 years with 70 kg of gold earned from the spice trade per year.

In 1880, tombs were placed in the church section of the monastery. The bodies of the famous explorer Vasco de Gama and the famous poet Luís de Camões were placed in the stone tombs that were built.

As a result of extensive restoration work in 1850, the building was added to the west side of the monastery. Within this added structure, it operates as the Archeology Museum and the Maritime Museum today. The maritime museum was founded by King Luis of Portugal in 1894 at the Ajuda Palace. Most of the works that were later displayed in the Old Arsenal Building disappeared in 1916. In 1962, the model collection was moved to the Jeronimos Monastery with telescopes, maps and various materials used in navigation.

The monastery, which is of great importance to Portugal, was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1983.

In 1985, when Portugal joined the European Economic Community, official ceremonies of the state were held in this monastery.

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