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Dear Young People,

Istanbul Gelişim Vocational School, which started its education life in 2008, started to publish a monthly E-Bulletin as of 2021. We are very happy to bring you the February issue of our e-bulletin and to share with you the developments in our Vocational School. I believe you will enjoy reading our bulletin and I present my greetings and respect with the hope of meeting you in a new issue.

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LEADERSHIP

ACADEMICIANS FROM IGU ARE ON THE "BEST SCIENTISTS" LIST OF THE WORLD AND COUNTRIES!

Research.com, one of the world's leading research and academia portals, has announced the list of the "Best Scientists" of the world and countries. Istanbul Gelisim University academics were shown among the best scientists in Turkey and the world with their degrees in "Engineering and Technology", "Economy and Finance" and "Neuroscience".

Great success in the fields of "Engineering and Technology", "Economics and Finance" and "Neuroscience"!

Istanbul Gelisim University, which is modern, developing, producing and advancing with an understanding of quality education, stands out with its science, technology and R&D studies. According to the list created on the basis of the D-index created for the purpose of measuring, evaluating and monitoring the performance of scientists in terms of scientific productivity. 3 academicians from Istanbul Gelisim University were included in the list of "Best Scientists" with their successful work.

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin ranked 17th among 47 scientists from Turkey and 4020th in the world in the field of Engineering and Technology.

Prof. Dr. Kemal Sıtkı Türker from IGU Faculty of Dentistry achieved an important success by being 4th among 6 scientists from Turkey and 5870th in the world.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Festus Victor from the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences of IGU was the only scientist from Turkey to be ranked in the field of Economics and Finance, and he was ranked 1183 in the world.



IGU Maintains Its Success in the 2026 Times Higher Education World University Rankings

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) has achieved another significant success in the 2026 World University Rankings announced by the international higher education ranking organization Times Higher Education (THE). According to the 2026 results, IGU maintained its position in the 1001–1200 band worldwide, ranking 9th among foundation universities, 16th in Türkiye overall, and 2nd in Turkey in the Research Quality category. In the international visibility category, IGU ranked 6th, right after Bogazici University, strengthening Turkey's position in global higher education with its research strength and international impact capacity.

IGU Stood Out with Its Research Strength in THE 2026 Rankings



The infographic features the Istanbul Gelisim University logo and the THE World University Rankings 2026 logo. It highlights the following achievements:

- 2026 THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS ANNOUNCED!**
- IGU is ranked in the **1001–1200 band** in the global rankings
- 9th AMONG FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES**
- 16th in Türkiye**
- 2nd in Türkiye in Research Quality**

This year, the Times Higher Education 2026 World University Rankings evaluated 2,191 universities from 115 countries, including 137 universities from Türkiye.

In line with its vision of becoming a "Research University," Istanbul Gelisim University has achieved a lasting momentum globally in recent years through investments in research infrastructure, qualified human resources, and international projects. This determined progress was once again confirmed by the university's stable position in the 1001–1200 band.

According to THE 2026 results, IGU ranked 16th overall in Türkiye, 9th among foundation universities, and 2nd in the Research Quality category. In the international visibility category, IGU ranked 6th, just after Bogazici University. These results once again highlight IGU's strengthening position not only at the national level but also in the global higher education arena.



"We Do Not Compromise on Our Goal of Academic Excellence"

IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin made the following statement regarding the THE 2026 results:

"Maintaining our place in the 1001–1200 band in the Times Higher Education 2026 World University Rankings, ranking 9th among foundation universities, 16th overall in Türkiye, and 2nd in Research Quality, is a reflection of our strong academic structure based on scientific output. This success is the result of our sustainable research policies, internationalization strategies, and the collective efforts of our qualified academic staff. As Istanbul Gelisim University, we not only take part in the field of higher education but also contribute to global science by producing high-impact scientific outputs with strong research quality.

Our goal is to further increase our research capacity, move beyond this band, and strengthen Turkey's global representation in world university rankings. With the dedicated efforts of our academic staff, the scientific curiosity of our students, and the support of our stakeholders, we are moving confidently toward this goal. I thank all our academics, administrative staff, and students who contributed to this achievement."

Research Power Rising with a Global Vision

Istanbul Gelisim University does not limit its research ecosystem to scientific production alone; it supports it with industry collaborations, innovative projects, and global funding sources to increase Türkiye's international visibility and expand its scientific impact.

IGU Ranked in the 401-500 Band in THE Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) has achieved a significant success by placing in the 401–500 band in the Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026, prepared by Times Higher Education (THE) in collaboration with the Schmidt Science Fellows. In the 2026 results announced for the field of Interdisciplinary Science, 911 universities from 94 countries were evaluated, and 82 universities from Türkiye succeeded in entering the list. Istanbul Gelisim University, evaluated for the first time this year, attracted global attention with its performance in interdisciplinary research output, publication quality, scientific impact, and international collaborations.

IGU's THE Success Trend Continues to Rise

The ranking in the 401–500 band in the field of Interdisciplinary Science is a new indicator of Istanbul Gelisim University's steady upward trend in THE rankings.

In the previously announced THE World University Rankings 2026 results, IGU was placed in the 1001–1200 band, drawing attention in international evaluation systems with improvements particularly in research quality, publication impact, and international collaborations.

The newly released Interdisciplinary Science results show that the university continues its momentum in scientific production and that its research policies are being recognized globally.

With the Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026, IGU has now become a higher education institution listed in all rankings published by THE. This outcome demonstrates that the university's research-oriented vision, academic production capacity, and internationalization strategy are acknowledged on a global scale.



“This Achievement Is a Concrete Result of Our Scientific Productivity”

IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin shared the following remarks regarding the achievement:

“Being ranked in the 401–500 band in the Times Higher Education Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026 is a concrete result of our university's scientific productivity and its commitment to an interdisciplinary approach. Being included in the list in this field for the first time shows that we are on the right path within the global academic competition. Every step we take to strengthen our research ecosystem is a strategic gain that enhances our international visibility.

As Istanbul Gelisim University, we advance with a holistic vision that increases our research capacity, strengthens international collaborations, and supports interdisciplinary knowledge production. This approach, which prioritizes scientific efficiency, research quality, and innovative practices, forms the foundation of achieving sustainable academic success on a global scale. I wholeheartedly congratulate our entire academic staff who contributed to this success.”

“We are increasing our competitiveness on a global scale”

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin stated the followings about the achievements of THE World Universities Ranking and THE World Universities Field Ranking: “With our university ranking overall, it is a great source of pride for us to be included in the rankings in the fields of Business and Economics and Social Sciences for the first time this year. This achievement once again reveals our university's research capacity, quality of education and vision of internationalization. Our place in the 501-600 band, which is obtained especially in the Social Sciences category, embodies our goal of increasing the academic power of our university in the field of social sciences and its competitiveness on a global scale. As Istanbul Gelisim University, we will continue to maintain our understanding of excellence in education and research.”



"It is a significant indicator that we are on the way to achieving our internationalization goals"

Istanbul Gelisim University's Vice Rector for Quality, Accreditation and Internationalization Prof. Arda Öztürkcan, on the other hand, said the following about THE success rankings:

“It is a pleasure for our university to enter the general ranking in THE World Universities Ranking and then to take part in THE World Universities Field Ranking on top of our success in THE Awards Asia 2025. This success is an important indicator that we are on the way to achieving our quality and internationalization goals in our education and research activities.”

The grades obtained by Istanbul Gelisim University in THE rankings proved once again that the university has a competitive structure on a global scale and that it attaches importance to quality standards in the education it offers to its students. The university is determined to continue its work uninterruptedly to continue these achievements in the future.

SCImago 2025 results announced: IGU is at the top among foundation universities!

The results of "SCImago University Rankings 2025", in which the scientific research, innovation and social impacts of the world's universities are ranked according to SCOPUS and SciVal publication and citation data, were announced. Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which stands out with its studies, ranked 6th among foundation universities in the general ranking and 4th in the field of research, and ranked at the top in the categories of Economics, Planning and Civil Engineering.

The results of "SCImago University Rankings 2025", which measure the social, scientific impact and innovation of universities around the world, were announced. SCImago University Ranking, which aims to give a general idea about universities by measuring the performance of universities in terms of research, innovation and social impact, helps students learn about the quality, effectiveness and prestige of a university's education. Advancing with the vision of "World University", IGU attracted attention with its studies and opportunities for its students, and proved its success once again with the degrees it received in different fields in SCImago University Rankings 2025 results. IGU ranked 6th among foundation universities in the general ranking and 25th in Turkey; ranked 4th among foundation universities in the field of research and 8th in Türkiye.

IGU is at the top in Economics, Planning and Civil Engineering!

According to SCImago's evaluation based on Scopus and SciVal data, Istanbul Gelisim University ranked at the top among foundation universities in many areas.

Drawing attention with its research studies in different fields, IGU ranked 1st among foundation universities in the fields of Economics, Econometrics and Finance and ranked 5th in Türkiye. In the field of Planning and Development, it ranked 1st among foundation universities and 4th in Türkiye. While ranking 1st among foundation universities in the field of Civil and Structural Engineering, it ranked 11th in Türkiye.



Top 2 in Business, Engineering & Social Sciences!

Istanbul Gelisim University continues to rise in the rankings every year with its investments in scientific research and innovation. While it ranks 2nd among foundation universities in the field of Business Administration, Management and Accounting, it rose to 5th place in Türkiye's overall ranking, where it ranked 7th last year. Standing out with its research activities, IGU ranked 2nd among foundation universities in the field of Engineering and ranked 5th by climbing 9 steps among Turkish universities. While ranking in the top 2 among foundation universities in the field of Social Sciences, it ranked 11th in Türkiye.

IGU, which has demonstrated its success in different fields, ranked 4th among foundation universities in the Energy category and 9th in Türkiye.

Istanbul Gelisim University Continues its Rise in Sustainability in THE Impact Rankings 2025

According to the 2025 Impact Rankings results announced by Times Higher Education (THE), Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) once again demonstrated its performance in the field of sustainability. In the ranking prepared in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nations, IGU was in the 601-800 band worldwide. Having made a significant leap from last year's 801-1000 band with this success, IGU has once again proven that it continues its steady progress in the field of sustainability.



Evaluated Between 2526 Universities

In the ranking, in which 2526 universities from 130 countries applied and 2318 of them were evaluated, more than 220,000 evidence was collected from universities and more than 3.7 million articles on the SDG were examined. During the evaluation process, 75 metrics, 251 indicators and more than 230,000 criteria were analyzed. In the current list announced, 112 universities from Turkey were listed.

Global Achievement in Sustainability: At the Top in the Field of Accessible Clean Energy!

Istanbul Gelisim University entered the general ranking by scoring in the following four SDG areas in its 2025 evaluation:

- SDG 7: Accessible and Clean Energy – 1st among foundation universities in Turkey
- SDG 4: Qualified Education – 3rd in Turkey
- SDG 10: Reducing Inequalities – Shared 3rd place with Bilkent University across Turkey
- SDG 17: Partnerships for Purposes – ranked 4th among foundation universities in Turkey; in the 401-600 band worldwide

Istanbul Gelisim University received YÖKAK Corporate Accreditation for 5 years!

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) was fully accredited for 5 years as a result of the institutional accreditation evaluation carried out by the Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK). After the detailed audit process in December, IGU was entitled to receive accreditation at the highest level with the high standards it has shown in the fields of education, research and development, management system and community service.



**Yükseköğretim
Kalite Kurulu**

**İstanbul Gelişim Üniversitesi,
YÖKAK tarafından
5 yıl süreyle tam akredite edildi!**

Üniversitemiz, eğitim-öğretim, araştırma, yönetim ve topluma hizmet alanlarındaki kalite standartlarını sağlayarak, Yükseköğretim Kalite Kurulu (YÖKAK) tarafından **5 yıl süreyle "Kurumsal Akreditasyon Belgesi" almaya hak kazandı.**



Institutional accreditation is an important process that evaluates whether universities meet the quality standards set in the fields of education, research, management and community service. This rigorous evaluation process carried out by YÖKAK aims to increase the competitiveness of higher education institutions on a national and international scale and to ensure that they establish a transparent and sustainable quality assurance system. Universities that are entitled to receive institutional accreditation prove that they successfully manage quality processes, adopt sustainable development in education and effectively fulfill their mission of adding value to society. Istanbul Gelisim University successfully completed this important process and made its name among the few universities in Türkiye that received full accreditation.

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HISTORY

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School started education in 2008 with 9 programs and became a school that forms the core of Istanbul Gelisim University. It has shown rapid development since its establishment; it has reached 19 departments, 37 programs and 10,630 students. Evening education is provided in 21 of 37 programs.

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School continues its educational activities with its experienced and strong academic staff. In addition to the permanent instructors, by employing the leading names of the sector part-time, the students are given the opportunity to learn their practical experience in business life.

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, which has moved to its new campus as of the Fall Term of the 2017-2018 Academic Year, has a total of 22 workshops, including Aircraft Maintenance Workshops, Mock-Up, Kitchen, Electric, Construction, Automotive, Serigraphy, Ceramics and Fashion workshops, in its new campus so that students can apply their theoretical education practically. Besides it offers a field of application with 7 Computer Labs, one of which is MAC.

Our School's Aircraft Technology Program has the Recognized School Approval Certificate from the General Directorate of Civil Aviation (SHGM) as well as the Flight Operations Specialist Training (Dispatcher) Authorization Certificate from the DGCA. Apart from our two programs authorized by DGCA, the licensing processes for the Approved Cabin Crew Basic Training Organization Certificate for Civil Aviation Cabin Services Turkish and English Programs and the Approved Ground Handling Training Organization Certificate for Civil Air Transport Management Turkish and English Programs are continuing at the DGCA.

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School students can benefit from the educational and social activity opportunities available in all campuses of our university without interruption.

OUR MISSION

To equip our students in all the programs with innovations in their fields, to keep them informed of current developments, to keep this process alive with scientific activities, and to support the scientific studies of lecturers. To be the solution for the need of qualified intermediate staff with the qualifications required by the sector, to have assimilated the latest technological developments, to have developed a practical side.



OUR VISION

Our vision is to be one of the world's leading vocational schools with qualified academic staff and all the programs recognized by international institutions and organizations, and to train students who are demanded by the market and who are all employed after graduation.

The 2025-2026 Academic Year Spring Semester Academic Opening Ceremony of Istanbul Gelisim University Vocational School was held with the participation of our university's executive administration.

At the ceremony, our Vocational School Director, Assoc. Prof. Mehmet Soyol, shared the academic goals and institutional vision of our vocational school; and our Rector, Prof. Bahri Şahin, made evaluations regarding the future perspective of our university.



We would like to extend our thanks to our Rector, Prof. Bahri Şahin, and our Vice Rector, Prof. S. Arda Öztürkcan, for their participation in the ceremony and their valuable contributions.

We wish the new academic term to be a productive period in line with the goals of scientific productivity and qualified vocational education.



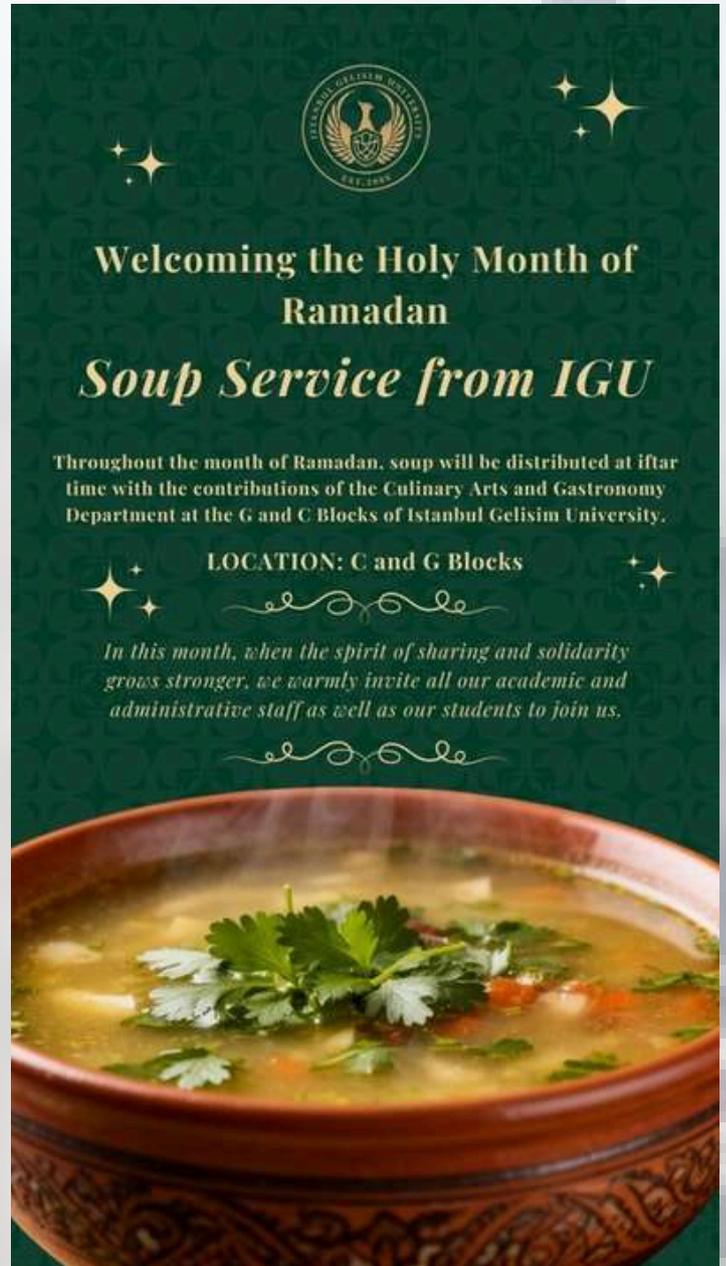
Solidarity and Sharing During Ramadan at Istanbul Gelisim University

Istanbul Gelisim University is carrying out a meaningful social responsibility project by bringing the spirit of unity, togetherness, and sharing of the month of Ramadan to campus life. With the contributions of the esteemed academics and students of our university's Culinary and Gastronomy programs, soup is served every day during the month of Ramadan in Block C and Block G.

This initiative, which also contributes to the practical education processes of our students, aims to strengthen the culture of solidarity at the same time. The soups, prepared with great care and in compliance with hygiene standards, are offered to our students and staff on campus before iftar.

We would like to thank the valuable department instructors of our Culinary and Gastronomy programs, our students working in the application kitchen, and all our administrative staff who supported this meaningful organization.

We hope that the month of Ramadan brings health, peace, and abundance to our campus, and we wish a blessed Ramadan to all our academic and administrative staff and our dear students.



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EDUCATION



NEWS FROM IGVS

Seminar Titled "24/7 Operating Systems: University IT Infrastructure Behind the Scenes" Was Held



The relevant seminar was organized on 17.02.2026 at the IGVS, G Block Aziz Sancar Conference Hall by Naciye Macit Sezikli, the Head of the Web Design and Development Program. It was held to introduce the university's information technology infrastructure that provides uninterrupted service and to increase students' awareness in the field of systems and infrastructure.





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GELISIM MERKEZİ TÜRKİYE

EDUCATION



NEWS FROM IGVS

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During the event, network topology, server architectures, virtualization environments, and monitoring systems were discussed in detail. Specifically, the practical use of monitoring tools such as Zabbix and Grafana in real scenarios was demonstrated. The training was conducted on the university's live systems accompanied by real-time data flow and alarm scenarios. Participants had the opportunity to directly observe the operations in a production environment. System Specialist Bilal Karakılıç along with Assistant Cybersecurity Specialists Hatice Pelin Gültekin and Sümeyye Erdoğan contributed to the seminar as speakers. The event received intense interest and provided a significant contribution to the career planning of students by increasing their level of technical knowledge.

Erasmus+ Student Exchange Program Information Seminar

Erasmus+ Student Exchange Program Information Seminar was held on February 17, 2026, at the G-Block Prof. Aziz Sancar Conference Hall for students of the Computer-Aided Design and Animation, Information Security Technology, and Applied English Translation programs of IGVS. During the seminar, comprehensive information was provided regarding application processes, evaluation criteria, grant supports, and technical details within the scope of the European Union Erasmus+ Program. In the event moderated by Asst. Prof. Sevda Polat, Lect. İpek Ebru Karaçay and Lect. Kübra Çetinberk delivered presentations. Program Chairs Lect. Muhammet Yüksel and Lect. Aysun Yılmaz Kızılböğa also contributed to the process. The event concluded with a question and answer session and aimed to increase students' awareness regarding international academic mobility processes.



Erasmus+ Öğrenci Değişim Programı Bilgilendirme Semineri

Bilgisayar Destekli Tasarım ve Animasyon Programı, Bilişim Güvenliği Teknolojisi Programı ve Uygulamalı İngilizce Çevirmenlik Programı ortak Avrupa Birliği Erasmus+ Programı başvuru süreçleri, hibe destekleri ve teknik detaylar hakkında bilgilendirme semineri

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Bilişim Güvenliği Program Başkanı
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A Significant Academic Visit from the University of Bialystok to Our Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures

Maria Żukowska, a doctoral student from the University of Bialystok in Poland, visited our university and participated in Russian language classes as part of the Erasmus+ staff mobility for teaching. Maria Żukowska, who drew attention with her active participation and academic knowledge in the lessons, emphasized the international importance of the Russian language and made comparative evaluations with European universities. She specifically stated that she found the interest and motivation of our students continuing their Russian lessons to be quite high.

In her presentation centering on Siberia, one of the unique geographies of Russia, she gained the great interest of our students by sharing comprehensive information about the cultural life, traditions and customs, holidays, and cities of the region. Her presentation was of a quality that nurtured not only language learning but also cultural awareness.

It is extremely pleasing for us that our foreign guest students participating in Russian lessons within the scope of the Erasmus+ program are in cultural interaction with our other students. Such academic and cultural mobilities contribute significantly to broadening the vision of our students, helping them gain different perspectives and develop an international outlook.



We Are Proud!

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Taner Atasoy, Deputy Director of Istanbul Gelisim University Vocational School, has been appointed to the Paralympic and Deaflympic Athlete Science Commission by the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Youth and Sports.

With his scientific expertise, academic experience, and inclusive approach to sports, we sincerely believe that he will make significant contributions to strengthening Paralympic and Deaflympic athlete science at the national level.

We congratulate him and wish him great success in this valuable appointment.



SUCCESS – CONGRATULATIONS



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Taner ATASOY
Vice Director of the Vocational School

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Taner ATASOY, Vice Director of Istanbul Gelisim University Vocational School,

has been appointed to serve on the Paralympic and Deaflympic Athlete Science Commission, established under the General Directorate of Sports Services of the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Youth and Sports, by the official approval of the General Directorate Authority.

This appointment has been made in accordance with:

- The Ministry Authority Approval dated 22.12.2021,
- The General Directorate Authority Approvals dated 29.11.2023 and 04.02.2026.

Commission members have been designated based on their academic expertise in the fields of sport sciences, athlete performance, and inclusive sports policies.

ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY NEW ERASMUS+ COLLABORATION

In line with its internationalization vision, Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School has added a new one to its strategic partnerships in Europe. We have expanded our Erasmus+ network through a collaboration with one of Poland's well-established and prestigious institutions in the field of information technologies, Warszawska Wyższa Szkoła Informatyki (Warsaw School of Computer Science – WWSI).

As a result of the initiatives carried out by Lect. İpek Ebru Karaçay, Erasmus Coordinator of the Computer-Aided Design and Animation Program, a new cooperation protocol covering the Department of Computer Technologies has been signed with this prestigious Warsaw-based institution.

Thanks to this strategic partnership, our students and academic staff studying and working in all programs within the Department of Computer Technologies will have the opportunity to participate in mobility activities in Poland, at the heart of the technology world.



Erasmus+

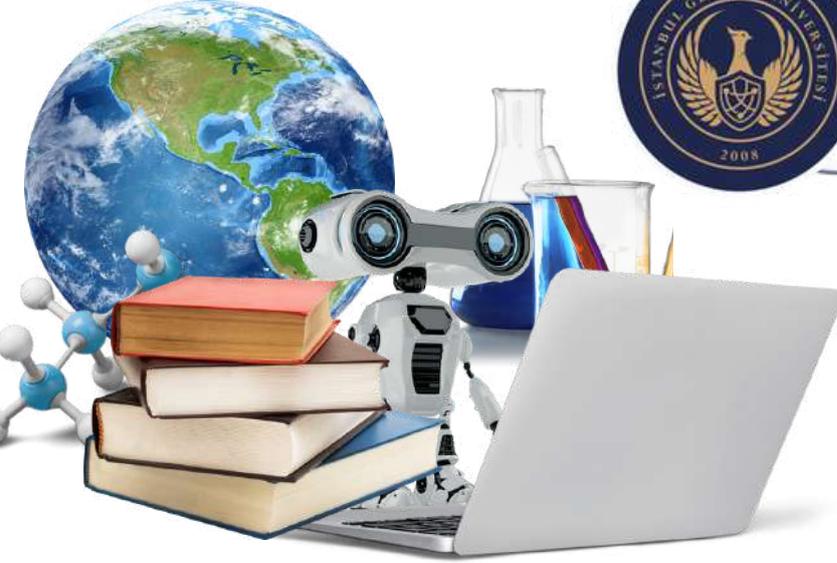
Our Student Ardacan Kartal Participates in Erasmus+ Training Mobility in Portugal

As the Civil Aviation Transportation Management (English) Program at Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, we are pleased to share that our student Ardacan Kartal has started his Erasmus+ Training Mobility at our partner institution, Universitas Cooperativa de Ensino Superior e Investigação Científica CRL (Portugal). Through this valuable international opportunity, our student is gaining valuable professional insight strengthening his intercultural competencies, and representing our program in an international academic environment. Erasmus+ Training Mobility provides our students with important opportunities to develop both academically and professionally while expanding their global perspective. We congratulate our student for taking this important step in his academic and professional journey and wish him continued success throughout his Erasmus journey.

As a program committed to internationalization, we continue to encourage our students to take advantage of Erasmus+ opportunities and broaden their academic and professional horizons.



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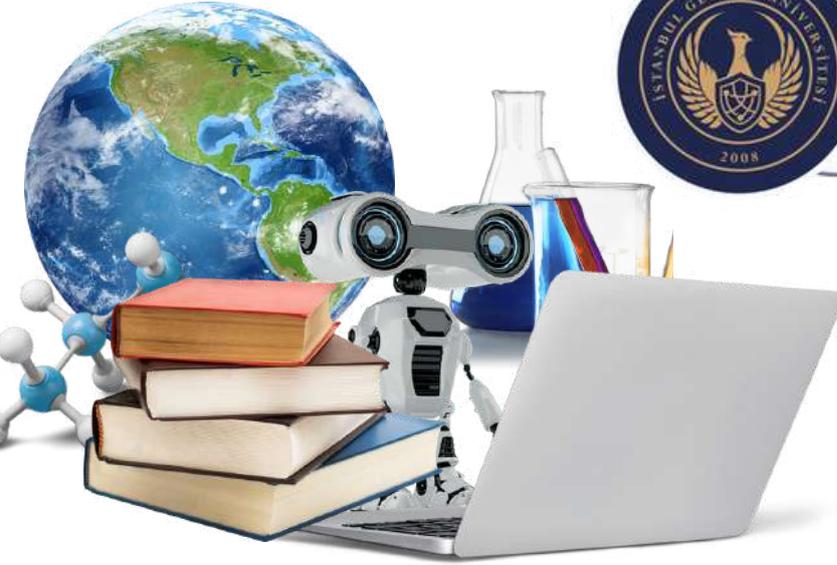
Associate Degree Success at AB'26: Future Software Developers Were on the Academic Stage!

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During the presentations held as part of the Academic Informatics Conference (AB'26), Istanbul Gelisim University Vocational School students received great acclaim for their projects and academic competencies. Our students from the Front-End Software Development Program of the Software, Application Development and Analysis Department, received full marks from academics with their technical equipment, analytical thinking skills, and confident presentations, and they displayed the most successful examples of qualified academic production at the associate degree level.



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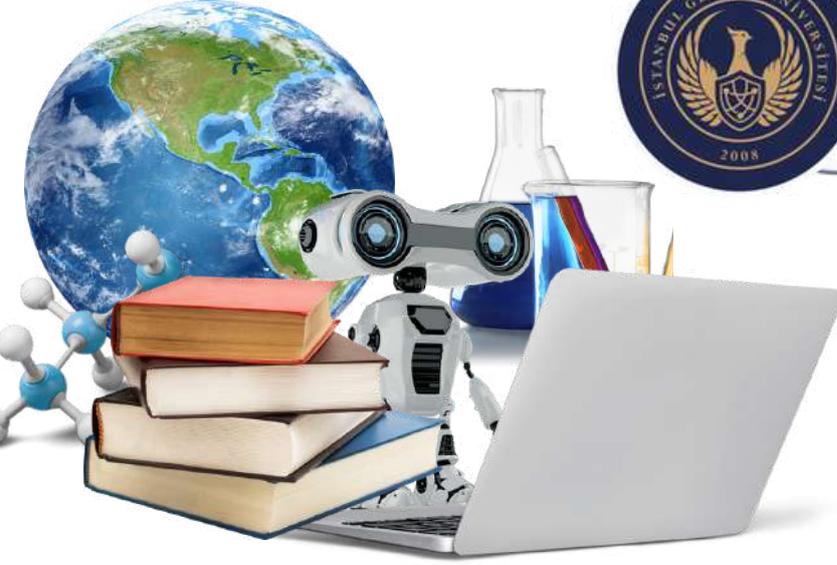
Highlighted Projects and Achievements

The projects prepared in three different focal points during the conference drew attention with a vision of digital transformation and social responsibility:

- **Yağmur Doğan & Lect. Çisem Yaşar:** She presented an innovative solution for sensitive groups with her work titled "Psychological Support Platform for SMA Patients: A New Model in Digital Psychological Support."
- **Azra Uçar & Lect. Çisem Yaşar:** She displayed a successful model for the effective use of technology in special education with the project "Digital Learning Platform for Children with Autism: Otiland."
- **Ümmügülsüm Söğüt & Lect. Çisem Yaşar:** She demonstrated her command of sectoral transformation and technical infrastructure with the presentation "Web-Based Digital Transformation: Biosistem."



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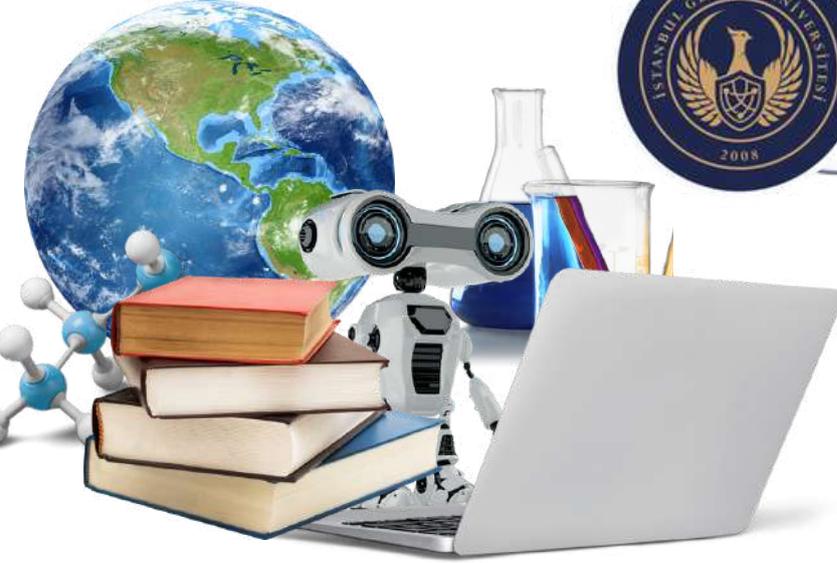
Academic Guidance and Future Vision

Lect. Çisem Yaşar, who undertook the consultancy for our students, emphasized that the academic stance and project mastery of the students are a reflection of the university's application-oriented education approach. Our students, who received positive feedback from academics, proved the academic depth of associate degree education through both their technical sufficiency and effective presentation competencies.

We congratulate our students **Yağmur Doğan**, **Azra Uçar**, and **Ümmügülsüm Söğüt**, as well as our consulting instructor Lect. Çisem Yaşar, and we wish them continued success.



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Academic Achievement

- Asst. Prof. Eda Şensu Demir, faculty member of the Food Technology Program at Istanbul Gelisim University Vocational School, will conduct her project titled "Evaluation of the Effects of Bioactive Compounds Obtained from Brown Macroalgae Against Alzheimer's Disease Through Metabolomic and Cell Model-Based Methods Within a Sustainable Biorefinery Approach" at the GEOMAR Ocean Research Centre in Germany under the TÜBİTAK 2219 – International Postdoctoral Research Program.

Academic Achievement

- Istanbul Gelisim Üniversitesi, İGMYO akademisyenlerinden Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Atilla AYDIN ve Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Duygu ÇELİK, Zonguldak Bülent Ecevit Üniversitesinin organize ettiği Uluslararası Yönetim İktisat ve İşletme Kongresinde "TÜRKİYE EKONOMİSİNDE İTHAL GİRDİ BAĞIMLILIĞINDA YAPISAL DEĞİŞİM: GİRDİ-ÇIKTI MODELİ" isimli bildirimlerini 17 Şubat 2026 tarihinde sunmuşlardır.



SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION



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THE INFORMAL ECONOMY AND ITS ECONOMIC EFFECTS

Asst. Prof. Duygu ÇELİK
Banking and Insurance Program

We can liken the world of economics to a massive iceberg. The part we see above the water consists of invoiced transactions, insured jobs, and official taxes. However, beneath the water, there is another area at least as large and “invisible.” That is the “Informal Economy.”

What Is the Informal Economy?

The informal economy consists of economic activities that are legal but remain outside the supervision of public authorities and therefore are not included in gross domestic product (GDP) calculations. This concept does not only mean tax evasion, but also the deprivation of employees from social security and the inaccurate measurement of statistics.



How Is It Detected?

Economists use indirect methods to measure this area, which they cannot directly observe:

- Currency Demand Approach: Informal transactions are generally carried out in cash. If the amount of cash in circulation is far above economic growth, this indicates a high level of informality.
- Electricity Consumption Method: If there is production, there is energy consumption. If a country's official production figures are low but electricity consumption is very high, the difference indicates "under-the-table" production.
- MIMIC Model: A complex statistical estimation method that combines multiple indicators (tax burden, unemployment rate, etc.).



What Does a Country Lose?

Informality means "leakage" for a country. High informality leads to the following consequences:

1. Decrease in Public Revenues: When the state cannot collect taxes, it cannot create a budget for schools, hospitals, and public transportation projects. This reduces the quality of public services.
2. Unfair Competition: An honest business that pays its taxes cannot compete on price with a rival that does not pay taxes. This situation penalizes honest entrepreneurship.
3. Loss of Social Security: Especially for young people, working informally means the absence of retirement rights, health insurance, and job security.

How Does Welfare Increase If the Problem Is Solved?

When the informal economy is successfully combated, the economy enters a “recovery cycle.” As the tax base expands, the state can reduce the tax rate collected from a single individual. More resources mean more scholarships, more modern campuses, and a stronger social state. Additionally, a transparent economy becomes a safe haven for foreign investors, which creates new employment opportunities.

Conclusion

In every step we take, as we move from university life to professional life, advocating for transparency and the formal economy is not only a civic duty, but also a way of securing our own future.



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The New Route of Global Trade: Digitalization and Sustainability

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The world economy has shed its skin at an unprecedented pace over the last few years. The process, which began with the restructuring of supply chains in the post-pandemic period, has evolved into a completely different dimension today with concepts such as artificial intelligence, blockchain technologies, and the “Green Deal.” Under the umbrella of the Foreign Trade program, we must closely follow not only the cross-border movement of goods and services but also the rules of this new world.

Digitalizing Customs and Logistics 4.0

The traditional understanding of foreign trade has now left its place to the concept of “paperless trade.” At every stage, from customs processes to payment methods, digitalization has become a necessity rather than a choice. Today, it is not enough for a foreign trade specialist to only know legislation; they must also be able to perform data analytics, master logistics software, and grasp the dynamics of digital marketing. Our free zones and logistics hubs are the epicenters of this technological transformation. Smart warehouses and autonomous logistics systems have become the fundamental elements determining the speed and efficiency of foreign trade.

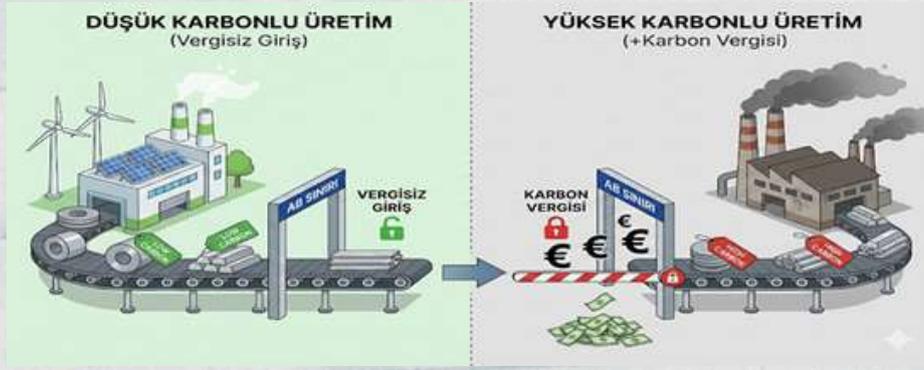
Carbon Border Adjustment and Green Trade

Another determining factor of global trade is the concept of sustainability. In particular, the European Green Deal and the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism have initiated a new era for export-oriented countries like Türkiye. Now, not only the price and quality of a product determine its competitiveness, but also its “carbon footprint” left from production to logistics. This situation makes it mandatory for foreign trade professionals to have in-depth knowledge of sustainability standards and green logistics practices.

A Critical Turning Point for Turkish Exports: The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

The rules of global trade are being rewritten by the reality of climate change. The “Green Deal” process, initiated by the European Union (EU) with the goal of becoming a carbon-neutral continent by 2050, is not just an environmental initiative but also a massive economic transformation plan. The pillar of this plan that concerns international trade the most is the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) application.

For Türkiye, whose largest trading partner is the EU, CBAM is not a choice but a “new normal” that must be complied with.



What is CBAM and What Does It Aim for?

In simple terms, CBAM is the application of the strict carbon emission rules that the EU applies to its own internal producers to products imported from outside the EU. The aim is to prevent EU producers from experiencing a competitive disadvantage and to prevent production from shifting to countries where carbon rules are loose (carbon leakage).

In practice, this means the following: if a producer in Türkiye causes more carbon emissions during the production process than EU standards, they will have to pay a “carbon tax” at the border when entering the product into the EU. This situation will increase the cost of the product and weaken its competitiveness in the EU market.

Risks and Priority Sectors for Türkiye

Considering that Türkiye carries out almost half of its total exports to EU countries, the seriousness of the issue is understood more clearly.

The CBAM application started with a transition period as of October 1, 2023. Although there was no financial obligation in the first stage, a reporting obligation was introduced. The actual financial obligations begin in 2026, the year we are currently in.

The sectors included in the scope of CBAM in the first stage are energy-intensive sectors where Türkiye is strong in exports:

- Iron and Steel
- Aluminum
- Cement
- Fertilizer
- Electricity
- Hydrogen

Our iron-steel and aluminum sectors, in particular, have a significant market share in the EU market. Our companies in these sectors must urgently review their production processes, increase energy efficiency, and turn toward renewable energy sources. Otherwise, they will face the risk of not only a tax burden but also falling behind competing countries that engage in “green production.”

Could It Be a Transformation Opportunity?

Seeing CBAM only as a threat or an additional cost would be an incomplete approach. This process could be a historical driving force for the modernization of Turkish industry and the transition to value-added, sustainable production.

Our companies that achieve green transformation and can accurately calculate and report their carbon footprint will gain a great advantage against their competitors in the EU market. When Türkiye's geographical proximity and flexible production capability are combined with the “green logistics” advantage, our country can become the most important sustainable supply center for the EU.

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