

IGU RECTOR PROF. BAHRI SAHIN MEETS WITH ENTREPRENEURIAL FIRMS AT TEKMER

Prof. Bahri Şahin, Rector of Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), visited the Gelişim University Technology Center (TEKMER), one of the university's key hubs for technology and entrepreneurship. During the visit, Rector Prof. Şahin received information about the ongoing projects at TEKMER and examined the work developed by entrepreneurial firms on-site.

INNOVATIVE APPLICATION IN HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES

During the visit, Sintech Health Technologies R&D and Engineering Co. INC., one of the TEKMER-based companies, conducted a foot analysis on Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin. The company provided detailed information about the health technologies they have developed, and the analysis results were shared. It was stated that the application offers modern and science-based solutions aimed at preserving orthopedic health.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS AND ACADEMICS

Rector Prof. Şahin emphasized the importance of the work being done and congratulated the young entrepreneurs and academics for their success in the fields of technology and innovation. He expressed his satisfaction with the continued development and growth of the university's technology and entrepreneurship ecosystem.

TECHNOLOGY-ORIENTED GROWTH AT IGU

TEKMER, established as a reflection of IGU's innovative vision, integrates the university's knowledge production capacity into the entrepreneurial ecosystem. The center supports R&D activities in a wide range of fields, from health technologies to engineering solutions, software, and artificial intelligence applications. In this way, both students and academics have the opportunity to commercialize their projects and contribute them to the industry.

Istanbul Gelisim University, in addition to its ongoing efforts in education and research, also stands out with its investments in technology and innovation. Positioned at the heart of this strategy, TEKMER functions as a platform that transfers the university's academic knowledge to the real sector, encourages entrepreneurship, and enables the realization of innovative ideas.

CYBERSHIELD INNOVATORS – THE FIRST EIT-SUPPORTED PROJECT LED BY IGU REACHES 1,205 PARTICIPANTS FROM 22 COUNTRIES

The cybersecurity training project titled “Cybershield Innovators: Pioneering the Future of Digital Security”, coordinated by Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) and supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), has attracted significant attention both in Turkey and around the world. As part of the project, 180 students from 47 different universities across 22 European countries, 968 students from 141 different universities in Turkey, and 57 high school students from various institutions across Turkey participated — reaching a total of 1,205 participants. This extensive engagement helped establish a broad-based and inclusive educational ecosystem in the field of digital security.

STRONG INTEREST ACROSS EUROPE: 47 UNIVERSITIES FROM 22 COUNTRIES

Participants came from various countries, including Romania (47), Hungary (28), Albania (20), North Macedonia (17), Georgia (16), and Germany (15), with additional applications from the UK, Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, and Lithuania — showcasing the program's strong international appeal. Being the first cybersecurity training project from Turkey to receive EIT support, it has garnered attention for its international impact as well.

Top Participating International Universities:

Country	University
Germany	University of Bamberg, Hochschule Aalen, RWTH Aachen University, Stuttgart University
Hungary	Kodolanyi Janos University, Pannon Egyetem
Romania	Polytechnic University of Bucharest, National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest, Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania
Poland	University of Szczecin, University of Gdańsk
UK	University of Liverpool, Wales University
USA	University of Missouri
Albania	Universum International College
Georgia	International Black Sea University
Kosovo	University of Business and Technology (UBT)
North Macedonia	University of American College Skopje
Lithuania	Klaipėda State University of Applied Sciences
Bosnia and Herzegovina	University of Sarajevo
Montenegro	University of Montenegro
Bulgaria	Technical University - Varna

STRONG INTEREST ACROSS TÜRKİYE: 141 UNIVERSITIES FROM OVER 60 CITIES

The “Cybershield Innovators” project achieved a remarkable success by attracting participation not only from major cities but also from across Anatolia. Students from Istanbul, Elazığ, Konya, Düzce, and many other regions took part in the program, with participants from 141 universities in more than 60 cities across Türkiye.



Top Participating Turkish Universities:

Istanbul Gelisim University

Istanbul University

Istanbul Aydın University

Istanbul Medipol University

Bahçeşehir University

Istanbul University - Cerrahpaşa

Anadolu University

Erciyes University

Gazi University

Karadeniz Technical University

Bursa Uludağ University

Hacettepe University

Ankara University

Atatürk University

Bilkent University

Çukurova University

Ondokuz Mayıs University

Fırat University

Middle East Technical University (METU)

Akdeniz University

Gebze Technical University

Iskenderun Technical University

Marmara University

Trakya University

Izmir Institute of Technology

Yeditepe University

Boğaziçi University

Ege University

Kocaeli University

Koç University

Yıldız Technical University

Sivas Cumhuriyet University

These statistics demonstrate that the project has expanded its reach beyond metropolitan centers and succeeded in achieving its goal of equal access to digital education.

PROF. BAHRI SAHIN: “WITH ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY, KNOWLEDGE IS EVERYWHERE”

Prof. Bahri Şahin, Rector of Istanbul Gelisim University, made the following remarks about the project: “The Cybershield Innovators project has become a concrete outcome of our university’s vision of digitalization and globalization. It not only provided technical training, but also served as a model of inclusive development and intercultural interaction. With participation from 141 universities in Turkey and 47 universities across Europe, this project made a significant contribution to the international mission of both our country and our university.”

30% Female Participation: Inclusivity at the Forefront

Alongside promoting digital literacy, the project prioritized encouraging women to enter STEM fields. Reaching the target of 30% female participation was considered a significant achievement in terms of gender balance and inclusivity.

PROF. NECMETTIN MARAŞLI: “THIS IS MORE THAN EDUCATION – IT’S INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE”

Prof. Necmettin Maraşlı, Vice Rector responsible for Research and Development, also commented on the project: “The diversity of participants increased the project’s accessibility and credibility. In addition to students from all regions of Türkiye, young talents from across Europe — from the heart of the continent to the Balkans and the Caucasus — engaged with the program. This was more than an educational effort; it became a project of intercultural dialogue.”

THE PATH TO THE DIGITAL FUTURE RUNS THROUGH GELISIM

As the first EIT-supported cybersecurity training project in Türkiye Cybershield Innovators stands out not only for its technical content but also for its commitment to cultural diversity, inclusivity, and regional equality. Beyond educational modules, the project also contributes to participants’ career journeys, standing as a multi-dimensional EIT project grounded in global awareness, equality, and collaboration.

INSPIRING SUCCESS FROM A SOCIOLOGY STUDENT AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY!

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) continues to support the emergence of individual talents with its student-centered educational approach. One of the most recent examples of this approach is the memoir-biography book titled “Babasının Kızları”, written by Sociology Department student Fatma Çelik. Published last month, the book explores lives constrained by tradition through the history of a family and contributes to social memory.

Born in 1966 in the Derik district of Mardin, Fatma Çelik resumed her education in 2017 and is currently continuing her sociology studies at Istanbul Gelisim University. Çelik, who stated that she started university with a conscious decision, said that the education she received transformed her life: “For me, sociology was not just a subject, it was a way of holding on to life. From my first day at IGU, both my perspective on myself and on the world changed. Our instructors did not just teach lessons — they touched our lives.”

A JOURNEY INTO WRITING WITH ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Fatma Çelik, a student at the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, Department of Sociology, emphasized the decisive role of IGU's academic support in her writing process. She highlighted that the course Academic Reading and Writing Skills, taught by Asst. Prof. Raheb Mohammadi Ghanbarlou, opened new horizons for her.

Explaining that she started by writing the entire draft of her book in notebooks since she didn't know how to use a computer, Çelik said: "Thanks to this course, I learned how to transfer my texts to digital format, how to edit them, and how to use academic writing techniques." She also added that opportunities like online classes and the ability to rewatch recorded lectures during the earthquake period contributed both to her writing process and her improvement in computer skills.

CONFIDENCE GAINED AT IGU TURNED INTO SOCIAL AWARENESS

Stating that "Babasının Kızları" is not just a personal story but also the voice of silenced women, Fatma Çelik said: "The sociological perspective I gained at IGU enabled me to view what happened not merely as a personal tragedy but as a societal issue."

"MY UNIVERSITY GAVE ME A NEW IDENTITY"

Expressing that she rebuilt herself thanks to the free and supportive academic environment offered by Istanbul Gelisim University, Çelik said: If I can write boldly today, if I can make my voice heard, my university has a major role in this and she thanked all her professors.

Istanbul Gelisim University continues not only to provide its students with academic knowledge but also to offer opportunities that reveal their potential and inspire success stories.

PREFERENCE AND PROMOTION DAYS COMPLETED: IGU RANKS AMONG THE TOP THREE MOST PREFERRED UNIVERSITIES!

With the end of the university preference period, Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) has also concluded its Preference and Promotion Days with a closing ceremony. Throughout the process, IGU welcomed prospective students and their families to its campus and attracted significant interest through comprehensive promotional activities, both academic and social. At the closing program, IGU Chairman of the Board of Trustees Abdülkadir Gayretli and IGU Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Serdar Egeli came together with the academics, administrative staff, and student assistants who took part in the preference and promotion process.

“TEAM SPIRIT IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR SUCCESS”

In his speech, Abdülkadir Gayretli emphasized the university’s rising success and thanked the entire team who worked diligently throughout the preference and promotion process, saying:

“Our university continues to progress with stronger momentum each year. I wholeheartedly congratulate all our academic and administrative staff, as well as our students, who contributed to this success.”

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IGU Secretary General Assoc. Prof. Serdar Egeli celebrated the achievement by stating that during the preference period, IGU was ranked among the top three most preferred universities in online preference tools. He expressed his gratitude to everyone who contributed to the process.

COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

During the Preference and Promotion Days, prospective students benefited from a wide range of services including preference counseling, department introductions, one-on-one meetings with faculty members, and detailed information on scholarships and registration opportunities. IGU's expert preference counselors assisted students in selecting the most suitable departments based on their scores, rankings, and areas of interest.

As part of campus tours, prospective students had the opportunity to explore faculties, laboratories, workshops, the library, sports facilities, and student clubs. They also received detailed information about international exchange programs, dormitory options, social activities, and career support services.

"INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE" HELD AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY WITH PARTICIPATION OF YEMENI DELEGATION

As part of its vision to strengthen international academic collaborations, Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) hosted the "Innovation and Technology Conference." The event was attended by prominent guests including IGU Chairman of the Board of Trustees Abdulkadir Gayretli, Yemen's Minister of Higher Education Dr. Khalid Alwisabi, and the Ambassador of Yemen in Ankara, Mohamed Saleh Ahmed Tariq.

OFFICIAL VISIT BEFORE THE CONFERENCE

Prior to the conference, the Yemeni delegation paid an official visit to Abdulkadir Gayretli, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of IGU. During the meeting, topics such as enhancing educational relations between the two countries, providing more academic opportunities for Yemeni students, and strengthening cultural ties through joint projects were discussed.

The visit was also attended by IGU International Students Office Director, Umedjon Haitmurodov. In his speech, Chairman Abdulkadir Gayretli emphasized: “These collaborations not only provide our students with academic knowledge but also broaden their perspectives by exposing them to different cultures. We are committed to mobilizing all our resources to ensure the development of the 427 Yemeni students studying at our university, as well as all other international students.”

Yemen’s Minister of Higher Education, Dr. Khalid Alwisabi, stated that Istanbul Gelisim University is officially recognized by the Yemeni Ministry of Higher Education, and expressed his satisfaction with the academic experiences of Yemeni students at IGU. He highlighted the importance of joint projects to expand educational opportunities and deepen academic ties between the two nations.

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Following the official visit, Board of Trustees Chairman Abdulkadir Gayretli and Minister Dr. Khalid Alwisabi attended the “Innovation and Technology Conference,” organized by the Yemen Friendship and Solidarity Association.

The main goal of the conference was defined as promoting innovative ideas in the fields of science, technology, and arts; organizing competitions and projects for talented students to build a strong student foundation; and enabling these students to acquire the qualifications needed to contribute to Yemen’s reconstruction. The program also covered skill-development and qualification workshops for students, support mechanisms to transform ideas into successful projects, and discussions on innovative production processes.

A BROADLY ATTENDED EVENT

In addition to Chairman Abdulkadir Gayretli and Minister Dr. Khalid Alwisabi, the conference was attended by Yemen’s Ambassador to Ankara Mohamed Saleh Ahmed Tariq, Media Advisor to the Yemeni Embassy Dr. Tala, Chief of Staff to the Ambassador Dr. Ibrahim Almekhlafi, President of the Yemen Friendship and Solidarity Association Dr. Ahmed Aloqabi and numerous business professionals.

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HIGH INTEREST AND STRONG SATISFACTION

Thanks to these offerings, IGU's Preference and Promotion Days stood out not only as an informative process but also as a series of events where prospective students experienced the university environment firsthand. The process, which concluded with high satisfaction among participants, contributed significantly to Istanbul Gelisim University's increasing success in university preferences each year.