

Erasmus+

STT Mobility of GTU International Relations Department Representative at Istanbul Bilgi University

On December 6-10, 2021, Marika Zviadadze, Representative of the GTU International Relations Department visited Istanbul Bilgi University (Istanbul, Turkey) within Erasmus+ mobility project for training activities, coordinated by Istanbul Bilgi University.



Marika Zviadadze met with Hande Baltaci, Director of the Global Talent Management Center of the host university; Erasmus Institutional Coordinator Handan Yiğit and the Center representatives Deniz Kirci, Selin Meral and Ceren Aydemir. She gave a presentation about Georgia and Georgian higher education system as well as Georgian Technical University, its educational and research activities. She also spoke about the involvement of GTU in international projects, discussed the issues related to the ECTS recognition, infrastructure for the people with disabilities in Georgian universities. Specific details related to student and staff mobility were considered during the working visit as well.



It was agreed to continue cooperation within the new Erasmus + program discussing technical details in this regard.



For monitoring purpose Marika Zviadadze met GTU student Inver Ardashelia from the Faculty of Architecture, Urban Planning and Design, continuing his studies as an Erasmus+ student at Istanbul Bilgi University.



It should be noted that adopting the principle of 'Non scholae, sed vitae discimus' (learning not for school but for life), İstanbul Bilgi University took its place within the Turkish system of higher education as a civil corporation after the application made by the Bilgi Education and Culture Foundation on 7 June 1996 and the subsequent approval by the Turkish Grand National Assembly.

Over time İstanbul Bilgi University has grown to encompass 3 campuses that cover nearly a total of 210,000 m², namely Kuştepe, Dolapdere and santralistanbul, where it continues to serve its students and the academic world in Turkey. Having broken many new grounds in Turkey within 23 years, İstanbul Bilgi University had a long term partnership between 2006-2019 with Laureate Education, one of the largest international education networks in the world, with the aim of increasing the quality of education and research and becoming a university that can compete globally.

In 2019, Can Holding joined the supporters of Bilgi Culture and Education Foundation. The university currently has more than 20,000 students and near 45,000 alumni, over 1,000 academicians; 7 faculties, 3 institutes, 4 schools, 3 vocational schools, and 150+ programs that provide education to its associate, undergraduate and graduate students.



During her stay in Istanbul, Marika Zviadadze visited other Turkish universities to establish new contacts. At Istanbul Kent University she met with Erasmus + Vice-Coordinator Ipek Sayrak and International Relations Officer Emre Atsü.

Georgian Technical University and Istanbul Kent University will cooperate in the following areas: International Relations, Logistics, Business Administration, Interior Architecture and Design, Political and Social Sciences.

Istanbul Kent University is located in the heart of Istanbul, and has a unique harmony within campus, as well as with its surrounding environment. It was founded by the Unimpeded Education Foundation (ENEV) to help in Turkey's development.

ENEV was founded to introduce advanced technology, modern science developments, and technology at world standards to teens in order to provide them with a modern, productive, and effective education, while offering the public a service in education, health, and culture.



Marika Zviadadze visited Istanbul Galata University, where she met with Mahmoud Darwish, a representative of the International Relations Office. Discussing the details of bilateral agreement, it was suggested that GTU and Galata University will collaborate in the field of biomedical and social sciences.

Istanbul Galata University, which aims to raise entrepreneurial and self-confident individuals who have received a modern education, serve humanity, started its education life in 2020. Today university, which provides education in a total of 21 departments, including 4 faculties and 1 vocational school, has made it its mission to train its students as competent individuals.

Ms. Zviadadze also visited Istanbul Culture University and met the Deputy Head of the International Relations Office, Ahmet Simşek. An Inter-Institutional Agreement will be signed between Georgian and Turkish higher education institutions and it will be possible to exchange students and staff in the fields of Engineering, Business Administration, International Relations, Architecture and Design.

In the academic year of 1997-1998 in three faculties: Faculty of Science and Letters (Mathematics-Computer Department), Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (Department of Business Administration), Faculty of Engineering and Architecture (Civil Engineering and Computer Engineering Departments); and in the fields of Business Administration Program and Computer Programming, and Vocational Schools of Business and Technical Sciences (MYO), İKÜ has started educational activities with 157 students and 32 academic staff.



Marika Zviadadze also visited Yildiz Technical University, with which GTU has been cooperating for several years. She met Aysel Güler, the representative of Turkish International Relations Office. GTU and Yildiz Technical University will continue their cooperation on the basis of the renewed Inter-Institutional Agreement within the new Erasmus+ project.

At YTU Marika Zviadadze met Prof. Murat Sari and his assistant Ms. Hande Uslu and visited the Department of Mathematics.



Mobility programme at Istanbul Bilgi University also included cultural activities.

