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TRANSFORMING ENTREPRENEURS: EMPOWERING DIGITAL INNOVATION

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Latvia



Türkiye



Hungary



Poland

**Ankara Medipol University Technology
Transfer Office Achieves Its First
International Project Coordination Success!**

The Erasmus+ project titled “Transforming Entrepreneurs: Empowering Digital Innovation”, prepared and implemented by the Technology Transfer Office, has been successfully completed as the first project in which our TTO assumed international coordination.

Held between 20–28 August, the project focused on the themes of entrepreneurship and digital transformation. Under the coordination of Ankara Medipol University, the activities brought together 21 young participants from Latvia, Poland, and Hungary, along with 10 students from our university.



From Project Coordinator (Contact Person)



GIZEM KÖPRÜLÜ
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Project Specialist

Being part of the very first international project written and coordinated by Ankara Medipol University Technology Transfer Office was truly an honor and a privilege. This journey was not only meaningful but also deeply rewarding for every one of us.

As the project team, we had the opportunity to design and carry out inspiring workshops, engaging teamwork sessions, and enriching cultural activities. These experiences allowed us to exchange ideas with peers from different cultures and develop skills that will guide us in both our academic and professional lives. It was an eye-opening experience that combined learning with friendship, creativity, and unforgettable memories.

Through the activities we organized, we gained valuable insights into how collaboration across borders can shape new ideas and strengthen mutual understanding. Each moment of this journey taught us something new – not only about the project themes, but also about ourselves and the importance of solidarity, empathy, and innovation in today's world.

We sincerely thank all our teammates for their dedication, and our university for its continuous support. This project has shown us the real power of collaboration and learning beyond borders – and it will remain as one of the most valuable milestones in our Erasmus journey. We carry forward not only the knowledge we gained, but also the friendships and experiences that will continue to inspire us for years to come.

THANKS TO ANKARA MEDIPOL TTO TEAM



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DAY 1

Welcome Day



The Erasmus program began with an orientation day, marking the first step toward an unforgettable experience for the students. Participants gathered at the Anafartalar Campus, had the opportunity to introduce themselves and share their expectations, and bonded through various group activities and icebreaker games. The campus tour and free time activities later in the day allowed students to get to know each other better. In the evening, students were welcomed at the Welcome Dinner, creating a warm atmosphere among participants from different countries and sharing the first beautiful memories of the Erasmus experience together. This day was recorded as a special beginning, laying the foundation for the program both academically and socially, and marking the first steps towards friendship and cooperation.



DAY 2

Project Start and Introduction

This special day we spent with our Erasmus students at Anafartalar Campus was very productive in terms of both getting to know each other and bonding. Our program began at noon in the Conference Hall, where everyone first shared their expectations, then we had the opportunity to introduce ourselves one by one, and we took our first steps toward communication by forming various groups. We then had lunch together at Polin Cafe, where we got to know each other better through friendly conversations. After the lunch break, we returned to the Conference Hall and continued to bond through fun activities, icebreaker games, and group introduction events that boosted our energy.



We took short coffee breaks to shake off the day's fatigue and then continued the activities where we left off, strengthening our new friendships. Later in the day, we had the opportunity to get to know the surroundings thanks to the campus tour, and during our free time, we explored the campus and formed closer bonds with students from different countries. One of the most enjoyable parts of the day was the "Welcome Dinner" held in the evening; here, students from different cultures came together in a cheerful atmosphere to share their experiences, lay the foundations for new friendships, and together experience the beauty of the multicultural environment offered by Erasmus.



DAY 3

“First Step” CV Day



This special day spent with Erasmus students was highly productive both academically and socially. The day began with a pleasant breakfast, followed by an informative seminar on CV writing, where students learned the intricacies of preparing a resume. After a short coffee break, a workshop was organized where theoretical knowledge was put into practice, and participants received individual support while preparing their own CVs. Lunch took place in a friendly atmosphere, where students had the opportunity to chat with friends from different cultures.

The “First Step” workshop held in the afternoon was led by the esteemed Law Faculty professor Doğan Durna. In this group activity, students received important advice on both technical and personal development, and each received individual feedback on their resume preparation process. This intensive program, supported by short breaks, made the students' participation even more productive. At the end of the day, a question-and-answer session and a daily evaluation session reinforced what had been learned, and the students' achievements were recorded through individual reflection exercises within the framework of YouthPass.

DAY 3

"First Step" CV Day



The evening meal was accompanied by lively conversation, followed by Turkish Night, where students enjoyed an unforgettable experience. Through this event, which introduced Turkish cuisine, music, and traditional elements, students from different countries had the opportunity to get to know Turkey more closely. They enjoyed pleasant moments throughout the evening with dancing, conversations, and cultural sharing. Thus, the day ended with a fulfilling experience that combined professional development and cultural diversity.





DAY 4

Digitalization, Entrepreneurship, and Cultural Visiting

This day spent with Erasmus students was enriched with both academic and cultural experiences through a busy and packed program. After breakfast, the students participated in a case study workshop titled “Design Thinking and Start-up Pitch,” gaining hands-on experience in innovative thinking methods and entrepreneurship. Following a short coffee break, the workshop continued, allowing students to present their creative ideas through teamwork. A short break was taken during lunch, accompanied by pleasant conversations.



DAY 4

Digitalization, Entrepreneurship, and Cultural Visiting

In the afternoon, the students visited the MEDITEK TEKMER technology center, where they learned about the entrepreneurial ecosystem and technology-focused work. They then toured Ankara Medipol University and visited Anitkabir, one of Turkey's important historical symbols, enjoying both a historical and cultural experience. Later in the day, the students visited Maltepe Mosque, where they learned important information about Turkish architecture and Islamic culture. After a short coffee break, they returned to campus and reinforced the day's academic gains with a question-and-answer session and daily evaluation sessions held on the lawn.



DAY 4

Digitalization, Entrepreneurship, and Cultural Visiting

Conversations continued over dinner, and the evening concluded with a Latvian Cultural Night. This event featured traditional Latvian cuisine, music, and cultural elements, giving students the opportunity to learn about and engage with a different culture. The evening, filled with dances, games, and shared experiences, concluded as a delightful and unforgettable experience that strengthened the Erasmus spirit and international friendships.

DAY 5

Artificial Intelligence Group Work Day

This day spent with Erasmus students concluded with an intensive program that yielded significant gains in the fields of artificial intelligence and entrepreneurship. In the first part of the day, the “AI and Entrepreneurship” seminar presented by Taha Yusuf Can, CEO of Algofact, was held; students gained valuable insights into the application of artificial intelligence in entrepreneurship processes, the implementation of innovative ideas, and key points to consider in the entrepreneurship ecosystem. Following the seminar, lunch was served at Polin Cafe, and students had the opportunity to chat during a short break.



During the Creative AI Tools Usage Workshop held in the afternoon, students developed creative projects using various artificial intelligence tools and put what they learned into practice through group work. After a coffee break, the workshop continued, with students sharing their ideas and refining their applications, supported by individual feedback. At the end of the day, a question-and-answer session and a daily evaluation session reinforced the students' experiences and recorded their learning outcomes.





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DAY 6

Digital Transformation Day

This day with Erasmus students concluded with a highly educational and rich program on digital transformation and technological entrepreneurship. At the start of the day, the Digital Transformation Seminar provided students with comprehensive information on how digital technologies impact business processes and social structures. Following a short coffee break, the Technological Entrepreneurship Seminar was presented by Samet Yıldırım, CEO of Solarvis. Students gained valuable insights into technology-focused entrepreneurship processes, innovative business models, and the challenges encountered in entrepreneurship.

During lunch, students took a short break to chat and mingle with friends from different cultures. In the afternoon, a factory visit to the OSTIM Prota Prototype Center allowed students to observe the reflections of digital transformation on production and prototyping processes, giving them the opportunity to reinforce their theoretical knowledge with practical observations. After a short coffee break, the group returned to campus, where a question-and-answer session and free time were organized to evaluate the day.



DAY 6

Digital Transformation Day

After dinner, the busy day came to an end, and then the Polish Culture Night was held, giving students the opportunity to learn about Polish cuisine, music, and traditional elements. Throughout the event, students mingled with a different culture through dances, games, and cultural sharing, strengthening international friendships and enriching their Erasmus experience.



DAY 7

Project Evaluation and Closing Day

On the final day of the Erasmus program, students came together for a productive day filled with both academic and social activities. The day began with presentations of project results prepared under the guidance of esteemed Law Faculty professor Doğan Durna, followed by a short coffee break and then the remaining presentations. During the presentations, students shared their experiences from the projects, demonstrating both their creativity and teamwork skills. During lunch, students had the opportunity to strengthen their social bonds by chatting with friends from different cultures.

Tuesday, August 26



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DAY 7



PROJECT EVALUATION AND CLOSING DAY

In the afternoon, an Erasmus+ general evaluation was conducted, the students' contributions were acknowledged, and a YouthPass Certificate Ceremony was held to record the learning achieved during the program. Following the certificate ceremony, a cocktail reception was organized, allowing students to strengthen their interactions with each other and with the teaching staff. After dinner, a Hungarian Cultural Evening was held, where students were introduced to Hungarian cuisine, music, and traditional activities, enjoying a pleasant time with dances and games. The day concluded with an open-air film screening, making the Erasmus experience unforgettable both academically and culturally.



MOMENTS FROM THE CERTIFICATE CEREMONY



DAY 8

Excursion Day

The final day of the Erasmus program was planned as an experience full of both discovery and fun for the students. In the first part of the day, students spent free time in Ankara city center visiting iconic spots such as Tunalı Boulevard and Kuğulu Park, and had the opportunity to experience city life and the cultural fabric. In the afternoon, a group transfer took them to Botanical Park and Atakule, where students had free time and explored various tourist and natural areas.

In the evening, a dinner was organized at Aspava Kebab Restaurant to experience the flavors of Ankara cuisine. After dinner, the group returned to campus, and the day ended with a campus open-air event and farewell party. Throughout the night, the students crowned their Erasmus experience with dancing, games, and conversation, finding opportunities for both cultural interaction and strengthening friendships. Thus, the program concluded with an unforgettable social and cultural experience.



DAY 9

Farewell Day



The final day of the Erasmus program was a very emotional and meaningful farewell day. After spending an intense and educational week together, the participants gathered one last time in Ankara, visiting symbolic locations in the city and creating pleasant memories. Later in the day, at an open-air event and farewell party held on campus, the students celebrated their friendships and reminisced about the bonds they had formed during their Erasmus experience. After the program concluded, the students were sent off to return to their countries; everyone expressed how much they would miss each other, and it was emphasized that the time spent together, the shared experiences, and the friendships formed would remain as valuable memories in their minds for a lifetime.

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