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## Enhancing Creative and Innovative Teaching Skills Through Training and Observation



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## SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

Creativity and innovation are becoming increasingly important for the development of the 21st century knowledge society. Creativity is an ability that everyone can develop and it can therefore be fostered or, likewise, inhibited. Innovative teaching is the process leading to creative learning, the implementation of new methods, tools and contents which could benefit learners and their creative potential. Education is seen as central in fostering creative and innovative skills, and educational actors have the power to unlock the creative and innovative potential of the students. However, educational actors need to have a clear vision, awareness and understanding of what creativity is and entails in order to fully comprehend how it can be enhanced with innovative methods.

In this project, we aim to enhance our teachers' professional competences in terms of creative and innovative teaching methods by combining Teacher Training and Teacher Observation Model. Our target group will be teachers from different branches. This partnership combines all stakeholders related to education; schools, directorates of national education, NGOs and a higher education institution.

In ENCITS, firstly, teachers will record one hour lesson to show their current best methodology and share with partners to evaluate lessons and see what is missing from an innovative lesson and what is needed. As a second step, teachers will attend teacher trainings courses. Each teacher will plan and record a lesson with innovative methods which are learned via trainings. At the end of the project, an e-book will be developed with the best practices of creative and innovative teaching methods from different countries.

The main objectives of this project are:

- \* To increase teachers' professional competences in terms of creative and innovative teaching methods in education
- \* To increase the awareness of the teacher, to make him realize his strengths and weaknesses,
- \* To ensure that the teacher renews pedagogical knowledge and skills and follows the changes and innovations in his field,
- \* To ensure that the teacher develops his horizon and vision,
- \* To support innovative approaches to increase the quality of education, teacher training and establishment of cooperation methods between representatives of the business world, professional organizations, NGOs working in the field of education.
- \* To prepare educational tools for teachers, methodological tools for compiling good practice examples, implementing new and pilot practices by the innovative approaches in teacher training

İzник MEM brings together a balanced team which involves 6 partners from 5 countries: TR, ES, BG, IT, NL with expertise/resources to give the project a transnational approach, providing methods applicable in/outside project countries.



İznik MEM is the leading and coordinating organization who will take part in all parts of the project as a supervisor and coordinator.

ULUDAG UNIVERSITY will be in charge of organizing a training for teachers from partner countries, preparing a lesson observation form which will be used throughout the project for teacher observations and developing a need analysis survey about current practices of teachers and teachers' beliefs about innovative teaching methods.

AGIFODENT will be responsible for organizing a training for teachers from partner countries and be in charge of the logo and website design of the project.

Stichting EduAgility will be in charge of preparing and organizing the training activity for teachers from partner countries about the innovative methodologies.

Pazardzhik will be responsible for dissemination activities, quality control and risk assessment.

"Aldo Moro" will conduct a training to teachers from partner countries and be in charge of visual design, design of forms, brochures and flyers.

Basically, ENCITS will organize the following activities:

- 1)Needs/Situation analysis to identify teachers' practices, beliefs and needs/competences in teaching creative and innovative methods.
- 2)Online and Face- to-face meetings to ensure that the project is implemented properly and internal coordination/evaluation.
- 3)Teacher training courses (LTT activities) to develop teaching, learning approaches/methods to train teachers in creative and innovative methods.
- 4)Dissemination and Quality assurance activities to ensures that maximum possible impact is produced at national/European level.
- 5)e-book with the best practices of creative and innovative teaching methods from different countries.



## SUMMARY OF THE TRAINING

İznikMEM and Uludag University will organize the training together in İZNİK/ BURSA. IznikMEM will organize the administrative procedures such as establishing effective communication between participants and partners; scheduling the training event/informing participants; booking/preparing the venue (e.g. access, physical space-capacity); preparing resources (e.g. photocopies of material/video projector/internet connection); responding to trainees' needs (e.g. nutritional, mobility); arranging for coffee and lunch breaks; ensuring participant safety/comfort). Uludag University will develop the schedule and implement the training with 2 trainers.

The training will gather the teachers from different branches. This 5-day event will be based on interactive and hands-on-the-job involvement in the theoretical and practical creative workshops and reflection sessions with formal and non-formal teaching techniques. Each partner organization will send 3 teachers and 1 project coordinator to the activity.



## ACTIVITY PLAN

TIME	MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
09.30-10.30	<b>Arrivals</b>		<b>Ice-breakers Energizer by İznik MEM</b>	<b>Ice-breakers Energizer by İznik MEM</b>	<b>Ice-breakers Energizer by İznik MEM</b>	<b>D E P A R T U R E S</b>
10.30-11.00			Research Skills of Teachers  - Professionalism in the 21st century	Assessment Skills of Teachers  How do you assess your students?	Visit to local authorities for dissemination	
11.00-12.00			-Research Literacy by UÜ		School visit and observing Turkish teachers who use innovative methods that are thought in the training.	
12.00-14.00	<b>Registration, Lunch and Break</b>		<b>Lunch and Break</b>	<b>Lunch and Break</b>	<b>Lunch and Break</b>	
14.00-15.30			- Classroom research	-Innovative Assessment Methods by UÜ	School visit and observing Turkish teachers who use innovative methods that are thought in the training.	
15.30-17.00	TPM by Project coordinators	Evaluation of lesson plans and video records by teachers in groups	- Action research bu UÜ			
17.00-17.30	Daily reflection Fears and expectations		Daily reflection	Daily reflection	General evaluation of LTT and planning of next step by İznik MEM	
17.30-19.00	Break		Break	Break	Break	
19.00-21.00	Dinner Welcome and sightseeing		Dinner Tile and Ceramic Workshop	Dinner Culture Night	Dinner Certification and Farewell	



## ACCOMMODATION

All participants will be accommodated in ELEIA HOTEL, located in Iznik, Turkey at the following address: Selçuk, Mehmetçik Cd. No:23/1, 16860 Iznik/Bursa <https://www.hoteleleia.com/>

**Single bed & breakfast:** 500 TL (50 EUR) per night

**Double bed & breakfast:** 600 TL (60 EUR) per night

Lunch + coffee break + seminar hall: 125 TL (12,5 EUR) per day per person

Lunch includes soup, salad, main course, dessert, soft drinks

Coffee break includes fruit, snacks, tea/coffee

**Special needs:** Any special food diet must be previously informed to the coordinator. Please, make sure that we know about your special diet.





## VENUE

Known as Nicaea, IZNIK, which had been the capital of four empires, is a small historic town still enclosed within ancient walls surrounded by a beautiful landscape. With its' lake, forests, historical buildings and castle, Iznik is a tourist attraction for four seasons and is a candidate to be in the list of UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE.

90% of the population of the district is engaged in agriculture. İznik also has been an important center of tile and ceramic production. The technical quality and the beauty of its designs have made it one of the most popular art forms major cultural centers of the world.





## How to get to IZNIK?



Iznik is in Bursa city and closest airports to Bursa are **Sabiha Gökçen International Airport** and **Istanbul International Airport**. You can fly one of these airports.

From both airport, there is bus shuttles called Burulaş/BB Bus, you can see bus details in the link <https://bus.burulas.com.tr/en/Bus>

Burulaş BB bus is not in the airport, you need to go out of airport to see the bus shuttles. You can buy your tickets from the website above or at the station.

Currency: 1 Euro is 10,10 TL (17.09.2021)





### **First Option**

#### **Travel from Istanbul Airport to Bursa with BB Bus**

Duration; Max. 3 hours

Cost; 105 TL (approximately 10,5 EUR)

OR

#### **Travel from Sabiha Gökçen Airport to Bursa with BB Bus**

Duration; Max. 2 hours

Cost; 65 TL (approximately 6.5 EUR)

#### **Travel from Bursa to Iznik** (No matter from which airport you travel)

When you get Bursa Bus Terminal, get off the bus shuttle and you will see public transport which will take you to Iznik in about an hour and it will cost 22 TL (2.2 EUR) per person.

Another travel option from Bursa bus terminal to Iznik is taking a taxi. It will cost about 350-400 TL ( 35-40 EUR)

**In Iznik**, you need to take a taxi to the Hotel, it will take about 5 minutes and cost Max. 20 TL (2 EUR)

### **Second Option**

#### **Travel from İstanbul Airport to Orhangazi with BB Bus**

Duration; Max. 2 hours

Cost; 105 or 115 TL (approximately 10,5 EUR)

#### **Travel from Sabiha Gökçen Airport to Orhangazi with BB Bus**

Duration; An hour

Cost; 65 TL (approximately 6.5 EUR)

#### **Travel from Orhangazi to Iznik**

Public transport will take about an hour and will cost about 15 TL to get Iznik, You need to take a taxi to hotel.

Taking a taxi will cost 150/200 TL (15-20 EUR). Taxi will take you to the Hotel.



### **For the partners from Bulgaria**

There are direct buses from Sofia to Bursa which will take about 13 hours and cost about 300 TL (30 EUR) per person. (<https://www.obilet.com/seferler/366-857/2021-09-18/272958929>)

From Bursa to Iznik, you will follow the same direction with other partners.

### **Travel from Bursa to Iznik**

When you get Bursa Bus Terminal, you will see Iznik buses next Airport Shuttles. Iznik bus will take you to Iznik in about an hour and it will cost 22 TL per person.

Another travel option from Bursa bus terminal to Iznik is taking a taxi. It will cost about 350-400 TL

**In Iznik,** You need to take a taxi to the Hotel, it will take about 10 minutes and cost Max. 25 TL.

If all partners come Bursa at same/close hours, we can try to arrange a minibus for everybody.

P.S; Please follow the page just in case

<https://www.turkishairlines.com/en-int/announcements/coronavirus-outbreak/travel-restrictions/index.html>



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