

“CYBER SECURITY” AND “COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES” MASTER'S PROGRAMS LAUNCHED AT IGU

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) has expanded its graduate education options for the 2025–2026 academic year by launching new master's programs in Cyber Security and Computational Sciences. Covering a wide range from digital security to artificial intelligence, and from data analytics to big data, these programs further strengthen IGU’s technology-focused academic vision.

EXPANDING THE ACADEMIC VISION WITH NEW PROGRAMS

Taking into account the growing demand in the fields of digital security and advanced computing systems, Istanbul Gelisim University continues to broaden its graduate education offerings.

The Cyber Security Master’s Program, offered with both thesis and non-thesis options, aims to train experts in areas such as information security, network defense, secure software development, and attack techniques — all crucial in today's evolving threat landscape. Previously offered “Cyber Academy” trainings at IGU also highlight the university's commitment to this field.

The Computational Sciences Master’s Program is designed to provide both academic and industry-relevant skills in an interdisciplinary framework that includes data analytics, modeling, simulation, artificial intelligence, and big data processing. The availability of both thesis and non-thesis formats gives students flexible learning opportunities.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT STUDENTS

This initiative by Istanbul Gelisim University opens new doors for graduate candidates interested in information technology and data science. Offering both thesis and non-thesis tracks presents an important opportunity not only for students aiming for an academic career but also for professionals who want to contribute directly to the industry.

REPORT RELEASED ON THE WORKSHOP "NEW TRENDS IN TURKISH COOPERATIVISM" HELD AT IGU

As part of the United Nations' declaration of 2025 as the "International Year of Cooperatives," a workshop held at Istanbul Gelisim University shed light on the future of women's cooperatives, social cooperatives, and new-generation cooperatives. The event, organized in two sessions, presented solution proposals under nine main topics, ranging from legal regulations to digital transformation, from campus cooperatives to women's labor. In the conclusion of the report, a strong call was made for cooperation among the public sector, private sector, academia, and civil society to drive transformation in the cooperative movement.

TURKISH COOPERATIVISM DISCUSSED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF COOPERATIVES

Within the framework of the United Nations' declaration of 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives, the current state and future of cooperativism in Turkey were discussed in a workshop hosted by Istanbul Gelisim University.

Organized under the leadership of CIRIEC Turkey and in cooperation with Istanbul Gelisim University and Istanbul Rumeli University, the workshop titled "New Trends in Turkish Cooperativism in the 2025 International Year of Cooperatives" concluded with the release of a public report.

AIMING TO DEVELOP CONCRETE SOLUTIONS

The workshop, held on May 23, 2025, at IGU's Avcilar Campus, focused on women's cooperatives, social cooperatives, and new-generation cooperative models. The event aimed to develop practical solutions in areas such as strengthening the legal infrastructure of cooperatives, sustainability, marketing, digital transformation, and gender equality.

WIDE PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Opening speeches were delivered by Prof. Dr. Kenan Aydın, Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences at IGU and Chair of the CIRIEC Turkey National Committee; Prof. Bahri Şahin, Rector of IGU and Prof. Mustafa Kara, Rector of Istanbul Rumeli University.

Participants included public and cooperative representatives such as Gülsüm Gözde Ayanoğlu, Mustafa Yıldırım, Hakan Özkan, Hakan Çalen, Aytaç Ünen, Bahar Kastan, Fatma Şahin, Nesrin Deli, Gülser Özkan, Tuncay Eskin, and Rasim Keskin; as well as academics such as Prof. İzzet Gümüş, Prof. Emine Akçadağ Alagöz, Prof. Nurcan Turan, Assoc. Prof. Nilüfer Serinikli, Asst. Prof. Aysun Kaya Deniz, Asst. Prof. Ayşe Aydın, Asst. Prof. Selda Tunç Subaşı, and Research Assistant Zehra Makar.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Session 1 – Women’s Cooperatives and Legal Framework

- Legal definition and legislative gaps related to women's cooperatives
- Sustainability challenges and proposed solutions
- Strengthening women's labor in rural areas
- The need for training in project writing, e-commerce, entrepreneurship, and mentorship

Session 2 – Social and New-Generation Cooperatives

- Renewable energy cooperatives and opportunities for green transformation
- Campus cooperatives addressing students’ basic needs
- Social cooperative models for disadvantaged groups
- Disaster management, digitalization, entrepreneurial culture, and regulatory improvements

NINE KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT

Legal infrastructure – Special legal status for women and social cooperatives, modernization of the Cooperative Law, inter-ministerial coordination

Informal employment – Micro employment models, social security exemptions, incentive packages for women's labor

Awareness and promotion – National campaigns, “Cooperative Day” events, digital storytelling projects

Sustainability – Inter-cooperative collaboration, financial literacy programs, mentorship networks

Gender equality – Support for childcare, transportation, caregiving, and leadership academies for women

Social cooperatives – Separate legal status, incentive funds, low-interest loans

Marketing and logistics – Shared branding, e-commerce infrastructure, collective shipping agreements

Supply chain integration – Joint production and procurement unions, sectoral integration

New-generation approaches – Digital transformation, platform cooperativism, campus cooperatives, green energy initiatives

EMPHASIS ON STRONG COLLABORATION

In the conclusion of the report, it was emphasized that strong cooperation among public institutions, the private sector, academia, and civil society is critical for transforming the cooperative ecosystem. A call was made, under the leadership of CIRIEC Turkey, to establish regular platforms where stakeholders can meet and implement the proposed actions.

A FIRST FOR DIYARBAKIR: SINEMED CONGRESS BEGINS WITH COLLABORATION BETWEEN IGU AND DICLE UNIVERSITY!

Diyarbakır is preparing to host a major international event in the field of cinema and media between September 3–5, 2025, organized in collaboration with Istanbul Gelisim University and Dicle University. The first-ever SineAkademi International Cinema and Media Studies Congress (SineMed), hosted by Dicle University and academically supported by Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), and with the backing of numerous institutions, aims to bring together culture, art, and academia in Diyarbakır. Held at Dicle University's 15 July Congress and Culture Center, the congress is set to create a cultural breeze in the city with a wide-ranging program that includes academic presentations, film screenings, director talks, and workshops.

CULTURE, ART, AND ACADEMIA TOGETHER!

Although it is being organized for the first time, the congress has already received over 50 paper submissions from all over Turkey, with around 40 of these selected for presentation by the Scientific Committee. Covering a broad academic spectrum including cinema, media, communication, digital culture, and new media technologies, these presentations enhance both the scientific and sectoral value of the congress.

The congress will be held in a hybrid format, enabling participation from those physically present in Diyarbakır as well as academics joining online. This format aims to transform SineMed from a conventional congress into an internationally accessible and inclusive platform.

CINEMA HITS THE STREETS: SCREENINGS, TALKS, AND WORKSHOPS...

One of the standout aspects of SineMed is its emphasis on strengthening public engagement through artistic and practical events beyond academic content. For three days, open-air film screenings will take place across Diyarbakır, followed by talks with the directors. In addition to these talks, drone shooting workshops—expected to attract particular interest from young people—will offer participants from various fields practical insights into the filmmaking process. A panel themed around “Family” and several communication-focused workshops are also among the events that reinforce the congress's social dimension.

A VISION FOR SUSTAINABLE CULTURE AND ART

Congress Organizing Committee Chair Assoc. Prof. Zuhâl Akmeşe emphasizes that this event is much more than a temporary organization. According to her, SineMed is a strategic step toward creating a sustainable cultural-artistic and academic platform in Diyarbakır. In line with this goal, a multi-layered collaboration model involving not only academic circles but also public institutions, local administrations, and NGOs is being implemented. To ensure this strategic initiative is strongly reflected on the ground, congress coordinators Asst. Prof. Bülent Deyirmenci, Deputy Director of IGU Public Relations and Promotion Department Lecturer Ahmet Bikiç, and Ahmet Cemal Yakut are playing active roles in establishing a sustainable vision for culture and the arts.

CONTRIBUTORS RECOGNIZED: A STRUCTURE GROWING THROUGH SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship support plays a significant role in making SineMed a reality. In this context, One Way Board Chairman Sabahattin Akman and METOSAD Association President Veysi Kaya, who also support the Dicle Documentary and Short Film Festival to be held in October, are among the key stakeholders contributing to the sustainability of the congress. Assoc. Prof. Akmeşe stated that these contributions are not only financial but also a sign of confidence in Diyarbakır's cultural development process.

AN ACADEMIC BRIDGE FROM IGU TO DIYARBAKIR

One of the key institutions behind the realization of SineMed is Istanbul Gelisim University, which stands out not only as a partner university but also as the backbone of the congress's academic structure. IGU will participate in the congress with its expert academic staff in media and communication, contributing through presentations, panels, and workshops, while also helping to establish a strong cultural-academic bridge between Istanbul and Diyarbakır. This collaboration once again highlights the strategic role of universities in regional development.



DIYARBAKIR POISED TO BECOME A NEW HUB OF CULTURE AND ART

SineMed is not just a congress; it is part of a vision to make Diyarbakır's cultural and academic potential visible on an international level. Shaped with the support of a strong Scientific Committee and International Advisory Board, the event lays the groundwork for models that will contribute to the region's long-term cultural development. Considering Diyarbakır's cultural diversity, artistic production capacity, and young population, organizations like SineMed have the potential to solidify the city's place on the cultural map.

As a multi-faceted cultural gathering, the congress invites art lovers, academics, students, and the people of Diyarbakır to attend. The detailed program and event schedule will be shared with the public in the coming days.