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HOW WAS APRIL IN IECO?



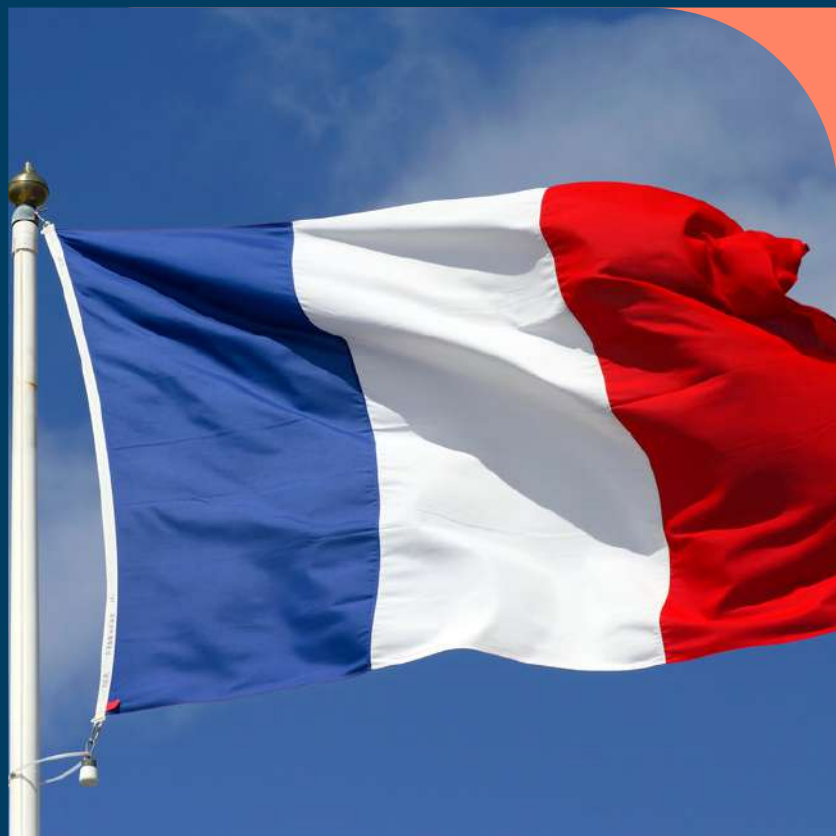
After the announcement of the Erasmus+ Teaching and Training Mobility results on 24.03.2023 within the scope of Erasmus+ Consortium Mobility (Small Steps, Big Results, Smart Consortium) for the 2020,2021,2022 contract periods, with the participation of 44 academic and administrative staff who were entitled to participate in the mobility, the orientation meeting was held in 2 sessions in 5-7 April. 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, with the aim of informing more of our academic and administrative staff. As IECO, we work diligently and devotedly to ensure that as many of our staff as possible benefit from the Erasmus+ experience, in order to add value to both their academic and individual lives.



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. Due to the intense interest of the participants in the project, the deadline for the application was April 9 to April 30, and the deadline for the project was updated to May 15, 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.



As IGU IECO, we encountered intense interest from the staff who came within the scope of Erasmus+ in April. Our first guest this month was Catarina Lopes, International Office Manager from Portugal ISAG-European Business School. Catarina Lopes first visited IECO on April 4, 2023 and met with the office here. Later, IECO Coordinator Alisa Usubova, IECO Assistant Specialist Duygu Can and IECO Specialist Hazal Emir held a meeting with Catalina Lopes. 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 make significant contributions to promoting our university and its achievements. The increasing continuation of visits within the scope of Erasmus+ Staff mobility is also an indicator of the satisfaction felt by the beneficiaries to our university.



Agreements with France continue to increase. In April, an agreement was signed with the University Polytechnique Hauts-de-France with the contributions of Nazlı Yüceol, Lecturer at Istanbul Gelisim University School of Health Services. The agreement covering the International Business and Finance department was signed through the Erasmus+ Online Agreement system. The agreement includes Student Mobility and Staff Teaching-Training Mobility. With each agreement, our students and staff are increasing their choice of institutions, and at the same time, they are taking firm steps towards their internationalization goals.



International Exchange and Cooperation Office continues to increase the Bilateral Cooperation Agreements other than Erasmus+ Agreements. In April, Bilateral Cooperation Agreements were signed with Khazar University in Azerbaijan and Universidade Federal de Uberlândia in Brazil.

First of all, with the contributions of our Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Necmettin Maraşlı, agreement was signed with Khazar University in Azerbaijan and then with Universidade Federal de Uberlândia in Brazil. Thanks to these agreements, the opportunity for cooperation between institutions in academic and research fields will be increased.

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

THE IMPLEMENTATION STEP HAS BEEN STARTED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE MY BUSINESS PARTNER PROJECT!

On May 16, 2023, a presentation was held containing the details of the project for mentors within the scope of the My Business Partner Project which is being implemented by Istanbul Gelisim University within the ENHANCER Project, funded by the European Union and conducted by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) in coordination with the Directorate General of Development Agencies under the Ministry of Industry and Technology of the Republic of Türkiye. The presentation was followed by training on working with vulnerable groups by Professor William Mosier.

Following this meeting, a general orientation meeting was held on May 29, 2023, within the scope of the My Business Partner project, where mentors and entrepreneurs/entrepreneur candidates came together. At the orientation meeting, which was met with great interest from the participants, Professor William Mosier organized ice-breaking activities for the participants after his presentation about the goals and objectives of the project. Thanks to these activities, the participants' sense of belonging to the project increased and the social ties between mentors and entrepreneurs/entrepreneur candidates were strengthened.

My Business Partner Project is the first project ENHANCER project which is carried out by Istanbul Gelisim University and our university, which enables the implementation of the project, is increasing its recognition by external stakeholders day by day thanks to the participants from different universities and different business fields.





A visit from IGU IECO to IPSA University in France

The bilateral cooperation between the Institute of Polytechnic Science and Aeronautics (IPSA) and our university was established during the EAIE fair held in Spain in 2022. IECO Coordinator Alisa USUBOVA visited the Institute of Polytechnic Science and Aeronautics (IPSA) from May 9th to May 11th, 2023, as part of the newly established agreement to further advance bilateral cooperation.

As a result of the discussions held during the EIAE International Education Fair, the largest higher education fair in Europe, the implementation of the agreement with IPSA's International Relations Director, Marion Catelin, was finalized. International Exchange and Cooperation Office Coordinator Alisa USUBOVA became the first staff member who visited IPSA.

Alisa USUBOVA met with Marion Catelin and other International Office representatives on the first day of her visit. After our coordinator made a detailed presentation introducing our university, IPSA International Office Coordinator Marion Catelin also gave a detailed presentation introducing IPSA University. During the visit, there was an exchange of information about both universities and their departments. The opportunities offered to students and staff were also mentioned. It was decided to diversify the collaboration within the scope of EU projects. The next day, our coordinator met with the Communication Unit of IPSA University. Here, she was interviewed about the Erasmus+ Program and the cooperation between the two universities. Following the productive interview, a campus tour was conducted to gain a better understanding of the university's physical facilities. On the last day of the visit within the scope of the Erasmus+ Project, a meeting was held between the parties about internationalization, summer school, and Erasmus+ mobility. The issues of developing and increasing our cooperation with IPSA were also discussed at this meeting.

This highly productive visit conducted by IECO to IPSA University in France has been of great significance in terms of strengthening our collaboration and it has also served as a milestone for diversifying the areas of cooperation.

Istanbul Gelisim University Continues to Open to the International Area: Kainan University



Istanbul Gelisim University International Exchange and Cooperation Office continue to open up to the world quickly. An online meeting was held with Kainan University in Taiwan this month.

The first negotiations with Taiwan started with our Secretary General of Istanbul Gelisim University, Mr. Serdar Çöp. At an international congress, our General Secretary Serdar Çöp, and the Chairman of Kainan University held discussions on cooperation. Afterward, this process continued with the online meeting.

On May 17, 2023, Kainan University representative Tristan Fields, International Exchange and Cooperation Coordinator Alisa Usubova, Assist. Prof. Esra Sayın and International Exchange and Cooperation Specialist Hazal Emir held the online meeting.

In the first step of the meeting, an introduction was made with Tristan Fields. After the introduction part, IECO Specialist Hazal Emir made a presentation about the international achievements and academic structure of Istanbul Gelisim University. Later, Tristan Fields made a presentation introducing Kainan University. In this presentation, Tristan Field mentioned about the many international aspects of the university, as well as the work of the university.

In the last part of the meeting, Tristan Fields and IECO Coordinator Alisa Usubova agreed on an inter-institutional agreement. The agreement with Kainan University is planned to be completed in the near future.

As Istanbul Gelisim University International Exchange and Cooperation Office, relations not only with the European continent but also with the Asian continent will continue to develop.

Intensive Attention From Romania to IGU

As IECO, we hosted staff from Romania's University of Oradea, "1 Decembrie 1918" the University of Alba Lulia and Stefan Cel Mare University of Suceava in May. Among the countries we have agreements with, Romania was the country that showed the most interest in our university in May.

A meeting was organized with the participation of IECO Specialist Hazal Emir and Assistant Specialist Duygu Can, along with staff from various universities in Romania, with the aim of strengthening our collaboration with our partner universities.

On May 2nd, from the "1 Decembrie 1918 University of Alba Lulia, Simona Buzası, the Chief Secretary of the Faculty of Educational Sciences, and Mirella Gavrillas, the Secretary of the Faculty of Economics, held a meeting with the Dean of the FEAS, Prof. Dr. Kenan Aydın and got information about our faculty. Our other staff members who came from Alba Lulia within the scope of Training Mobility Ştefania Pacurar and Simona Albesc met with the Head of the Institute of Graduate Studies Prof. Dr. İzzet Gümüş and discussed the similarities and differences of postgraduate practices between countries. On May 15th, another guest from Alba Lulia who came as part of the Teaching Mobility Program, Assoc. Prof. Simion Mihon had a meeting with Assoc. Prof. Bülent Eşiyok and delivered a presentation at the FEASS.



After a comprehensive presentation about our university to Doctor Simona Daciana Birsan, who visited our university on May 3rd as part of the Teaching Mobility from the University of Oradea in Romania, a university tour accompanied by Assistant Specialist Duygu Can was held. After the campus tour, they met with the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Assoc. Prof. Arda Öztürkcan, to increase the existing relations between the physiotherapy departments of both universities.



The final visitor from Romania to our university in May was Assoc. Prof. Mihai Popescu from the Stefan Cel Mare University of Suceava. In the meeting held with the aim of strengthening our connection with the Stefan Cel Mare University of Suceava, with whom we have hosted much staff in previous periods, our university was introduced to Mihai Popescu in the best possible way. After the meeting in which we introduced our university, the introduction of the faculty was organized and it was aimed to reinforce the presentation. At the end of the faculty tour, a meeting was held with Res. Asst. Cansu Türker from the Department of Business Administration, and the information exchanged about the department.



We continue to promote our university in the best way during the visits to our university within the framework of Erasmus+ Staff Mobility. We are working hard to increase the recognition of our university through the visit of more staff to our university, and subsequently to contribute to the internationalization of our university.

Bulgaria Continues to Prefer IGU within the Scope of Erasmus+ Mobility



As part of the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility program, we hosted staff from St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnova and Todor Kableshkov University of Transport Sofia at our university in May.

In addition to hosting several staff from Bulgaria in April, we also received great interest from our partner institutions in Bulgaria during May within the scope of Erasmus+ Staff Mobility program.

A presentation introducing our university was given to Emiliyan Petkov and Teodor Kalushkov from St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnova, and the questions they had about our university were answered by Hazal Emir, the IECO Specialist, and Duygu Can, the Assistant Specialist. On the same day, the incoming staff actively participated in Assist. Prof. Dr Samuel Moveh's lecture in the Aeronautical Engineering department delivered the lesson to our students in a practical and applied manner. Our engineering faculty students showed great interest in this interactive lecture, which took place with the participation of our guest professors. Following the lecture, a campus tour which organized by Assistant Specialist Duygu Can was held and the eximious places of our university were introduced.

On 29.05.2023, we hosted Logistics Department Prof. Dr. Mirena Todorova and Assist. Prof. Dr. Violina Velyova from another popular Bulgarian university, Todor Kableshkov University of Transport Sofia, is in our office. First of all, Prof. Dr. Mirena Todorova attended the Logistics Planning and Modeling course of our Logistics Management Assist. Prof. Dr. Lecturer Biray Koçak, and shared her in-depth knowledge with our students. Right after Mirena Todorova's lecture, a meeting was organized by Hazal Emir, the IECO Specialist, and Duygu Can, the Assistant Specialist, where we could have discussions about Gelişim University and Todor Kableshkov University. On May 30th, our staff completed their activities with the participation of Assist. Prof. Dr. Violina Velyova in the Supply Chain Management lecture.

As the International Exchange and Cooperation Office, we are extremely pleased with the significant demand for mobility from Bulgaria and our other partner universities under the Erasmus+ Mobility program. **11**

Our Relations With Vocational School of Hospitality and Maribor in Slovenia are Improving

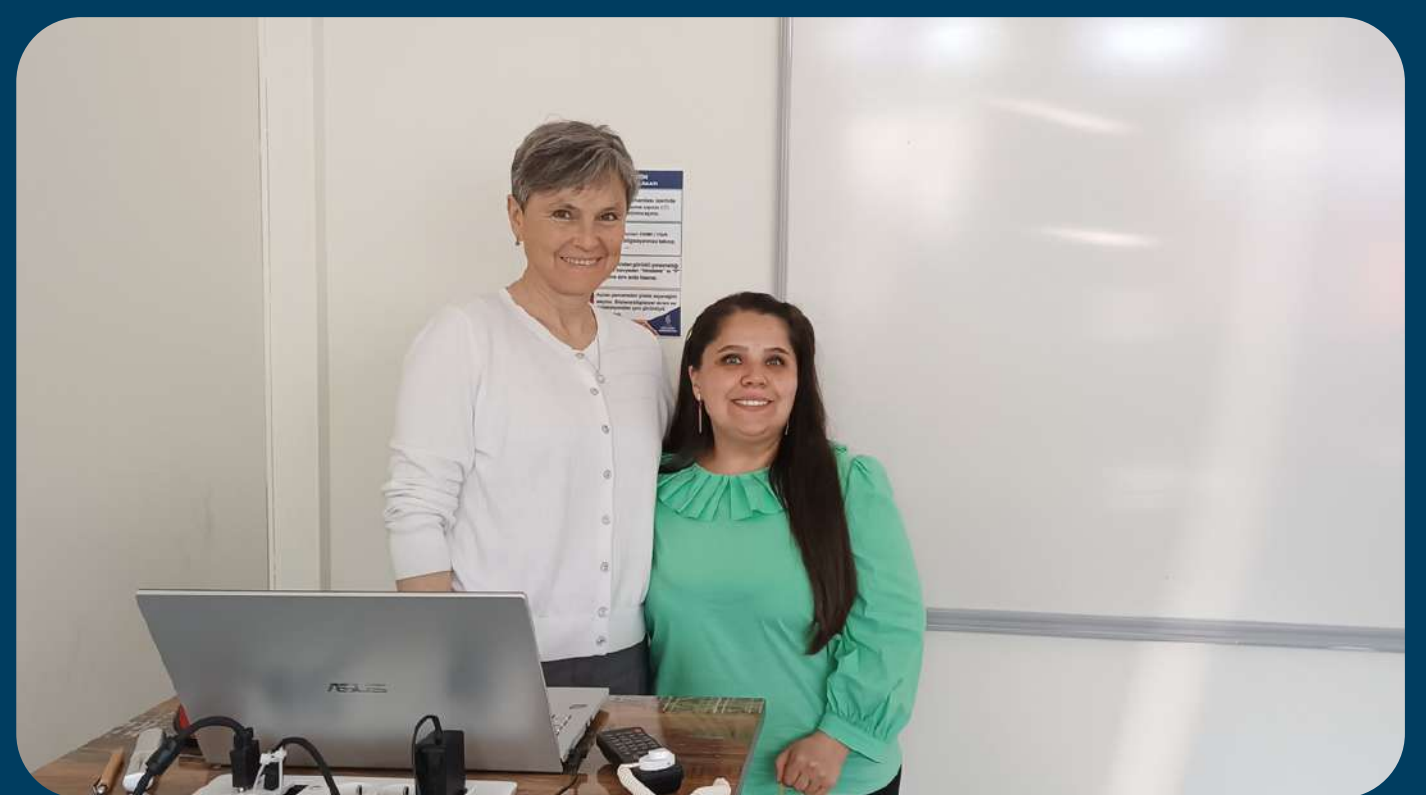
A visit was performed to our university from the Vocational School of Hospitality and Maribor, Slovenia, with which we have a long-standing agreement and also where our relations are gradually developing.

Mihaela Skrlj Brglez from Vocational School of Hospitality and Maribor, Slovenia preferred Istanbul Gelisim University within the scope of Erasmus+ Teaching Mobility and completed a mobility that she mentioned as beneficial.

Mihaela Skrlj Brglez visited IECO on May 8, 2023 and held a meeting with IECO Assistant Specialist Duygu Can and IECO Specialist Hazal Emir. A detailed presentation was made to Mihaela Skrlj Brglez, introducing our university with its main aspects. After the presentation, Mihaela Skrlj Brglez talked in detail about the natural beauties, historical and natural structures of Slovenia and the education of the university.

After this meeting, which was very productive and also contributed to the development of our relations, IECO Assistant Specialist Duygu Can and Mihaela Skrlj Brglez visited Assist. Prof. Dilbar Guliyeva in the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, Tourism Guidance Department. Mihaela Skrlj Brglez shared a long program consisting of 3 sessions under the name of "Sustainability Tourism" in the Tourism Guidance Department with our students and the department. Mihaela Skrlj Brglez left our university very impressed with both our university's facilities and our hospitality.

May was a very productive month for both Outgoing and Incoming Staff. All visits are of great importance in terms of increasing the international recognition of our university.



New Agreement New Visit: Lithuanian University of Sciences



This month, the International Exchange and Cooperation Office signed a new agreement and hosted its first guest from the newly contracted university.

IECO continues to increase its agreements and host its incoming staff. This month Agne Slapsinskaite-Dackeviciene from the Lithuanian University of Sciences visited our university's Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation department and our office.

The process of signing the new agreement was carried out by two of our research assistants from the Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department, Res. Assist. Ayşem Ecem Özdemir, and Res. Assist. Öznur Kaya Sağlam's contributions. Res. Assist. Ayşem Ecem Özdemir and Res. Assist. Öznur Kaya Sağlam visited the Lithuanian University of Sciences in April as part of the 2020 Project Year Erasmus+ Staff Training Mobility. After this visit, Agne Slapsinskaite-Dackeviciene shared her interest to visit our university within the scope of Teaching Mobility and this intention opened the floodgates for an agreement.

Agne Slapsinskaite-Dackeviciene first visited the International Exchange and Cooperation Office on 23 May 2023 and met with the representatives of the office. In the next step, a presentation covering the structure, achievements, and departments of our university was made by Duygu Can, IECO Assistant Specialist, and IECO Specialist Hazal Emir. After the meeting at the office, Agne Slapsinskaite-Dackeviciene visited the Faculty of Health Sciences and met with Ayşem Ecem Özdemir and Öznur Kaya Sağlam. After this discussion, she attended the Qigong Practice course held in the Occupational Therapy laboratory.

On May 24, Agne Slapsinskaite-Dackeviciene participated in the academic discussion titled "The Effects of Yoga on the Cardiovascular System of Healthy Women" at the Faculty of Health Sciences.

We continue to increase our international recognition with our increasing agreements and incoming staff coming within the scope of Erasmus+ Programme.

Improving Cooperation with Poland: Erasmus+ Staff Mobility

We hosted 7 guests from the University of Gdansk, Lublin University of Technology, Vincent Pol University, which are among the universities we have agreements with in Poland, within the scope of Erasmus+ Staff Mobility.

We hosted Agnieszka Oniszko, Janina Rosol, Grzegorz Protasiewicz, Malgorzata Tondos from the University of Gdansk, where we sent and hosted many staff members, and made presentations in which we introduced our universities. After the presentation, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department Res. Assist. Öznur Kaya Sağlam and Res. Assist. Ayşem Ecem Özdemir met with our guests at the Faculty of Health Sciences and introduced the faculty.

During the visit to our university from the Lublin University of Technology in Poland within the scope of Erasmus+ Staff Mobility, our guest was Assist. Prof. Wojciech Cel from Environmental Engineering Department. He held a meeting with our IECO Specialist Hazal Emir and our Assistant Specialist Duygu Can. After the meeting, the Head of the Civil Engineering Department, Assist. Prof. Ahmad Reshad Noori and Wojciech Cel had a meeting on strengthening the relations between departments. After the pleasant meeting, Wojciech Cel made a presentation introducing his university to our Engineering department professors. Finally, our incoming staff happily completed his mobility by making a faculty tour accompanied by our Engineering Faculty professors.

Aleksandra Klimkiewicz and Marcin Trendowicz visited our university in May from the University of Gdansk, to which we sent staff before. On 22 May, accompanied by Applied Russian and Translation department Assist. Prof. Sevda Polat, we made a presentation introducing our university to our staff from Poland. On the same day, Aleksandra Klimkiewicz and Marcin Trendowicz taught the "Russian for Translators" course accompanied by our lecturer Sevda Polat.

The increase in Training and Teaching Mobilities carried out for our university within the scope of Erasmus+ Staff Mobility every year, strengthens our relations with our partner universities and ensures that our university is better promoted in the international arena.



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We Are Strengthen the Ties With Instituto Politécnico de Coimbra: Professor Francisco Ramos Visited Istanbul Gelisim University

Francisco Ramos, a professor in the Department of Business Administration at the Faculty of Economics, Management and Social Sciences of the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra, recently visited Istanbul Gelisim University on May 23, 2023, through the Erasmus+ Teaching Program. Ramos, known for his speciality in the field, provided valuable insights and knowledge during his visit, benefiting both our students and faculty members.

During his visit, Francisco Ramos had a meeting with the representatives from the International Exchange and Cooperation Office. This meeting provided him with an opportunity to exchange ideas, share his experiences, and discuss ways to improve the Erasmus+ program. In addition to sharing valuable opinions about the program, Ramos also provided suggestions for future improvements.

Following the meeting, Francisco Ramos took a campus tour accompanied by Assistant Specialist Duygu Can. This tour allowed him to have a closer look at the university's facilities and learn more about the campus culture. Ramos expressed his admiration for our university's commitment to providing quality education to students and was impressed by the warm and hospitable environment. After the campus tour, Francisco Ramos had a meeting with Res. Assist. Cansu Türker, who works in the Department of Business Administration. On May 24, 2023, he delivered a lecture on "Strategic Marketing Management." Professor Francisco Ramos' specialty and insights were highly valuable to our university. Thanks to Francisco Ramos' visit to Istanbul Gelisim University, our relationship with Instituto Politécnico de Coimbra University, with whom we have a bilateral agreement, has deepened.

We eagerly look forward to hosting more professors like Professor Ramos in the future.



A Visit from Hungary to IGU within the Scope of Erasmus+ Teaching Mobility

Dr. Gabor Budai, who works at the University of Dunaújváros, visited Istanbul Gelisim University as part of the Erasmus+ Teaching Mobility program from May 22nd to May 26th, 2023. Budai provided valuable insights into his specialty in his field to both our students and our logistics management department by delivering lectures on Supply Chain Management on May 23rd and Logistics Information Systems and E-Logistics on May 26th.

On May 22nd, 2023, from 13:30 to 14:30, Dr. Budai visited the International Exchange and Cooperation Office. Thanks to the presentations given by Specialist Hazal Emir and Assistant Specialist Duygu Can, Professor Dr. Budai gained detailed information about Istanbul Gelisim University and its programs. Following the presentation, Dr. Budai, accompanied by Assistant Specialist Duygu Can, took a campus tour, which provided him with an opportunity to get acquainted with the campus culture and learn about the facilities our university offers. Afterward, Dr. Budai met with the logistics management department at our university, within the scope of Erasmus+.

This meeting provided an opportunity to exchange ideas, share experiences and discuss ways to improve the program. Dr. Budai offered valuable insights into the program, as well as made suggestions for future improvements.

Dr. Budai's visit has contributed to strengthening the ties between the University of Dunaújváros and Istanbul Gelisim University, as well as increasing the international recognition of IECO and its internationalization efforts.

Balkan Wind Blew in Istanbul Gelisim University

Yasin Şaban, who works in the Department of Accounting Management at International Vision University, visited Istanbul Gelisim University as part of the Erasmus+ Training Mobility program. Through the Erasmus+ Training mobility, Yasin Şaban enriched his professional skills and gained valuable knowledge about administrative and financial management at IGU. During his mobility from May 8th to May 12th, Yasin Şaban stated that he had the opportunity to enhance his experiences at IGU.

On May 9th, 2023, Yasin Şaban had a productive meeting with the International Exchange and Cooperation Office and received information about IGU's achievements and its administrative and academic structure through the informative presentation given by Specialist Hazal Emir and Assistant Specialist Duygu Can. Following the meeting, Yasin Şaban had an exchange of ideas with the relevant department regarding administrative processes and financial management strategies at the Directorate of Administrative and Financial Affairs.

Later on, Yasin Şaban participated in a comprehensive campus tour, which allowed him to closely examine and experience the campus facilities, including academic buildings, libraries, student centres, and other essential facilities. The campus tour enabled Yasin to familiarize himself with the IGU campus environment and observe the university's infrastructure more effectively.

IGU IECO welcomes more and more guests day by day within the scope of incoming staff visits and contributes to the goal of internationalization.



What's Up with Erasmus+?



A BRIEF LOOK INTO IECO

- Within the scope of Erasmus+ Staff and Student Mobility, an agreement was signed with Lithuanian University of Health Sciences in the Physiotherapy department.
- Orientation meeting for mentors was held on May 16, 2023 as part of the My Business Partner Project.
- On May 29, 2023, within the scope of My Business Partner Project, a general orientation meeting with entrepreneurs/entrepreneur candidates and mentors and icebreaker games were held.
- On May 17, 2023, a new agreement was made with Kainan University in Taiwan within the scope of bilateral agreements.
- Within the scope of Erasmus+ Staff Mobility, 29 staff visited our university.
- On May 31, 2023, the 2020 Project Year Erasmus+ KA-103 Project was completed. Final Report writing process started.
- The preparation processes for the trainings to be given within the scope of the MBP Project have been completed.



MEETINGS

- On 2nd of May 2023, within the scope of Erasmus+ Staff Mobility, Mirela Gavrilas and Simona Buzăși from Romania held a meeting with FEAS Dean Prof. Dr. Kenan Aydın.
- On 4th of May 2023, within the scope of Erasmus+ Staff Mobility, Stefania Paçurar and Simona Albese from Romania held a meeting with Institute of Graduate Studies Director Prof. Dr. İzeet Gümüş.
- On 23rd of May 2023, within the scope of Erasmus+ Staff Mobility, Prof. Dr. Francisco Ramos from Portugal held a meeting with Business Administration Res. Assist. Cansu Türker.
- On 2nd of May 2023, within the scope of Erasmus+ Staff Mobility, Wojciech Cel held with a meeting with Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.

MEETING

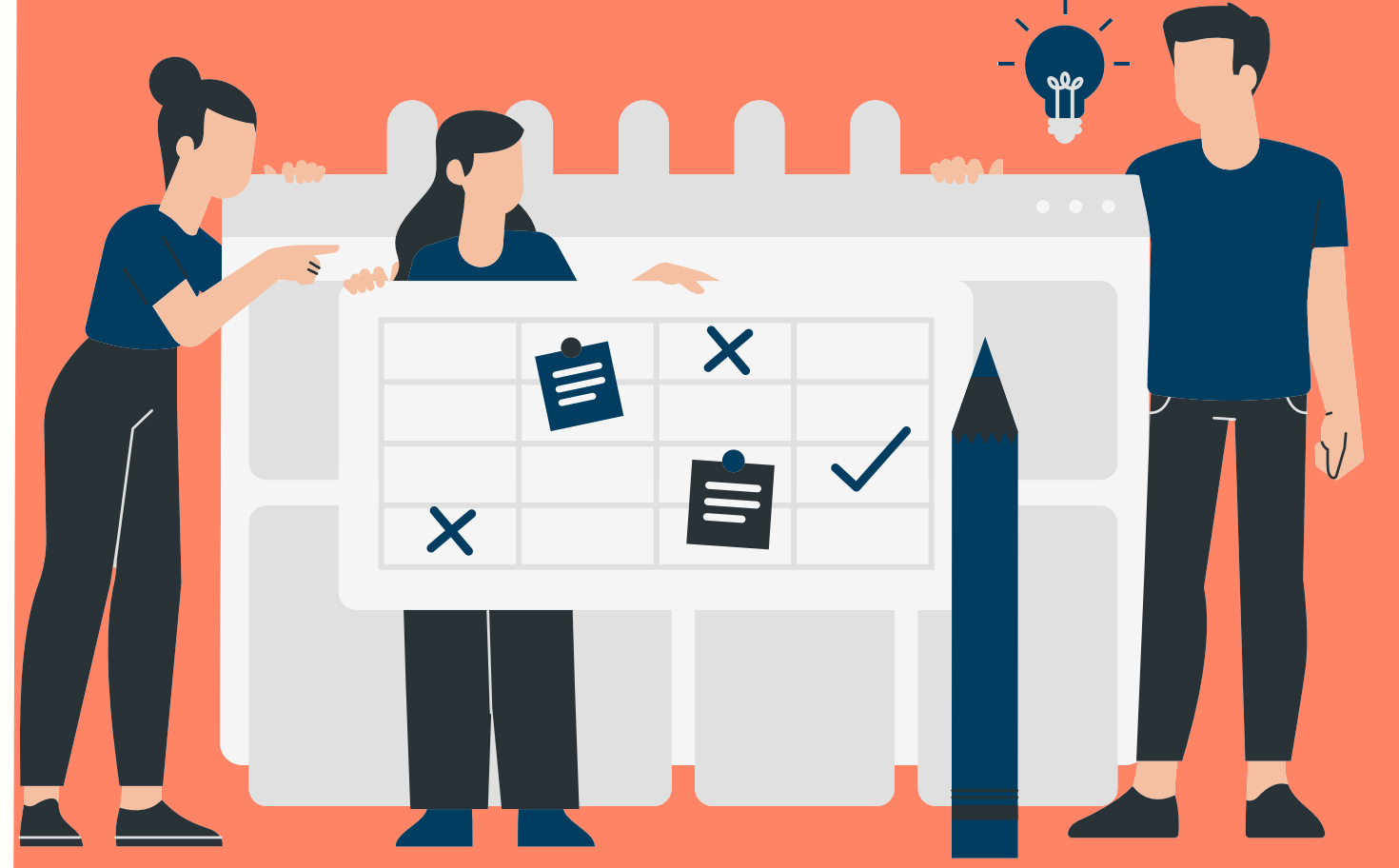




What's Up with Erasmus+?

MOBILITIES

- **Assoc. Prof. Annamaria Csiszer** from the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences Political Science and International Relations department has completed her Teaching Mobility in Portugal.
- **Res. Assist. Gizem Hülağa Kaderoğlu** from the Faculty of Applied Sciences Gastronomy and Culinary Arts department has completed her Training Mobility in Spain.
- **Assist. Prof. Erhan Demir** from the Faculty of Dentistry, Dentistry department has completed his Training Mobility in Bulgaria.
- **Assist. Prof. Aman Sado Elemo** from the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences Psychology department has completed his Teaching Mobility in Poland.
- **Assist. Prof. Ertan Gündüz** from the İstanbul Gelisim Vocational School has completed his Teaching Mobility in Azerbaijan.
- Our General Secretary **Assoc. Prof. Serdar Egeli** has completed his Training Mobility in North Macedonia.
- **Deputy Director Muhammed Hamza** from the Directorate of Students Affairs has completed his Training Mobility in Serbia.
- **Assist. Prof. Canan Tiftik** from the Faculty of Applied Sciences Management Information Systems department has completed her Teaching Mobility in Germany.
- **Res. Assist. İlknur Külekçi** from the Faculty of Applied Sciences Banking and Insurance department has completed her Training Mobility in Lithuania and Bulgaria.
- **Res. Asst. Nevra Üçler, Asst. Prof. Dr. Hande Ayhan Gökcek, Res. Asst. Hilal Nur Saygılı** has completed their Training Mobilities in Serbia.
- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Sevinç Koçak, Lecturer Nevzat Yağız Tombal, Lecturer Elif Sürer, Res. Asst. Kevser Tuğba Çınar Karasu, Res. Asst. Burak Yanbuloğlu, Asst. Prof. Dr. Murat Başal, Asst. Prof. Dr. Yıldız Aydın, Asst. Prof. Dr.Şeyma Bozkurt Uzan** has completed their mobilities in North Macedonia.



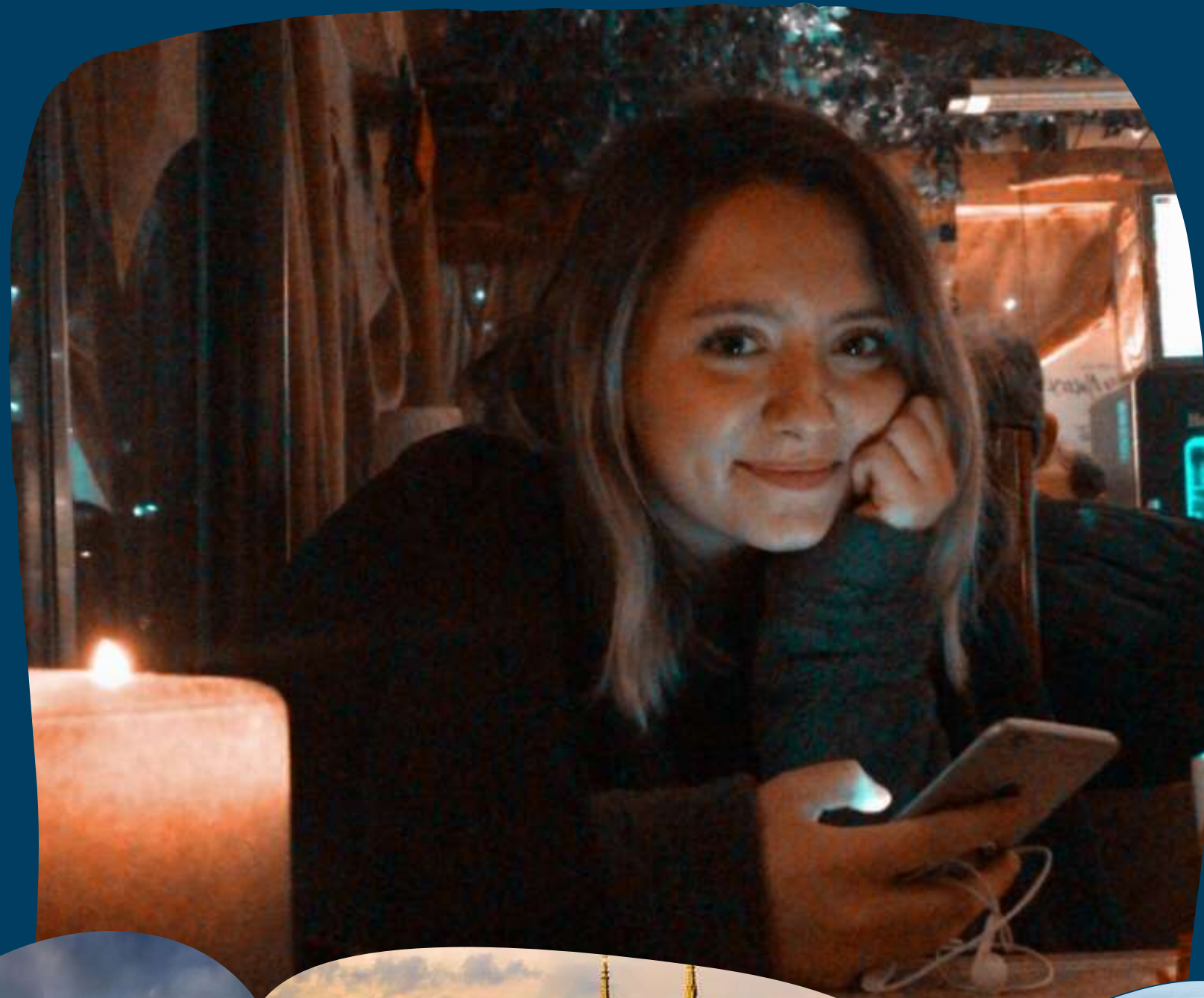
MOBILITIES

- Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences Faculty English Language and Literature department student **Nazan RAVLI** has completed her internship mobility in Italy.
- Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences Faculty Economics and Finance department student **Sanam MAHMOODI** has completed her internship mobility in Italy.
- Faculty of Health Sciences Nutrition and Dietetics department student **Şuheyda TERAT** has completed her internship mobility in Italy.
- School of Physical Education and Sport Exercise and Sport Sciences department student **Kerim KURUHAN** has completed his internship mobility in Portugal.
- School of Physical Education and Sport Exercise and Sport Sciences department student **Yiğit Yusuf BAY** has completed his internship mobility in Germany.



Experience from Erasmus+:

Try Erasmus+!



I think Erasmus is one of the best things a student can experience. I had the chance to experience Erasmus in Rijeka, Croatia. When I was in the country, Rijeka's selection as the 2020 European Capital of Culture gave me the chance to see incredible events and a perfect carnival.

My encounter with a different education system provided me to discover a student profile that I did not know before.

I found out that if the environment gives us peace and happiness, we do everything willingly and at its best.

I suggest to take the opportunity of Erasmus+ Mobility Program to all my friends.

Note: After my exams were finished, I planned a 10-day trip and visited 5 countries, 8 cities (except Croatia).

Deren ÖZ

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DISCOVER the World

BELFRY of BRUGES

The Belfry of Bruges is one of the important historical buildings from the Middle Ages in Bruges, Belgium. The tower, also known as Belfort, is among the symbols of the city.

The Belfry of Bruges is an archive where important documents about finance and treasury are kept, located on Bruges Square in the city of Bruges, Belgium. On the sides and behind the tower stands the old marketplace, a rectangular structure with an inner courtyard only 44 m wide and 84 m deep. The bell tower is accordingly also known as Halletoren (the tower of the halls).

In addition, warehouses were built in the lower part of the tower for the purpose of stocking goods in the Middle Ages. It is necessary to use the stairs to go up to Bruges Bell Tower. There are also sitting areas in the halls for those who get tired from the bell tower tour.

In ancient times, the bells of the tower regulated the lives of the inhabitants by announcing the time, fire alarms, working hours, and various social, political and religious events. The bells were rung regularly by a mechanism.

In 1675, the bells of the tower consisted of 35 bells designed by Melchior de Haze of Antwerp. After the fire of 1741, it was replaced by a series of bells made by Joris Dumery, 26 of which are still in use. At the end of the 19th century there were 48 bells, but today the number of bells is 47. The total weight of the bells is about 27.5 tons.

Bruges Bell Tower, which has been rebuilt three times since its construction, has 366 steps inside. By climbing these steps, visitors have the opportunity to watch the city from a height of 83 meters in a panoramic way.

The bell tower has been on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1999 as part of the serial property of the Belfry of Belgium and France. It is also an important component of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the historic center of Bruges, recorded in 2000.

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