

9th METU INTERNATIONAL STAFF TRAINING WEEK

**Digital Bridges in International Education: Advancing
Erasmus+ through Digitalization and Erasmus Without
Papers-Blended Intensive Program (BIP)
June 16-20, 2025**

**16
JUNE**
MONDAY
Day 1*

Culture &
Convention
Center, Venue
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09.30-10.30 The Role and Introduction of Digital Tools in Erasmus+ Procedures (Online Session)

1. Alexandra Licht, *European Commission, Directorate-General Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, Higher Education Unit*
2. Ahmet Çörekçioğlu, *Turkish National Agency*

10.30-11.00 Opening Remarks: Introduction to METU and International Cooperation Office (Online Session)

Dr. Burcu Akpınar, METU ICO Coordinator

11.00-11.30 Key Note Speech: How Digitalization Transforms Higher Education and Mobility Programs (Online Session)

Prof. Dr. Ömer Delialioğlu, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator, Advisor to the President

13.00-13.30 Registration / Welcome Coffee

13.30-14.00 Introduction of METU Technopark

Mr. Fatih Al, Director, Business Development & Ms. Ece Nil Feyzioğlu Köse, Expert, Business Development

14.00-15.30 Campus Tour and Visit to METU Research Centers

Mr. Tolga Berk Koçak & Ms. Naz Çetin, METU International Cooperations Office

15.30-17.00 Banking Procedures (only) for Erasmus+ ICM (KA171) participants

17.30 Departure of Shuttle Buses from METU Culture and Convention Centre to Dinner

19.00 Welcome Dinner (hosted by METU ICO) at **Çobanoğlu Restaurant by Lake Eymir** (please see the last page)

21.30 Departure of Shuttle Buses from Dinner Venue to METU Campus

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June

TUESDAY

Day 2

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09:30-10:45 PANEL:

Digital Bridges: METU's Digital Innovations in Mobility as Türkiye's EWP Champion

Moderator: *Ms. Ayşenur Coskun, International Cooperations Office*

Panelists:

1. Outbound Mobility Solutions, *by Nur Seda Temur, International Cooperations Office*
2. Inbound Mobility Solutions, *by Cansu Bolgul, International Cooperations Office*
3. Digital Framework and Toolkits of METU, *by Dr. Levent Bayram, Computer Centre*
4. Introduction to METU's Academic and Asset Management Systems (VARIS, AVESIS etc.),
Mr. Burak Sarıca, ABIS

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:15 ROUND-TABLE WORKSHOP:

Digital Pathways in Global Mobility: Challenges, Solutions and Shared Insights

12:15-13:30 Lunch Break (at participants own expense)

13:30-14:30 Smart Moves: Exploring the Role of AI in Global Mobility and Internationalization

Assoc. Prof. Tarkan Gürbüz, METU Department of Computer Engineering and Instructional Technology

14:30-15:00 Introduction of METU Distance Education Application and Research Center (UZEM)

Lecturer, Dr. Ersin Kara, METU UZEM

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

15:15-16:30 Digital Poster Session Presented by the Participant Universities & Networking

Event (*speed networking & introduction event in which each institution will present their university via digital poster in 3 minutes*)

18-19

JUNE

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Day 3-4

CAPPADOCIA TRIP

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JUNE

FRIDAY

Day 5

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09:30-11:00 Closing Remarks & Digital Feedback Session

11:00-11:15 Delivery of Participation Certificates

11:15 End of the Program for Erasmus+ KA131 and self-funded participants

11:15-12:30 Banking Procedures (only) for Erasmus+ ICM (KA171) participants

12:30 End of the Program for Erasmus+ ICM (KA171) participants

● ***Important Notice:**

In line with the requirements of the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP), the morning session of the first day will be held online. Access links for the online sessions will be shared with participants via email in due course. The on-site programme on the first day will begin at 13:00, and all participants are kindly requested to be at the METU Culture and Convention Centre by that time.

- The physical program and presentations will take place at **Hall B of the METU Culture and Convention Centre**. [Location on Google Maps](#)
- No participation fee is required for the METU Staff Week 2025, but there will be a modest fee for Cappadocia trip, which is part of the program. Details regarding the trip and participation fee are being shared with participants via email.
- Please be noted that this program is tentative and it is subject to change
- **ÇOBANOĞLU RESTAURANT ADDRESS**

Eymir Gölü Kenarı, Çankaya, Ankara, 06400 Oran/Ankara, Türkiye [Location](#)

RESTAURANT'S LOCATION



STAFF WEEK ORIENTATION BOOKLET



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