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# TURKEY ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOUNDATION



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# SINA AFRA

CEO of Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation



Entrepreneurship is one of Turkey's fuels. Another is Education. These two subjects are the driving forces behind our country's being a country that produces long-term added value. As the Entrepreneurship Foundation, we set sail in line with this vision in 2014, and since we set out, we have managed to take place in an ecosystem that is expanding every day by focusing entirely on young people.

## If we look back at the seven years since our founding:

We may have been the NGO that received the most applications in Turkey. The number of applications received in 2021 is 135 thousand. After we received 6,000 applications in 2014 when we were founded, the number has increased twenty-two times. The place where young people between the ages of 18-24 most want to be is the Fellow program of the Entrepreneurship Foundation.

While the fees of the Board of Trustees made up 50% of our budget initially, today it is below 10%. Thanks to the projects we have developed, we have succeeded in opening new income doors.

All of our sponsors are from the private sector and from different countries: Whether it's Google or Boeing from the USA, our main sponsor, Turkey İşbank, , Otokoç, and others, who support us wholeheartedly in Turkey, we have succeeded in creating a wide range of sectors and countries. This will of course continue.

Under the name of Founder One, we established Turkey's first impact investment fund with the Turkish Informatics Foundation and İşbank Maxis PYS. The investment period will start in 2022 and we are confident that the structure, team and speed of the fund will make a significant impact. Together with Google, T3 Foundation and TC Digital Transformation Office, we

implemented the Game and Application Academy. We will train and graduate 2000 software developers every year. We need more software developers to spread entrepreneurship.

650 guests attended our Giveback Gala Dinner, which we organized for the fifth time in 2020. In the first, Sir Richard Branson was our guest of honor. In 2020, Toni Piech gave an inspiring speech as our guest of honor. Our gala sponsor Turkcell did not leave us alone. We will be holding the Giveback Gala every year from now on. Continuing to position it as the most valuable "Charity Dinner" in Istanbul.

In line with our financial transparency principle, you can find all our income and expenses in a transparent and auditable form on our website. In the meantime, we sustainably fulfill the criterion that our administrative expenses are below 25% of our total expenses, which is important in the USA.

I would also like to remind you that the Entrepreneurship Foundation (aka GirVak) is an original idea that came out of Turkey. We are not an adaptation of another organization or structure. On the contrary, there are now NGOs from abroad who contact us to implement this original idea in their own countries. Being an example, in a global sense, encourages us a lot. I would like to thank our esteemed Founders, Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Sponsors, GirVak Team, and of course our Fellows, Alumni, and countless ambassadors who voluntarily support us.



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# MEHRU AYGÜL

General Manager of Turkish Entrepreneurshi Foundation



## **For a brighter future, brave young youth and free minds!**

I still feel today what I felt when we set out with our dear Sina Afra and our dear board of trustees 8 years ago with great excitement and hope. The Entrepreneurship Foundation has inspired many young people who think freely, have dreams and want to follow their own path. I relive the excitement I experienced on the first day in every step we take, in every work we do. Giving inspiration and hope to young people, adding different perspectives to their lives and an unlimited network is always the biggest source of motivation for me. It has been 8 years since I set out to establish a foundation and say something new with an innovative perspective, with a way of doing business that non-governmental organizations in Turkey are not accustomed to. We've learned a lot from every young person we've taken part in on their journey through this time, and I believe we've added a lot to their lives as well.

We believe that removing the barriers to entrepreneurship in Turkey is our most important mission and our most valuable tool to give back to this country. Together with our global and local partners, we are working to reach more young people and make an impact in more areas. We see it as our aim to grow together, to give way to young people who give back, look to the future with hope, and most importantly, grow up with an entrepreneurial perspective.

We are proud of the impact that each of our fellows has in society, who have completed the Fellow Program, which we received applications from every city and every university in Turkey, and to which 450 thousand young people applied as of this year, and who discovered the potential in it. We know the importance of a business life where young people adopt social development and sustainability as a principle, and we express this at every opportunity in our programs and projects. I

believe that each individual is a domino that transforms and improves society, and each young person is instrumental in shaping the future world.

In order to increase the number of technology startups in our country, in partnership with Google Turkey, young software developers, entrepreneurs and students in Turkey receive Android programming and entrepreneurship training; This year, 1644 people from all over Turkey applied to our Android Academy Program, where they work with software and entrepreneur mentors. It is a great pleasure to be able to reach so many young people, to touch their lives and to be able to make an impact in an area with employment gap both in Turkey and in the world.

Today, we look to the future with more confidence and excitement with the stories of the young people our paths crossed. With more than 150 initiatives established, young people who graduate from GİRİVAK's programs contribute to creating a sustainable future and social impact. GİRİVAK has become one of the strongest non-governmental organizations that support social transformation based on innovation and technology, with active start-ups serving not only in Turkey but also in the world, those who make their career choices in favor of entrepreneurship, and young people who create unique values with an entrepreneurial perspective by entering corporate life after graduation.

As GİRİVAK, in the upcoming process; We will continue to work effectively in every field where we can contribute, to support young people's braver and more independent thinking, and to touch more people's lives. Our goal is to remove the obstacles to entrepreneurship, both locally and globally, with our stakeholders from Turkey and the world, and to become a non-governmental organization that makes a difference in its field.

# VISION

ACCELERATE TURKEY'S TRANSFORMATION ON BEING A DEVELOPED  
COUNTRY WITH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

# MISSION

TO CREATE AND EXPAND THE CULTURE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN  
TURKEY

# What Happened in 8 Years?

## 2014

The foundation was established in 2014.

6432 applications were received from 81 provinces - 7 regions - 173 different universities.

40 fellows - 18 universities - 6 different provinces

## 2015

30 thousand applications were received from 81 provinces - 7 regions - 181 different universities.

80 fellows - 25 universities - 5 different provinces

## 2016

61 thousand applications were received from 81 provinces - 7 regions - 190 different universities.

36 alumni

100 fellows - 34 different universities - 10 different provinces

The Ziya Boyacigiller Fund was created. 500 people attended the Giveback Gala.

Our guests of honor Sir Richard Branson and James Alexander gave speeches.

700 people from 7 different cities participated in the Airpreneurs Program with Boeing.

We went to 5 high schools with our START high school program.

## 2017

94 thousand applications were received from 81 provinces - 7 regions - 177 different universities.

96 alumni

80 fellows - 54 different universities - 19 different provinces

6 entrepreneurs from GİRVAK signed the Founders Pledge.

The number of startups founded by our fellows has increased to 32. 3 of them received investment.

600 people applied to the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation Android Academy; We reached more than 400 thousand people. We hosted Yossi Vardi at the Giveback Gala.

## 2018

The Global Council of Entrepreneurship was established.

We reached more than 260 thousand people with Build Your Future.

We touched more than 300 people with the TSKB Technology and Entrepreneurship Platform.

We reached over 2,000 students with Troy.

We reached 5 million people in total with the activities we carried out digitally and physically.

We hosted Anousheh Ansari at the Giveback Gala.

## 2019

113 thousand applications were received from 81 provinces - 7 regions - 187 different universities.

We reached 6 million people in total with the activities we carried out digitally and physically.

190 alumni - 71 fellows - 70 different universities - 33 different provinces

The number of startups founded by our fellows has increased to 95. 16 of them received investment.

We received a total of 450 thousand applications.

38 women entrepreneurs participated in the Cherie Blair Foundation Global Mentoring Program.

1026 people applied for NEXT 2020. We started the BiBolu Entrepreneurship Program.

We reached more than 350 thousand people in the Airpreneurs Program.

## 2020

We hosted Toni Piech at the Giveback Gala.

114 thousand applications were received from 81 provinces - 7 regions - 187 different universities.

Reached 24 million people.

216 alumni - 85 fellow - 78 challenger 125 different universities - 33 different provinces

The number of startups founded by our fellows has exceeded 100. Nearly 40 of them received investments.

We received a total of 564,000 applications.

44 women

entrepreneurs have participated in the Cherie Blair Foundation Global Mentoring Program so far.

The total number of women selected for the ÜNLÜ&Co Women Entrepreneur Academy has reached 100.

1026 people applied for NEXT 2020. We have completed the first year of the BiBolu Entrepreneurship Program.

1724 people applied to the Android Academy Program.

With GBase Digital, we reached 18 million people, 173.647 people received training, 256 business ideas were generated and 55 ideas turned into business models.

## 2021

269 Alumni

76 Fellows

55 Challenger with a family of 400

98 universities from 31 cities in Turkey

138,612 applications in 2021

The number of startups founded by our fellows has exceeded 150

With our GBase Digital program, we directly touched approximately 1500 people and reached 18 M people.

1644 people applied to the Android Academy Program, 411 teams were created.

The investments received by the startups within the foundation exceeded \$12,000,000.00.

We launched Founder One, Turkey's first impact investment fund.

# Board of Trustee's

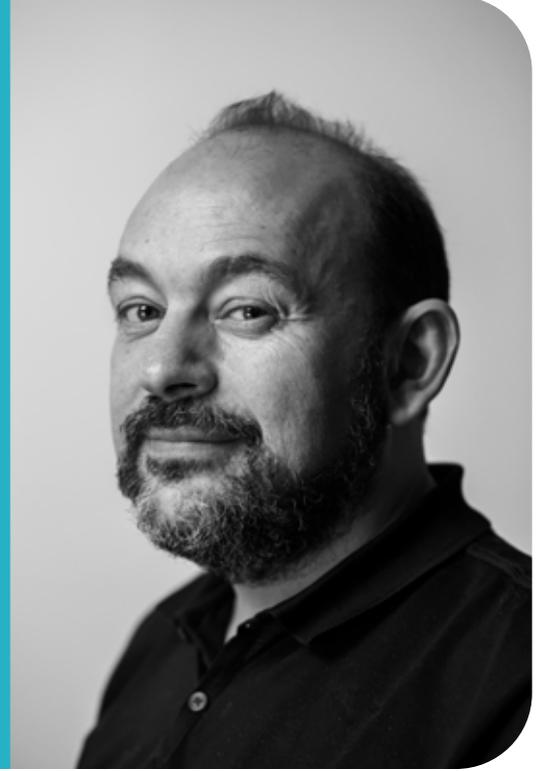
## Founder of Tiko.es and Chairman of the Board & CEO of Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation

Sina Afra, founder and CEO of Tiko.es, is a serial entrepreneur. Afra, who is also the founder of Markafoni, Turkey's first online fashion website, served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO of Markafoni group until May 2014. With the acquisition of the majority shares of Markafoni by Naspers Group, it signed one of the biggest exit agreements in the Turkish internet industry.

While Sina Afra was selected as the "Internet Entrepreneur of the Year" and "Angel Investor of the Year", Markafoni won the "Best Internet Entrepreneurship" in 2011 and the "Best Private Shopping Club Site" awards in 2011, 2012 and 2013 (Webrazzi). Listed among the 100 fastest growing companies in Europe in 2012 and 2013. Sina Afra was selected as one of Europe's 100 Most Important Technology Persons in 2014 and 2015. In 2016, he became one of the 100 Most Important Technology Persons in the World (Wired) was selected by Forbes magazine in the "Brightest Minds Alive" Turkey list in 2019.

Sina Afra, who graduated from Münster University and Harvard Business School, speaks 5 languages

Sina Afra



and has a business degree, worked at eBay and KPMG before becoming an entrepreneur. As the team president of "1907 Fenerbahçe Esports", Afra's biggest passions are his family and esports. He shares his thoughts on entrepreneurship on his personal blog ([www.sinaafra.com](http://www.sinaafra.com)) and Twitter (@sinaafra).

Investing in young entrepreneurs and their ventures as an "Angel Investor", Afra also actively undertakes social responsibilities:

Chairman of Entrepreneurship Foundation, 2014 - Present  
Endeavor Turkey Board Member, 2013 - 2017  
TÜSİAD Board Member, 2017 - 2019

## **Founder & CEO of Inveon Information Technologies and Inventures**

Yomi Kastro, the founder of Inveon Information Technologies and Inventures, is also the CEO of Inveon and Inventures. In 2006, he founded Inveon, which provides e-commerce software and infrastructure solutions to corporate companies. As one of the fastest growing 50 technology companies in Turkey, Inveon was awarded the Deloitte Technology Fast 50 award in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Kastro, who has been involved as an investor and/or board member in more than 20 internet startups including Supplementler.com, Trendyol and myGini, and Inventures, which he founded in 2009, investing in internet startups at an early stage, was named the “Best of the Year” in 2009 by JCI. Successful Entrepreneur”. Kastro is a Board Member of the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation, of which he is one of the founders, and of TÜBİSAD Informatics Industrialists’ Association.

**Yomi Kastro**



## **Google Turkey Public Relations Manager**

Born in Ankara in 1975, Pelin Kuzey completed her secondary education at Ankara Private Tevfik Fikret High School. He graduated from Ankara University, Faculty of Political Sciences, Department of International Relations in 1999. He completed his postgraduate studies at the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies. He started his career at the Ministry of Finance in 2000, where he worked for nearly 12 years in different positions in the fields of negotiations with the European Union, foreign relations and relations with international organizations.

In 2005, he worked as a guest expert at the European Commission, General Directorate of Internal Market and Competition. In 2008, he was appointed as the Head of the European Union and Foreign Relations Department. He served as Fiscalis Program Coordinator and Board Member of Ankara University European Community Research and Application Center between 2008 and 2012. He joined Google Turkey in March 2012 and still works as Google Turkey Public Relations Manager.

**Pelin Kuzey**



## **ÖDE.AL Founder and General Manager**

Fevzi GÜNGÖR, who graduated from Istanbul Technical University Civil Engineering Department, completed his MBA education at Boğaziçi University after completing his master's degree in IT Project Management at ITU. Fevzi GÜNGÖR, who is today the founder and General Manager of ÖDE.AL, took place as the founder and General Manager of Mobilnet, the largest telesales operation in Turkey from 2006 to 2012, before founding ÖDE.AL. In this company, sales of nearly 500 million USD reached 2.5 million different customers. In 2008, he became one of the founding partners of Mikro Payment ([www.3pay.com](http://www.3pay.com) - Wirecard), Turkey's largest mobile payment company. He left the board of directors of the company, which was sold to Private Equity named Mediterra at the beginning of 2012, while dominating 65% of the market. Apart from these, he took part in many innovative initiatives as a partner.

**Fevzi GÜNGÖR**



**Mutlu Alkan Bemes Yapı İnşaat Turizm ve Danışmanlık San. Trade Inc. Partner and Vop Mühendislik İnş. Singing. Trade Ltd. Sti.'s General Manager**

He completed his higher education at Marmara University and Boğaziçi University. Mutlu Alkan, who is a graduate of the Department of Strategic Business Management and Translation and Interpretation and speaks two languages, worked with Malkan Mak before becoming an entrepreneur. Singing. Trade Ltd. Şti. as the General Manager. Alkan's hobbies are reading books, skiing and traveling.

**OAIB Machinery Exporters Association Board Member, 2003 - 2009**

**TOBB Machinery Manufacturing Sector Assembly Member**

**Ikam Istanbul Women's Research Center Founding Board Member, 2006 - 2010**

**USA Young Muslim Leaders Program International Visitor, 6 - 24 February 2006, Washington, Contributor**

**Founder of the Meetings Platform, Roundtable Meetings Where People from Different Views and Country Managers Meet, 319 Invitations Made, 2007 - Present**

**TOBB Women Entrepreneurs Supreme Council Member, 2007 - Present**

**Italy Seminar "The Role of Migrant Women in the Rise of Multicultural Personalities" 5 - 6 September 2007, Rome, Speaker**

**Syria Seminar "Gender Equality" 25.10.2008 - 28.10.2008, Damascus, Speaker**

**European Young Leaders Forum Turkey Participant 30.10.2008 - 02.11.2008, Berlin**  
**Istanbul Provincial Executive Board Membership**

**Ak Party Headquarters Women's Branch Here's Women's Congress Speaker, 27**

## Mutlu Alkan



**November 2008**

**Ak Party Headquarters Decision Board Member, 2009 - 2013**

**ECO CCI Economic Cooperation Community Chamber of Commerce and Industry Women Entrepreneurs Council Member, Turkey Representative**

**TOBB Women Entrepreneurs Istanbul Provincial Executive Board Vice President**

**Women's Forum Global Meeting Yearbook 09 Participation in Official Turkish Delegation representing Istanbul Provincial Women**

**Entrepreneurs Board, 15 - 17 October 2009**

**KAGIDER Turkey Women Entrepreneurs Association Board Member, 2015 - Present**

**"Woman-led Business People" Speaker at International Women's Day 2018**

**Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation "Board of Trustees and Board Member" October 2020 Present**

## **Eczacıbaşı Holding Innovation and Entrepreneurship Coordinator**

Born in 1984 in Istanbul, Emre Eczacıbaşı completed his undergraduate studies in Economics at Harvard University in 2006. He earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Columbia Business School in 2011.

Eczacıbaşı started his career as a financial advisor at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Turkey, and in 2008 he became Eczacıbaşı Holding Strategic Marketing and Finance Group President. In the period of 2011-2013, he established a company and realized microfinance and social entrepreneurship projects with the aim of reducing unemployment by bringing traditional arts back to life in Turkey and developing countries.

Returning to Turkey in 2013, Eczacıbaşı worked in the Strategic Marketing department of the Building Products Group until the end of 2014. Eczacıbaşı, who assumed the role of General Manager in the kitchen business of the Building Products Group in January 2015, founded İntema Yaşam company to turn the kitchen into a living center that meets the needs of the new generation. Emre

## **Emre Eczacıbaşı**



Eczacıbaşı started to work as Eczacıbaşı Holding Innovation and Entrepreneurship Coordinator in 2019.

## **B+B Law Founder and Managing Partner**

Sıdika Baysal graduated from Ankara University Faculty of Law in 1997. After his graduation, he completed his internship in a law firm specialized in international law and was admitted to the Ankara Bar Association in 1999. In 1999, he attended a summer course on English Law and International Law at London Guildhall University. Having practiced law since 1999, Baysal is the founding and managing partner of B+B Law Firm.

Sıdika Baysal is a member of the International Bar Association (IBA). He currently serves as the Co-Chair of the International Bar Association European Regional Forum. 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 He is the owner of Turkey's best technology law attorney (Who's Who Legal) awards.

**Sıdika Baysal**



## **Chairman of the Board of Farmavita Turkey**

İzzet Halyo started his career at Finansbank before graduating from Koç University. In 2006, he studied the pharmaceutical and vitamin markets around the world, and established Farmavita Pharmaceuticals at the beginning of 2007. İzzet Halyo, who has been the head of Farmavita since the day it was founded, provides consultancy in FMCG and personal care products categories to world-renowned companies specializing in pharmacy channel operations in the vitamin, cosmetics and OTC markets.

It brings world brands such as Möller's Omega-3 to our country by being the Turkish representative of Europe's leading manufacturers such as Orkla Health and PharmaNord. İzzet Halyo, who is on the Board of Directors of the Turkish Cancer Society, Whole Food Foreign Trade Association (Tügider), Food Supplementation and Nutrition Association, is a member of the 1907 Fenerbahçe Association and a congress member of the Fenerbahçe Sports Club. He is married and has two children.

**İzzet Halyo**



# BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S



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**Ali Sabancı**



**Ali Can Kaya**



**Alp Saul**



**Asuman Bayrak**



**Avi Alkaş**



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**Barış Özistek**



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**Cem Azak**



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**Çoşkun Yücekök**



**Emre Zorlu**



**Emre Eczacıbaşı**



**Erdem Yurdanur**



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**Yomi Kastro**



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# Global Advisory Board

Established as an Entrepreneurship Foundation initiative, the Global Council of Entrepreneurship is a strategic advisory council that brings together successful entrepreneurs, business leaders, change and opinion leaders around the world. With this council, we aim to make a global impact in the fields of innovation, entrepreneurship, productivity, employment, collaboration and giving.



**Anousheh Ansari**



**James Alexander**



**Sir Richard Branson**



**Toni Piech**

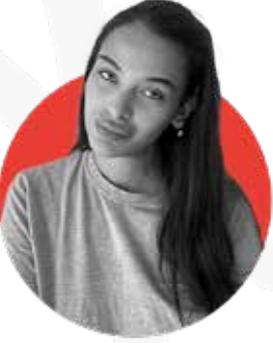


**Yossi Vardi**



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# OUR TEAM



**Alara  
Üçüncüođlu**



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Çokőun**



**Beril  
Benli**



**Cemre  
Őirin**



**Deniz Hale  
Durakbaőı**



**Emine  
Kaya**



**Günseli  
Özdemir**



**Mehru  
Aygöl**



**Melike  
Parlakkılıç**



**Melisa  
Karadeniz**



**Selin  
Altuntecim**



**Öykü  
Gürsu**

**02**

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# **YOUNG PROGRAMS**

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PROGRAM

**As GIRVAK, one of our main goals with the fellowship program is to spread the entrepreneurship culture and inspiration to the whole society through the energy of college students.**

To this end, we implemented the Fellow Program, a first in Turkey and in the world, in 2014. Our goal is to support young people with entrepreneurial potential to leave their mark by going their own way. With this program, which is unique in the world, we invest in people, not ideas. In our opinion, each young person is more valuable than thousands of ideas. Every year, we elect young leaders to the Fellow Program among thousands of young people with a 5-stage selection system. Young people who embark on a unique journey with the program benefit from numerous opportunities. We have received close to 650,000 applications since 2014, and today we are a family of 400 with 269 Alumni, 76 Fellows and 55 Challengers. Our family includes 98 universities from 31 provinces in Turkey.

The Fellow Program received 138,612 applications in 2021. Young people selected among these applications are inspired by the Fellow Program, which lasts for 2 years, develops their networks and keeps the culture of giving back to the society alive.



## What's in the Fellow Program?

As GIRVAK, one of our main goals is to spread the entrepreneurship culture and inspiration to the whole society through the energy of college students.

**01**

INSPIRATION

**02**

NETWORK

**03**

SCHORLARSHIP



## What does the Fellow Program expect from selected fellows?

Fellows also face a tough road to stay in the program after a difficult selection process.

- → **Participation**
- → **Giveback**
- → **Enterprise Ambassadors**
- → **Blog/Content**
- → **Social Responsibility Project**

## Fellow Program by the Numbers

In 2021, Our Fellow Team



# OUR FELLOWS

and "Me in 3 Words"

*Appa, Yip Yip!*



Ahmet Can Türkoğlu

*Passionate, Creative, Crazy*



Ahmet Furkan Yılmaz

*To Say I lived*



Ahmet Yapdı

*Leader, Competitive, Thoughtful*



Ataberk Özaydın

*Challenge, Daring, Passionate*



Atakan Nalbant

*Ambitious, Passionate, Curious*



Ayben Gülnar

*Considerate, Honest, Sincere*



Aybike Kıramanlıoğlu

*Positive, Creative, Assertive*



Aylin Canik

*Realist, Helpful, Leader*



Başak Karazağ

*Extraordinary Risk Appetite*



Berkay Ermiş

*Curious, Unreasonable, Go-Getter*



Berkcan Coşar

*Knowledge, Cats, Berlin*



Bervis Hemiş

*Natural, Traveler, Musician*



Beste Tekgül

*Little Black Fish*



Beyza Seyhan

*Curious, Dreamy, Passionate*



Bilginer Sarı

*Visionary, Versatile, Stubborn*



Buket Gençaydın

*Curious, Inquiring, Teacher*



Can Bi

*Failures Become Success*



Canan Ulyana Başer

*SSS (Sociable, Supportive, Startup Creator)*



Cavid Bayramlı

*Dum Spiro Spero*



Çiğdem Afat

*Free, Energetic, Dreamer*



Damla Saatçioğlu

*Curious, Excited, Original*



Deniz Baran Bek

*Sophisticated, Dreamer, Competitive*



Deniz Can Ilgin

*Observer, Dreamer, Achiever*



Ege Tezcan

*Playmaker, Ready, Challenger*



Ege Tuna Diken

*Don't Stop, Will Fall*



Emirhan Kabakçı

*Learn, Action, Enjoy*



Emre Güllüce

*I'm Learning Everyday.*



Esmatur Dağlı

*Curious, Free, Competitive*



Fulya Akın

*Free, Ambitious, Helpful*



Gaye Tuğrulöz

*Energetic, Sincere, Planner*



Güler Selin Sunar

*Passion, Curiosity, Aware*



Gupse Yaren Azgıt

*Creative, Passionate, Hard-Worker*



Hilal Karamancıoğlu

*Curious, Happy, Sensitive*



İrem Cansu Ensari

*Stubborn, Productive, Aware*



Kadir İnip

# FELLOWLAR'IMIZ

and "Me in 3 Words"



Kubilay Çolak



Kubilay Kırmızı



Leyla Karaoğulları



Mehmet Alp Onur



Mert Akın



Merve Hümeysra Ceviz



Mete Berk Çelik



Metehan Ünal



Muhammet Berkay  
Çalkınsın



Mustafa Fikret Uğur



Mustafa Kürşat Yalçın



Naim Yalçın



Nil Aydın



Nursena Aktın



Rabia Uçkun



Rasim Kerim Akcan



Ravzanur Eker



Roza Gök



Sabahat Gümüştas



Saliha Turgut



Samet Başaran



Sena Kaya



Senem Dilli



Serkut Haşimoğlu



Sevgi Nur Şanlı



Şevval Doğa Kul



Simge Erdin



Tuğba Sert



Türkü Ata



Ufuk Karaca



Yankı Yener



Yasin Bulat



Yiğit Karataş



Zeynep Taşkın

# FELLOWUPS

In FellowUps, we host experts on thematic content; we listen to the success and learning of the experts in their fields of work. In addition, basic skill trainings for personal development and workshops on different subjects are indispensable for the FellowUp event.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic in 2021, we held our FellowUp events online.

## 2.

### FellowUp

Inspirational Speech  
*Barbaros Özbuğutu*  
Expert Speech  
*Mahfi Eğilmez*

## 3.

### FellowUp

Inspirational Speech  
*Noa Khamallah*  
Expert Speech  
*Hatice Gökçe*

## 4.

### FellowUp

Inspirational Speech  
*Hande Çilingir*  
Expert Speech  
*Erdil Yaşaroğlu*

## 5.

### FellowUp

Graduation  
*Koray Bahar*  
Uzman Konuşması  
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# Challenger

PROGRAMI

**Our main goal in the Challenger Program is to find high-potential young people studying in the 1st and 2nd year of universities, in parallel with the Fellow Program, to enable them to realize their own potential and use it correctly.**

We continue the Challenger Program online and during the program, we aim for university students to enter the entrepreneurship ecosystem and meet a new world.

With the Challenger Program, we realized the importance of preparing young people who are at the beginning of their university education and who are interested in entrepreneurship, and we developed modules on this theme. While we run a program where our Challengers are prepared for the Fellow Program and their active participation and production are supported throughout the year, we have had the opportunity to bring more young people into the entrepreneurship ecosystem with the Challenger Program.



## What's in the Challenger Program?

There are countless different educational modules, online thematic meetings, a great network and special opportunities.

## Challenger Program by the Numbers

In 2021:



8

different cities

27

different universities

33

different departments

76

young challengers from joined us.

## OUR CHALLENGERS

**Tuğse** Tunçsiper  
**Osman Gürem** Ulusoy  
**Ziya** Beridze  
**Emin** Doğan  
**Zeynep** Işcan  
**Kajin** Boşatlı  
**Aziz** Bulut  
**Cem** Biçer  
**Özlin** Çetinbaş  
**İbrahim** Öztürkci  
**Eda Nur** Sarıçam  
**Işıl** Acar  
**Ahmet Faruk** Güvenç  
**Gökdeniz** Yılmaz  
**Altay Başaran** Duymaz  
**Meriç** Karadayı  
**Sude** Çelik  
**Yunus Emre** Ozan

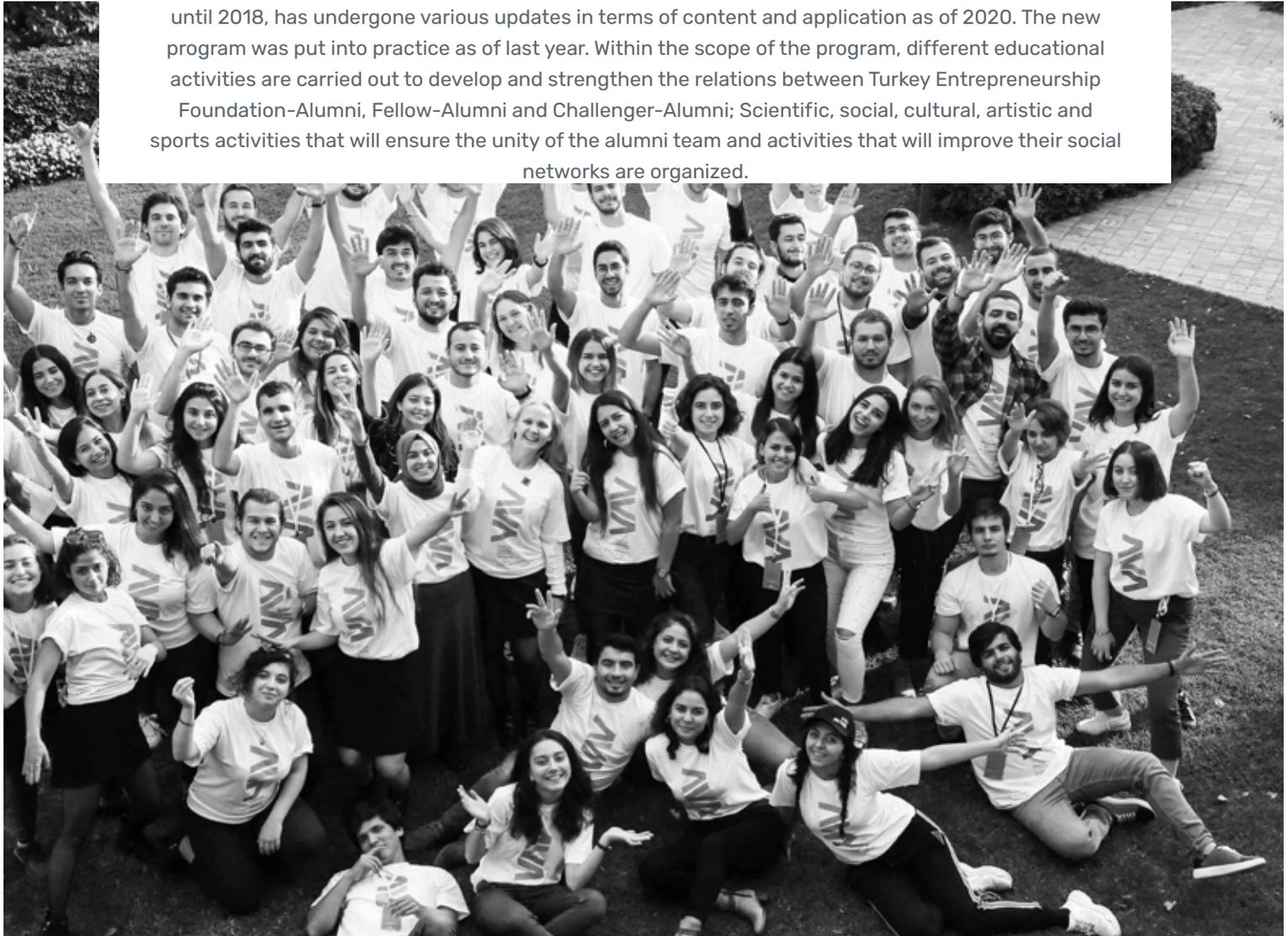
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**Mehmet Emre** Babaç  
**Yiğit Oğuzhan** Mermer  
**Erva Tuana** Ertürk  
**Nafiye Kübra** Uzun  
**Murat Can** Baştuğ  
**Efe Tan** Çıbıkçı  
**Berivan** Gülmez  
**Selen Tuba** Özdemir  
**Yağmur** Uraz  
**Göksu Deniz** Ünsal  
**Serra** Taş  
**Arya** Kılıçer  
**Enes** Döke  
**Bilgenur** Kara  
**Ezgi** Yiğitsoy

**Hasan** Tekdemir  
**Aymıla** Toyran  
**Taha Fehim** Emir  
**Mizan** Karavar  
**Yağmur** Demirci  
**Sude Nur** Tahar  
**Dilara** Tuncel  
**Bedir** Esen  
**Eren Işık** Avcı  
**Ahmet Ege** Ağuş  
**Açelya** Doğan  
**Aleyna Beyza** Kablan  
**Nilsu** Sevinçli  
**Ceren** Civlan  
**Şerife** Yıldırım  
**Berke** Yalman  
**Efe Arda** Ulun  
**Mehmet Emirhan** Görgülü



**The Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation family continues to grow, with 269 alumni who graduated from the Fellow Program since 2014. We continue to support and inspire the Alumni team to share their excitement and passion with those around them and to make the concept of giving back to society an indispensable part of new generations.**

The Alumni Program, which carried out its activities with the committee selected from among the alumni until 2018, has undergone various updates in terms of content and application as of 2020. The new program was put into practice as of last year. Within the scope of the program, different educational activities are carried out to develop and strengthen the relations between Turkey Entrepreneurship Foundation-Alumni, Fellow-Alumni and Challenger-Alumni; Scientific, social, cultural, artistic and sports activities that will ensure the unity of the alumni team and activities that will improve their social networks are organized.



# OUR ALUMNI

2016	Sönmez Akilli	2018	Özenç Çelik	2017	Nur Ersan
2017	Kerem Akilloğlu	2017	Kadir Çelikten	2015	Didem Ertem
2014	Selin Akpınar	2015	Berkay Çerçi	2019	Pırl Eskitaşcıoğlu
2019	Gülce Akpınar	2015	Zeliha Çetin	2016	Gamze Evirgen
2017	İpek Aksel	2015	Emine Büşra Çevik	2019	Elif Eyüboğlu
2018	Aynur Berin Akşit	2019	Berfu Elçin Ceylan	2016	Başak Feyzioğlu
2017	Fatih Aksoy	2017	Mert Ciciğün	2015	Egemen Filiz
2019	Serdar Aksoy	2018	Volkan Can Çiftci	2016	Süleyman Fincan
2016	Ödül Akyol	2014	Zafer Çiğdem	2017	Elçin Hazalcan Geçgel
2019	Ahmed Akyol	2017	Onur Ciğerli	2019	Melike Gensi
2019	Berkay Alan	2016	Mustafa Çil	2014	Pelin Gezer
2018	Tuğrul Burak Aldı	2019	Umut Cinal	2019	Çağla Gezgen
2016	Naz Aras	2016	Şerif Kaya Çınar	2018	Ali Doruk Gezici
2020	Barış Arat	2014	Cihan Çınar	2018	Hasan Furkan Gök
2016	Bora Alp Arat	2019	Furkan Çingı	2017	Esra Nur Gördük
2019	Betül Arıkan	2014	Gözde Çobanoğlu	2017	İlke Evrim Görgülü
2019	Ramazan Arslan	2015	Hasan Çontuk	2020	Aylin Görgün
2020	Fatih Arslantürk	2016	Özge Nur Dağcıoğlu	2019	Gamze Gül
2017	Robin Askar	2015	Ferhat Melih Dal	2015	Gökçe Gülcüler
2015	Ecem Asma	2018	Selen Demir	2018	Buse Ece Güldiken
2017	Tolga Ata	2018	Batuhan Demir	2018	Elif Güler
2015	Asya Atik	2016	Diñçer Can Demirkılıç	2018	Muhammed Gültekin
2017	Sena Aydın	2019	Sinem Demiröz	2019	İlayda Günal
2014	Bilal Aydın	2015	Ege Demirtaş	2019	Cem Gündoğan
2019	Hilkat Aydın	2015	Yarkin Derya	2015	Sebiha Güngör
2015	Eda Aydoğan	2017	Ezgi Doğan	2019	Anıl Gürbüz
2019	Uğurcan Ayık	2016	Özge Doğan	2014	Beyza Gürel
2016	Aslinaz Aykaya	2018	Orçun Doğmazer	2015	Burcu Gürel
2018	Ferhat Babacan	2018	Abdullah Doğmuş	2014	Ali Gür Güvenilir
2015	Süleyman Bağırğan	2015	İlayda Dönmez	2014	Eren Güzelceada
2018	Sinan İbrahim Bayraktar	2018	Akile Ekin Dönmez	2015	Beste Hatice Birgealp
2019	Narinsu Bayram	2015	Can Dörtkardeşler	2016	İlknur Selen Haysal
2019	Beyza Belibağlı	2014	Canan Döşlü	2017	Koray Hisarlı
2016	Nur Bildik	2014	Umutcan Duman	2017	Gizem İlhan
2019	Aslı Bilgin	2018	Elif Aleyna Duman	2016	Ömer İlhan
2016	Erhan Kaan Bilgin	2015	Aycan Duran	2017	Muhammed Furkan İnalçık
2018	Fatmanur Bilke	2018	Onur Dursun	2019	Barış İncesu
2018	Hatice Birgealp	2017	Barış Eçili	2015	Betül İncirkuş
2017	Mehmet Bostancıoğlu	2017	Nurettin Ekimci	2016	Tunya İrkad
2015	Mert Boyar	2020	Zeynep Ekin	2016	Oğuzhan Kadaifçiler
2014	Merve Boz	2015	Hasan Zafer Elcik	2016	Mert Kaderoğlu
2017	Sıla Bozen	2016	Burak Elitaş	2014	Burak Kale
2014	Yusufcan Bozkuş	2014	Ahmet Serdar Eminoğlu	2018	Selen Kale
2019	Dilara Bozyılan	2016	Kerem Abdurrahman Engin	2020	Berkay Kani
2015	Ayşe Işın Budak	2020	Zülal Erdoğan	2015	Onur Can Kar
2019	Merve Can	2014	Eray Erdoğan	2019	Cem Karabay
2014	Mert Can	2017	Pelin Erel	2017	Şevval Karadağ
2017	Orhun Canca	2015	Anıl Erkul	2014	Mehmet Karadayı
2017	Tuğrul Çavuş	2014	Cemre Oğuz Erşahin	2016	İrem Karaosmanoğlu

# OUR ALUMNI

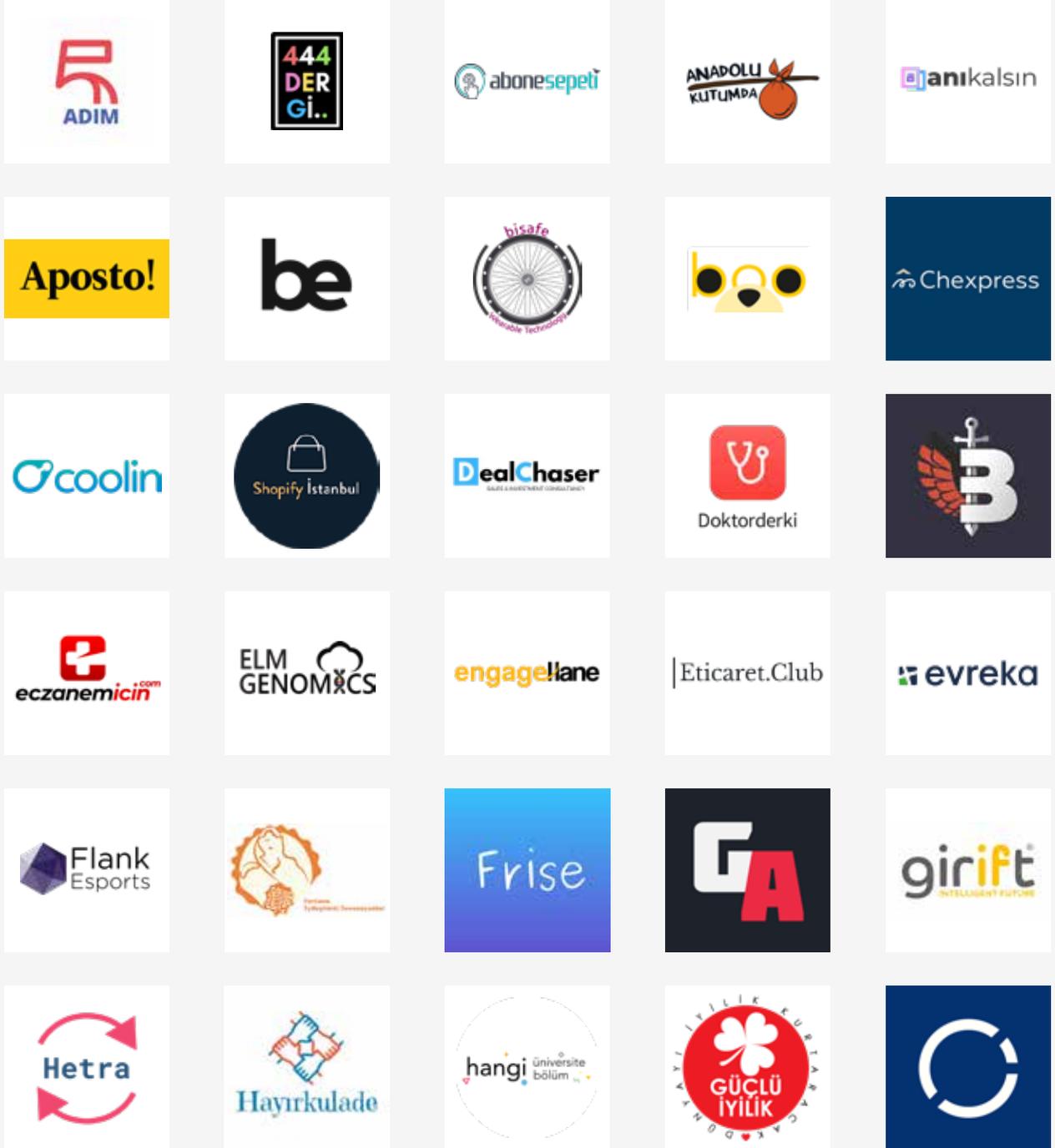
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**2017** Rasim Keskin  
**2019** Bedirhan Keskin  
**2018** Öykü Kılıç  
**2016** Melike Kılıç  
**2018** Kadircan Kirkoyun  
**2018** Öykü Kırşan  
**2016** Selen Koç  
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**2016** Barış Kömürcü  
**2019** Barış Konca  
**2019** Kemal Korul  
**2019** Eylül Koşok  
**2019** Ayşenur Küçükakgöl  
**2015** Elif Küçükırsoy  
**2014** Elif İrem Kunduracı  
**2016** İbrahim Kuşçu  
**2018** Samed Kütük  
**2014** Yavuz Mahmut  
**2015** Elif Derya Mercan  
**2014** Erdem Meriç  
**2019** Umre Metin  
**2018** Dila Meydan  
**2016** İrem Mutlu  
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**2016** Ali Rıza Nazlı  
**2015** Berat Öcal  
**2016** Yılmaz Odacı  
**2016** Bouse Achmet Oglou  
**2015** Cihan Oklap  
**2016** Halil Öklü  
**2016** Mert Okur  
**2014** Berna Ömür  
**2014** Özge Öncel  
**2019** Ömer Bahadır Orhan  
**2015** Muhittin Can Orman  
**2016** Seren Oruç  
**2017** Furkan Muhammet Oruç  
**2017** Barkın Laçın Özdemir  
**2015** Fatih Özdemir  
**2015** Sezai Özdemir  
**2014** Sera Giz Özel  
**2017** Bahar Özkan  
**2015** Burak Özkirdeniz

**2015** Özge Özmen  
**2016** Berfin Özsoy  
**2014** Selin Öztekin  
**2014** Burcu Öztopçu  
**2017** Emine Nural Öztürk  
**2020** Furkan Öztürk  
**2016** Betül Özyılmaz  
**2018** Selinay Filiz Parlak  
**2016** Onur Parlayan  
**2019** Yekta Pektaş  
**2014** Alper Cem Polat  
**2020** Özge Yeter Şahin  
**2018** Tuna Sarp  
**2017** Umutcan Savcı  
**2019** İpek Savucu  
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**2017** Duygu Serbes  
**2019** Berke Yağız Sevim  
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**2014** Cemre Şirin  
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**2019** Mert Sugür  
**2020** Mehmet Batuhan Süngü  
**2018** Kayra Irmak Tan  
**2018** Melih Onur Tan  
**2018** Umut Ulaş Tarhan  
**2018** Özgür Cem Taş  
**2015** Kemal Taşdeniz  
**2018** Halit Tekin  
**2018** Aybüke Temel  
**2019** Sevgi Helin Tilkicioğlu  
**2017** Ata Çağan Timur  
**2016** Özge Tirsi  
**2016** Beste Tonga  
**2014** Gözde Topgüloğlu  
**2015** Gizem Toprak  
**2015** Merve Toroslu  
**2019** Ayşe Tosun  
**2016** Tolunay Tosun  
**2018** Nurgül Tosun  
**2016** Dilan Tulan  
**2017** Büşra Tuncel  
**2015** Doğan Turan  
**2014** Serkan Türkoğlu

**2016** Ozan Ulaş  
**2017** Atakan Ülgen  
**2016** Ahmet Ulukan  
**2017** Çise Ulus  
**2014** Müge Ulusoy  
**2019** Mehmet Ali Umar  
**2015** Cansu Ünal  
**2016** Cüneyt Çağrı Ural  
**2019** Onur Uras  
**2019** Eylül Yalçinkaya  
**2017** Ayşenur Yanardağ  
**2016** Hüseyin Yapıcı  
**2018** Damla Yener  
**2014** Gizem Yeniçikan  
**2017** Burak Yıldırım  
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**2015** Burak Yılmaz  
**2019** Ceyhun Yılmaz  
**2014** Büşra Yılmazöz/Erturan  
**2015** İrem Yücel  
**2019** Emin Serkut Yüksel  
**2015** Muhammet Yurtseven

# OUR INITIATIVES

Vakıf bünyesinde 500'den fazla istihdam yaratan 100'den fazla girişim bulunmaktadır. 2021 yılı itibarıyla vakıf bünyesindeki girişimlerin aldığı yatırımlar 12,000,000.00\$'dan fazladır.

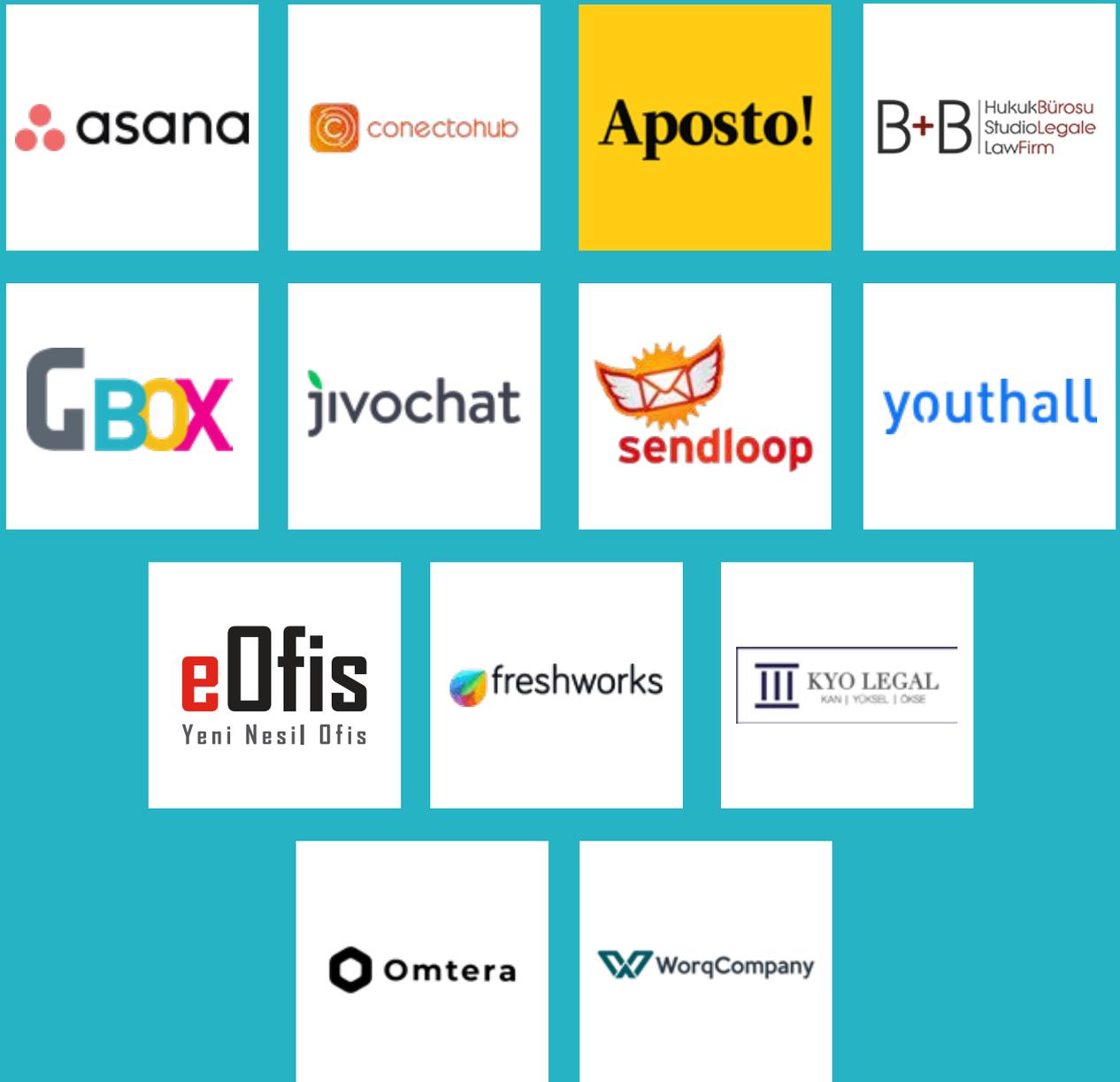




# GBOX

As the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation, we continue to support fellows' initiatives with our growing local and global network.

So far, 25 startups in our ecosystem have benefited from GBOX. Many thanks to our supporters who stood by them on their journey with GBOX, which we created specifically for GIRVAK entrepreneurs in 2021.



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# **OUR SPONSORS**

# OUR MAIN SPONSOR

## TURKEY İŞ BANK

We believe that our cooperation, which started with our main supporter, Türkiye İş Bank, which believes that entrepreneurship is the key to change, is invaluable in developing the culture of entrepreneurship, enabling young people to leave their mark on their own path and create an economic power.

As of 2019, we are very happy to be a part of the work of Türkiye İş Bank, our main supporter, in the fields of entrepreneurship, innovation and youth, and to create value together.

We established the Türkiye İş Bank Youth Platform in 2020 with Türkiye İş Bankası. Within the scope of this platform, 4 of our Youth Programs participants, half of whom were women and half of whom were men, served as advisory board members in 2020 and 2021. They continue to support the process.

We started a video series under the umbrella of İşbank with the brand Maximum Genç. With the participants of GIRVAK Youth Programs, we made a series of video works with the concept of "Young People with a Story" to spread them on social media. Our goal with these videos was to encourage young people to realize themselves by showing good examples.

Being with us in all our processes, Türkiye İş Bank continued to support us in our Fellow Program selection process as well. In this context, the Entrepreneurship Unit supported us as a jury in the selection process.

We continue to carry out new projects with our partner Türkiye İş Bankası and to support our mutual efforts.

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# OUR CO-SPONSORS



As part of the TSKB Technology and Entrepreneurship Platform, which we launched with TSKB in 2018, we continued our inspirational speeches and workshops in 2021 as well. Within the scope of these activities, designed according to the needs of TSKB employees and the institution, we first held the Design-Oriented Thinking workshop series with Sparkus.com Founder Dani Benreytan. TSKB employees, who produced innovative solution proposals in different fields as teams, had the opportunity to implement the projects they developed in-house.

In the Inspirational Speeches series we designed within the scope of the platform, Aposto! We hosted the Founding Partners Orhun Canca and Umutcan Savcı; We talked about the establishment process of Aposto! and the trends in new media. In the other talk of the series, we talked with Core Strategy Founder İhsan Elgin about his entrepreneurial adventure and how he struggled with the difficulties he faced in the process.

With the program, we will organize 8 different events with names that make a difference in the entrepreneurship world until the end of 2022.



Together with Shell, we set out in March to convey the perspectives and visions of its youth to Shell and to design the stations of the future for Shell. Our fellows came together with Shell employees and held a design thinking workshop. Afterwards, they were divided into groups to contribute to Shell's processes and they held 8 workshops under the management of Dani Benreytan, and after the workshops, they designed the stations of the future they dreamed for Shell. Our fellows designed 5 different stations in total and presented their projects to the grand jury consisting of Shell Turkey CEO Emre Turanlı, Entrepreneurship Foundation Chairman of the Board Sina Afra, and Entrepreneurship Foundation General Manager Mehru Aygül. The two selected ideas were included in their future plans to be implemented by Shell.



Turkey's leading investment services and asset management ÜNLÜ & Co, with its belief in business models based on gender equality for sustainable growth and supporting the participation of more women in the workforce, in its 20th anniversary with the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation and ÜNLÜ & Co Women Entrepreneurs Academy (KGA). implemented it. The fifth of ÜNLÜ & Co Women Entrepreneurs Academy (KGA), which has accepted 20 women entrepreneurs every year since its establishment in 2016 and continued on its way by increasing this number in 2020 by moving its processes to digital platforms along with the pandemic, started in October 2020.

Since the day it was founded, ÜNLÜ & Co has aimed to support women entrepreneurs with the Women Entrepreneurs Academy, to create a support mechanism by creating experience sharing and mutual learning spaces. Women entrepreneurs participating in the academy go through training on the basic subjects an entrepreneur needs, from business plan creation training to digital marketing, from cash management and debt financing to preparation for investor presentation. The trainings are supported by mentoring, business coaching program, networking and investor meetings.

In 2021, the women entrepreneur academy will reach its goals in 2016, the year of its foundation, and will have produced a total of 100 graduates.

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# **OUR IMPACT PROGRAMS**

# Android Academy

In partnership with the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation and Google Turkey, in order to increase the number of techno-startups in our country with the support of BTK, with the support of Turkish Airlines, General Mobile and ITU ARI Teknokent, young software developers, entrepreneurs and students in Turkey receive Android programming and Entrepreneurship training, with software and entrepreneur mentors. Last year, we realized the second of our Android Academy Program.

In the first term (2017 - 1018) 150 teams (600 people) from all over Turkey applied to our program on Smart Cities, Accessibility and Citizen Interaction, in the second term (last year) we added education - agriculture - cyber security, disaster and health, which we added specifically to Covid-19. 411 teams (1644 people) applied. After the two-stage selection process consisting of an application form and online interviews in the first period, 15 teams were included in the program and were entitled to receive training within the scope of Bootcamp, while 15 teams were entitled to be included in our program in the second period.

Towards the end of the program, 8 teams selected by the preliminary jury made their presentations before the grand jury at the final event, Demo Day. Tiko Founder & GIRVAK Chairman of the Board Sina Afra, Google Turkey Public Relations Director Pelin Kuzey, General Mobile Chairman Sebahattin Yaman, BTK Chairman Ömer Abdullah Karagözoğlu, Micro Software Founder Alpaslan Tomus and THY Digital Innovation & Analytical Solutions President Serdar Gürbüz. took. As a result of the jury voting, Rubi Games became the first, CodeHome team came second and Detbot team came third. The first three winning teams received the incubation award from San Francisco and ITU Arı Teknokent.



GİRİŞİMCİLİK VAKFI  
android AKADEMİ  
powered by Google



**Detbot:** It is an application that protects company employees against phishing attacks with a transparent and agile software based on the Markov chain algorithm.



**CodeHome:** Codehome is a marketplace that brings together instructors and those who want to take live lessons in the field of coding and software, and offers innovative features such as virtual classrooms.



**CoQuiz:** CoQuiz is a platform that aims to increase the health literacy level of children and young people aged 8-18 and to make interactive learning processes fun.



## BiBolu

The BiBolu Program is a first in Turkey with the support of the Turkish Philanthropy Foundation (TPF), designed in partnership with the Bolu Donors Foundation (BBV) and the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation. In this project, where we aim to increase employment on a city basis and to create and expand an entrepreneurial ecosystem for the first time, we set out with the aim of enabling young people to start a transformation in their cities with the courage to meet entrepreneurship and realize themselves. As of 2019, we have designed a development process that will last 7 years in total. In the coming years, we will continue on our way with a fiction that will support local entrepreneurs and initiatives.

GBase Digital is a holistic development program that we have designed as the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation, with the support of the Istanbul Development Agency and the Ministry of Industry and Technology, in partnership with the Community Volunteers Foundation and with the support of Google, within the scope of combating the Covid19 pandemic. Within the scope of GBase Digital, we aimed to ensure the continuity of education by using digital technologies to reduce the effects of the pandemic, to develop innovative business models, to maintain critical social distance to prevent the spread of the virus and to ensure the sustainable implementation of measures to stay at home. In this context, we aimed to develop participants in the fields of digital literacy, health literacy, psychosocial empowerment, entrepreneurship, and inspiration. We did all the trainings live on YouTube.

In Digital Literacy sessions, we aimed to popularize digital literacy with our expert trainer and Google Digital Workshop. These trainings are certified and allow participants to gain new digital skills or improve themselves. **8 interactive trainings were given in areas such as Fundamentals of Digital Marketing, Create Your Digital Assets for Your Online Business, Be Found for Your Customers, Online Advertisements, E-commerce and Expanding Abroad, Customer Journey and Customers' Online Behaviors, Measurement and Improvements, Increase Productivity in Your Workplace. .**

We conducted online health literacy trainings with the Community Volunteers Foundation (TOG). These trainings; It was held in order to increase the knowledge, awareness and control abilities of the participants about their personal health and to encourage them to take responsibility and participate in decision processes. Trainings were given in the fields of Healthy Environment and Lifelong Health, Protection of Spiritual Well-being, Hygiene and Self-Care, Healthy Nutrition, Conscious Use of Medicines and Access to Accurate Information, Health Rights.

Our Psychosocial Empowerment sessions were planned to help those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic become psychologically stronger as they return to their normal lives.

Erhart on Flexibility and Resilience during and After the Pandemic, Anxiety that Increases Your Productivity with Hande Akın and Fatih Dane, Managing Stress when Coping with Uncertainty with Orkun Özocak, Inner Resilience with Sema Demirkan, Flexibility in Uncertainty, Negative Perfectionism and Structural Procrastination with Son Zengingönül , Purpose, Life Satisfaction, Contribution with Lila Duygu Öğüt, Original Career Design with Azra Betül Erdoğan and Eda Çarmıklı & Markus Letho Exponential Transition to Humanity sessions.

We designed this area for the participants to gain experience in all processes from identifying problems and needs to finding business ideas and preparing investor presentations, specifically for the COVID-19 pandemic, with entrepreneurship sessions within the scope of GBase Digital. The team or individuals who completed the stages of the return to entrepreneur platform, which was specially designed for the program consisting of 13 steps in total, competed to be among the first team/person by presenting their ideas to the public vote and the jury. We provided the 3 winning teams with the corporate services they needed to develop their business models.

Within the scope of this module, **256 people/team applied with a business idea, and 55 of the business ideas were matured and turned into a business model. With the eliminations, 7 of 55 business models were submitted to the public voting on our website. 3 teams were awarded with the public voting and jury eliminations.**

**GBase Dijital programımız ile doğrudan;**



**18M**  
kişiyeye ulaştık.



**1500**  
kişiyeye dokunduk

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Dijital



## Winning Teams;

**KoyRent:** It is a system based on the sharing economy where people can rent items they do not use or rent products they need but do not want to buy.

**Relaxive App:** It is a happiness application that detects your happiness status with sound analysis and allows you to do exercises to relax.

**Weekiddo:** It is a social, safe gamification platform focused on the development of preschool children aged 3-6.

At the online inspiration events, the speakers inspired us by openly sharing their entrepreneurship stories or personal experiences with us.

Erhan Erkut - MEF University Vice President - shared the New Era Career Alternatives with us, Mehru Aygöl - General Manager of Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation - gave a speech on Social Entrepreneurship, Social Benefit, Umutcan Duman - Founding Partner of Evreka.Co. - He talked about resilience in individual and company dimensions, Dani Benreytan Sparkus Founder - He talked about Post-Pandemic Career Trends, Serdar Urçar - CEO of Comodik, investor - He gave a speech on "If I Start My Career Now" and Başak Sakarya - Türkiye İş Bankası - New era, changing career He had an inspiring conversation in the field of resilience. With our GBase Digital program, we directly touched approximately 1500 people and reached 18 M people.

# LiftUp

Entrepreneurship Foundation **believes in the importance of growing together with the ecosystem since its establishment in 2014.** Together with our mentors / volunteers who have supported us both in our Fellow Program and in our other programs, we have become stronger and increased our influence. The Liftup Program is a mentoring/volunteering program made up of experienced members of the entrepreneurial ecosystem and the business world, who provide experience/knowledge and financial support.

The purpose of the program; Considering the needs of the young people involved in the Fellow Program and other programs of GİRVAK, by matching them with the experienced mentors of the entrepreneurship ecosystem and the business world, to provide a basis for the ecosystem to grow by sharing. **We started our program in 2020 and now we have around 30 mentors and this number is increasing day by day.**



"İklim krizinin çözümü sensin!" mottosuyla geleceği için dönüşüme yön verecek gençleri aradığımız ClimateXTurkey ile **2021-2022 döneminde iklim kriziyle mücadele için 20'yi aşkın çevrimiçi etkinlik ve buluşma** gerçekleştireceğiz.

Amerikan Büyükelçiliği ve 212'nin destekleriyle, Leaders For Climate Action, Impact Hub İstanbul, Hello Tomorrow Türkiye ve imece ortaklığında hayata geçirdiğimiz ClimateXTurkey ile küresel iklim krizi konusunda farkındalık yaratarak çözümler üretmeyi amaçlıyoruz.

GİRVAK YouTube kanalında 25 Kasım tarihinde Genel Müdürümüz Mehru Aygül, Amerikan Büyükelçiliği Program Müdürü Deniz Gürsan ve UNDP Türkiye İklim Değişikliği ve Çevre Portföy Yönetici Nuri Özbağdatlı'nın katılımıyla proje lansmanını gerçekleştirdik.

Her ay iklim krizi alanında faaliyet gösteren farklı kurum ve kişileri ağırladığımız İlham Konuşmaları serisinin ilkinde Hello Tomorrow Turkey kurucu & CEO'su, Harvard Üniversitesi Edward S. Mason Fellow'u Timur Topalgökçeli ile İklim Kriziyle Mücadelede Yüksek Teknoloji Girişimciliğinin Yeri'ni konuştuk. Serimizin ikinci buluşması, imece Direktörü Mustafa Özer ile "Sürdürülebilir Etkiyi Görünür Kılmak" üzerine oldu. 2021 yılının son buluşmasında ise WWF-Türkiye İklim ve Enerji Programı Kıdemli Uzmanı Tanyeli Sabuncu ile "İklim Kriziyle Mücadelede Fayda Alanları ve Fırsatlar" konusunu tartıştık. Tüm bu etkinlikler sonucunda 1.362 kişinin iklim krizinin farklı boyutlarına dair bilgi edinmesini sağladık.

2022'de hız kesmeden devam edeceğimiz İlham Konuşmaları serimizin yanı sıra, 15-29 yaş arası katılımcılar için Farkındalık Atölyeleri düzenleyeceğiz. Projenin belki de en heyecanlı bileşeni olan **Çözümün Parçası Ol: Girişimcilik Programı kapsamında ise 18-24 yaş arasındaki üniversite öğrencileri ve yeni mezunlardan oluşan 15 takım, iş geliştirme, strateji, pazarlama, finans, yatırımcı sunum gibi konularda eğitimler alıp Eylül'de gerçekleştireceğimiz ClimateXTurkey Summit'te Büyük Jüri tarafından seçilen 3 takım arasına girmek için yarışacak.**

# Game and Application Academy

In cooperation with Google Turkey, T3 Enterprise Center, with the support of the Ministry of Industry and Technology and the Presidency's Digital Transformation Office, the Game and Application Academy will be held in 2021 to contribute to the growth of the digital economy, the development of digital skills of young people aged 18-29, the increase in employment in the technology sector and the proliferation of technology-oriented initiatives. we implemented.



With the launch we held at Teknofest on September 22, 2021, after a 1-year preparation process, the Academy started receiving applications for its first year. Until November 7, the last day of applications, **we received 34,080 applications from 81 provinces**. After the evaluation process, **the Academy started training with 2000 scholars from 76 provinces, 202 universities and 156 different departments, 1000 women - 1000 men!**

Within the 7-month Academy program, 2000 scholars will learn development, design and programming from scratch with game and application development trainings such as Flutter, Unity and Game Art, with expert trainers in their fields and will become competent in these areas. Scholars will learn the basics of project management from scratch, project initiation, planning, project execution, Scrum, Agile, with the completely Turkish Google Project Management Certificate Program available on Coursera, and will gain experience and acquire the necessary skills to work in project management positions.

For scholars who want to start or continue their career in the entrepreneurship ecosystem, the Academy also offers basic entrepreneurship and human resources, law and finance trainings that entrepreneurs need especially at the beginning of their journey.

**Within the 400-hour Academy program**, scholars find inspiration, knowledge and the opportunity to participate in a large community. With dozens of closed events held exclusively for Academy scholars, scholars will come together with leading entrepreneurs, developers and managers from the technology sector to get to know the sectors better and listen to their experiences; will receive networking and social skills training; They will have career meetings with HR managers and will be able to ask questions about their learning journey.

With the Academy, 2000 scholars became part of a great learning community. Scholars learn together in micro-learning groups, share their inspiration, produce and learning processes; They develop games and applications together. Scholars can directly ask the trainers in the community if they are curious about the trainings and if they have difficulties during the entire training.

While preparing for their career journeys, 2000 scholars will go through different processes such as ideathon and bootcamp, which will increase their teamwork skills, where they can apply what they have learned, and they will be able to bring their ideas to life. The first 3 teams from the scholarship holders, who appear before the jury with their products at graduation, will be entitled to go on a San Francisco ecosystem tour. Scholars will receive an Academy Career Certificate in addition to receiving a certificate for each training they complete in the academy.

**The Academy, which is fully online and offers the first and most comprehensive online career program in Turkey in cooperation with the public, civil society and private sector, will complete its first term in June 2022.**

# Accelerate2030 Turkey



Organized for the third time in Turkey, this year with the financing of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ); The Accelerate2030 program, implemented in cooperation with GIZ, Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation, Impact Hub Istanbul and UNDP Turkey, supported advanced initiatives that want to carry the positive impact it has created to different audiences and geographies.

Of the 15 high-impact advanced initiatives accepted into the Program this year, 8 had female leaders and 3 had migrant leaders. Looking at the sectoral distribution of these initiatives, it was seen that 3 of them came from agriculture, 1 from health, 3 from food, 1 from toys, 1 from sports/entertainment, 3 from textile and 3 from waste management sector. Initiatives were established in Istanbul, Ankara, Çanakkale and Izmir. Thanks to the program, a total of 146 people benefited directly for 6 months. Three initiatives established by Syrians under Temporary Protection, one of the main target groups, or taking into account the needs of immigrants, were also included in the Programme. These initiatives currently provide multilingual support and online food ordering services for local and foreign restaurants in Turkey, connect users with an online food ordering and delivery platform, and home food producers certified in terms of food safety, and a smart production-enhancing system to control and monitor hydroponic farming. provides the kit. **Below you can see the names of the Accelerate2030 initiatives.**

				
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Genz Biotechnology	iFarm Agri Tech	Joan	Laska	Macerita
				
Mana	Moritoys	Nivogo	Oleatex	Soyl-Gel

15 selected startups in Accelerate2030 Turkey were given one-on-one mentoring from experts and mentors to develop and improve their business models. In addition, the startups received storytelling training, investment and public funds consultancy from Boston Consulting Group, and impact management services from S360. For 6 months, they accessed 28 hours of training in 11 sessions, 5 bonus sessions of 15 hours, 30+ resources and supporting documents on topics such as circular economy, access to funds, impact management and sustainability.

In addition to training and mentoring support, initiatives collaborated with key private sector, public sector and international organization stakeholders to expand their solutions and positive impact. These initiatives collaborated with 14 corporate companies, collaborated with more than 20 public and international organizations, and made more than 200 B2B connections in total throughout the program.

An important output of the program was that two of the 15 startups were eligible to participate in the Accelerate2030 Global Program. Evreka and eCording were the startups that were eligible to participate in the Building Global Program held in Geneva at the end of November 2021. These two initiatives are two of the 15 initiatives selected from the Accelerate2030 programs in Rwanda, North Macedonia, Turkey, China, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Nigeria, Sudan, Argentina and Colombia. Thus, it came together with similar positive impact-oriented initiatives from not only Turkey but also all over the world to expand their business models. They received an international version of the training and expertise support they received in the Turkey Programme. After the Accelerate2030 Turkey Program ended, they were entitled to continue with the Global Program.

## Airpreneurs 2022

Bringing dreams together with the sky, Airpreneurs will bring together young participants who will make a difference in the transformation of the aviation industry with innovative solutions in its new era.

Airpreneurs 2022 is an impact program that we have implemented with the support of Boeing, in partnership with Turkish Airlines - Terminal and ITU ARI Teknokent, which basically prioritizes human health and flight safety in the aviation industry, and where we aim to produce innovative and technological solutions for the needs that have changed after the pandemic. Under the leadership of university students within the scope of the project. We aim to implement project ideas that will increase the adaptation of aviation to the new world order after the pandemic. With the Airpreneurs program we started in 2016, we reached 350,000 people and ensured that more than 1300 young people were included in the program.

young people to implement globally changing trends in aviation and develop their innovative project ideas. We will explore the changes in the sector and inspiring stories together with speeches open to the participation of everyone.



The graphic is a dark blue rectangular poster. At the top left is the Airpreneurs logo with the tagline "Aklim Gökyerde!". The main text in white and light blue asks "Hayallerini gökyüzüyle buluşturmaya hazır mısınız?" and "Airpreneurs yeni dönem başvuruları açıldı!". Below this is a teal button with "airpreneurs.org" and a star icon. A circular callout on the right says "Son başvuru tarihi 28 Mart". The central illustration shows a woman in a teal shirt and grey pants running while holding a magnifying glass over a globe. A white airplane is flying through the globe. At the bottom, logos for "GİRİŞİMCİLİK FAKÜLTESİ" and "ITU ARI TEKNOKENT" are visible.

# Innovation and Technology Center

As GİRVAK, within the scope of our 7-year studies and researches, we have seen that there is a need for a multi-stakeholder, multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary center in Istanbul that supports the entrepreneurship ecosystem horizontally in order for Turkey to rise to the top in the world entrepreneurship league. As of 2020, we took our first concrete steps to establish an Innovation and Technology Center in Istanbul, which will gather the Turkish entrepreneurship ecosystem, which we planted as a dream 5 years ago, under one roof.

Our feasibility studies, which started in 2020 with the support of Istanbul Development Agency, were completed in 2021. The center planned to be opened in 2023 with an area of 7000 m2 within the Galataport complex; Entrepreneurship will be supported in Turkey with its innovative design, global vision and global programs, services, workspaces that support creativity, presentation/exhibition points where new technologies, products and services are accessible to everyone as well as central users, design and production areas and a structure that embraces culture and arts, will serve as a meeting, inspiration and empowerment point of the ecosystem.

The Innovation and Technology Center will be implemented in Turkey with the partnership of civil society, private sector, public and academia, including GİRVAK, Koç University, Doğuş Teknoloji, Han Spaces, Istanbul Informatics Valley and Google, and will be an inclusive structure that brings all the stakeholders of the ecosystem together. .

We came together with more than 100 stakeholders in the ecosystem with the feasibility studies carried out in 2020-2021, and we planned the center's roadmap step by step according to the needs of Turkey and the ecosystem.

With our feasibility studies, we prepared reports such as Needs Analysis and Status Report, Global Trend Report, Stakeholder Map, 1-1 Meetings, Round Table Meeting, Design Workshop, and held meetings. Many thanks to all our stakeholders who supported us throughout this process and enriched our dreams with their opinions and suggestions!

## Founder One

Founder One is a new generation investment fund that supports early-stage technology-focused impact entrepreneurs who create solutions to grow the sustainability economy in Turkey and make the world more livable.

In line with the experience and competencies of its founders and business partners, Founder One brings together qualified investors with promising early stage startups, and aims to create both high returns and social benefits. Focus areas include Fintech Initiatives and Financial Inclusion, Clean Energy Technologies, Health Technologies, Agricultural Technologies and Security.



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# **OUR GIVEBACK PROGRAMS**

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## Founders Pledge

The Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation continues to work as the first and only business partner of Founders Pledge in Turkey, which helps technology leaders to give back to the ecosystem now, not later. Entrepreneurs who sign up for Founders Pledge promise to donate at least 2% of their income to a non-governmental organization of their choice after exiting their companies. In 2019, 8 Turkish entrepreneurs became a part of the Founders Pledge through GIRVAK.

### Entrepreneurs who signed the Founders Pledge contract:

» Sina Afra

» Yomi Kastro

» Hakan Baş

» Eray Erdoğan

» Efe Kethüda

» Umutcan Duman

» Hasan Zafer Elcik

» Sinan Zabunoğlu

We held our fourth Giveback Gala in 2020 with the participation of fellows, entrepreneurs, important names from the business and art world in order to support young people with entrepreneurial potential and to spread the "Giveback" culture. 650 people attended the gala we held at Raffles Istanbul on February 26, 2020.

More than 2000 supporters attended our Giveback gala, which we have been organizing every year since 2015.

Every year, we hosted inspiring speakers, the founder of Virgin Group, entrepreneur and investor Sir Richard Branson, the first Muslim female tourist in space and also the founder of X Prize Foundation, Anousheh Ansari, an Israeli investor and entrepreneur who is a very important name for the entrepreneurship ecosystem. Yossi Vardi, founder of the electric race car Mark Zero, Porsche's 3rd Generation grandson Toni Piech is among the speakers.

Giveback Gala, where we celebrate entrepreneurship and giving back, was held this year with the support of Google Turkey and ZES. Toni Piech, the creator of the electric sports car Mark Zero, who was the guest of honor of the night, inspired the participants and us with his speeches. In addition, Deputy Minister of Technology and Industry Fatih Kacır attended the evening and emphasized the importance of the entrepreneurship ecosystem in the development of the country.



## Our Scholarship Funds | Berkay Akçora Scholarship Fund

Bayram Berkay Akçora, born in Tarsus in 1990, METU Mechanical Engineering graduate, OneYoungWorld delegate, ConnectionRaiser and Evreka founder, musician, honorary GIRVAK fellow, dedicated to development, innovation and beauty, his purpose in life is a better world with technology and innovation. He is a young entrepreneur who believes in creating. We believe that this scholarship fund is the right thing to share Berkay's perspective, an inspiration to everyone he touched in his short life, his motivation to pursue all his dreams from blue to green without fear, his clear vision that can learn something from everyone at any moment, with young entrepreneur candidates, and to keep his dreams alive. we thought.



Let Evreka.co, of which Berkay is the founding partner, as the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation, symbolize a new life for Berkay and keep his name alive; We started a scholarship fund so that we, the survivors, can continue to be inspired by him. We are confident that this fund will support young people who have the dream and passion of going far.

We imagined that the name of Berkay, who always inspires us and his surroundings with his dreams, excitement, different ideas, "doing" perspective, and his energy to work day and night, touches young entrepreneurs as well. We wanted to give a lifeline to these lands where there are many Berkays.

## Can Dörtkardeşler Scholarship Fund



For our soul

One of our 2015 fellows, a brilliant entrepreneur, loyal friend and incomparable inspiration, we lost his soul in a tragic car accident on 14 November 2020.

Can was not only a fellow alumni, but also a young leader who inspired both GIRVAK and young people who wanted to join the entrepreneurship ecosystem. He was a person who was active in every field he could be with the young people and dreamed of giving back. Can made 3 attempts when he was only 27 years old. He founded a fashion consultancy company in his first year of university, became a partner of the social enterprise Otsimo, and was the head of Uidentify, which he founded, for more than 4 years.

He was selected to Fortune magazine's "40 under 40" list in 2020. He loved volleyball, his friends, family and country. One of her biggest dreams was to support young people like herself, with her belief in giving back. We have created a scholarship fund based on his dream. With this scholarship fund, we want more young people to live the vision of Can and take over the flag from him, this is very valuable for us.

**If you would like to contribute to this fund in order to support more young people like Can, you can contact us at [info@girisimcilikvakfi.org](mailto:info@girisimcilikvakfi.org).**

## Ziya Boyacıgiller Fonu



Ziya Boyacıgiller's wife, Sabancı University Faculty of Management Faculty Member Prof. Dr. The fund, created by Nakiye Boyacıgiller and her family through the Turkish Philanthropy Funds, provides a one-year scholarship to 2 successful entrepreneur candidates who are eligible to participate in the Fellow 2021 Program organized by the Entrepreneurship Foundation.

"This fund, created with the great contributions of the Boyacıgiller family, in order to immortalize the name of our brother Ziya, who set an example for us with his creativity, humility and generosity in the world of entrepreneurship and enthroned us all, and to support young people who are prone and interested in entrepreneurship, will open the doors of a brand new world to a young entrepreneur on the first anniversary of his passing.

Ziya Boyacıgiller, who is aware of the values such as employment, technology, prestige and investment that a successful enterprise brings to the country from the very beginning, will continue to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs who are entitled to participate in the Fellow Program, as he did to us as our opinion leader, thanks to this fund. It will help entrepreneurship find a place as a value in Turkey's social values.



**For more information and donations, you can send an e-mail to [info@girisimcilikvakfi.org](mailto:info@girisimcilikvakfi.org).**

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# **COMMUNICATION**

# girişimle » Girisimle.com

Our blog Girisimle.com, which contains more than 1000 content, has been producing content for the entrepreneurship ecosystem since its establishment. You can visit our blog at [www.girisimle.com](http://www.girisimle.com), which includes interviews with our fellows, evaluations of ecosystem activities from the perspective of fellows, inspiring and informative content, and translations.



## » Our YouTube Channel

Our YouTube channel, which is one of our main communication channels, includes our activities, programs, extensive information about our fellows, and fellow videos shot during our application processes.

## Newsletter

As the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation, we publish monthly e-bulletins to announce our activities, as well as announcement e-bulletins that include news from the ecosystem on Fridays every week. You can visit our website to subscribe to our newsletters.

## SOCIAL MEDIA AND US IN THE MEDIA

### Media

**10.000.000+**

Erişim

**+10**

Press releases

**+40**

Printed news

**+1000**

News Online

**28K**

Facebook Followers

**39K**

Instagram Followers

**31K**

LinkedIn Followers

**35K**

Twitter Followers

**1151**

Blog with initiative

### Communication in Numbers

**27M**

Reaching people

**+70**

Number of live broadcasts

**+250**

Number of events

**+100.000**

Number of newsletter recipients

# OUR SPONSORS

## FROM OUR SPONSORS



Working to make life easier for users, to inform them and to develop them in line with the needs of the new age with the technology-oriented solutions it offers, we support the Turkish economy and individuals' digitalization with confidence. With this perspective, we also care about the entrepreneurship ecosystem and we successfully implement many projects under the leadership of GIRVAK so that our youth can access the support they need in this rapidly growing field in our country. Android Academy, which we have implemented together with GIRVAK, which plays a transformative role in the development of the entrepreneurial ecosystem and entrepreneurship culture in our country, is one of the best examples of this. Since 2017, together with GIRVAK, we have been running the Android Academy, a training program where young software developers, entrepreneurs and students in Turkey receive Android programming and entrepreneurship training and work with software and entrepreneur mentors. In this way, we support young software developers, entrepreneurs and students who are looking for technology-oriented solutions to different problems in society. We are happy to bring the Google Game and Application Academy to life by adding a new dimension to our cooperation as of 2021. With this project, in which we aim to reach 2,000 young people, we aim to contribute to the development of Turkey's digital game and application ecosystem by raising a qualified workforce for the technology sector. We believe that we will continue our cooperation with GIRVAK in order to support young entrepreneurs and to train new young entrepreneurs in the coming period and we will realize many projects together.



As Allianz Turkey, we work with our vision to pioneer the new generation insurance business and build the Allianz of the future with digitalization. With this perspective, innovation remains at the top of our agenda. We believe that innovation, technology and entrepreneurial culture will make the world a better place. Entrepreneurship culture means new generation business models, it means youth. It is very valuable for us that a special youth group, who received the most outstanding training, got acquainted with the most important innovation disciplines, and practiced entrepreneurship, cooperates with us under the roof of GIRVAK. Also, our cooperation with GIRVAK is an important opportunity to create synergy between the institution and the students. Young people from GIRVAK, who witness and support the transformation journey of an internationally rooted institution like Allianz, also have the opportunity to get to know Allianz more closely.



Our long-term cooperation with the Entrepreneurship Foundation brought us new perspectives and dimensions in 2021 as well. We had the chance to bring our employees together with different thinking methodologies and examples of good practice in non-banking areas. The biggest gain for us has been in the direction of the individual development of the employees as well as keeping the spirit of entrepreneurship alive. Meeting with the inspiring names of the digitization and innovation examples in the world that continue at a dizzying pace and the architects of the success stories in our country and listening to their stories was as eye-opening as ever.

Turkey's leading investment services and asset management group ÜNLÜ & Co, with its belief in business models based on gender equality for sustainable growth and supporting the participation of more women in the workforce, in the 20th anniversary of its establishment in cooperation with the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation and Endeavor Turkey, ÜNLÜ & Co Women Entrepreneurs He founded the Academy (KGA). ÜNLÜ & Co Women Entrepreneurs Academy (KGA), which has accepted 20 women entrepreneurs every year since its establishment in 2016, has successfully completed its goal of graduating 100 women entrepreneurs in 5 years in 2021.

With the ÜNLÜ & Co Women Entrepreneurs Academy, it is aimed to support women entrepreneurs, to create a support mechanism by creating experience sharing and mutual learning spaces. Women entrepreneurs participating in the academy go through training on the basic subjects an entrepreneur needs, from business plan creation training to digital marketing, from cash management and debt financing to preparation for investor presentation. The trainings are supported by mentoring, business coaching program, networking and investor meetings.

While the 5th Term members of the academy received their certificates at the graduation ceremony in December 2021, the entrepreneurs who had been in the academy for five terms had the opportunity to meet each other with the alumni meeting. ÜNLÜ & Co has been supporting the Entrepreneurship Foundation since 2014.



We believe that our cooperation, which started with our main supporter, Türkiye İş Bankası, which believes that entrepreneurship is the key to change, is invaluable in developing the culture of entrepreneurship, enabling young people to leave their mark on their own path and create an economic power. We are very happy to be a part of the work of Türkiye İş Bankası, which has been our main supporter since 2019, in the fields of entrepreneurship, innovation and youth, and to create value together.

We are aware of the fact that Türkiye İş Bankası's social investment in this field and its belief in the entrepreneurship perspective of young people and its emphasis on in-house entrepreneurship activities are a very valuable source of inspiration for the business world and the entrepreneurship ecosystem. The Türkiye İş Bankası Youth Platform, which we launched together with Türkiye İş Bankası in 2020, continued in 2021 as well. On this platform, our fellows supported the financial literacy online video series and the announcement of the digital customer acquisition campaign via social media as part of the Maximum Young program. We continue to support the Maximum Young Advisory Board, another formation of Türkiye İş Bankası, with our 2 fellows.

Being with us in all our processes, Türkiye İş Bankası continued to support us both in the selection processes of the Fellow Program and participated in the mentoring activities. He also provided mentorship and business development support in the Accelerate 2030 program. With the Maximum Genç brand, Türkiye İş Bankası showed its support for our social media project, which we realized within the scope of May 19th. We continue to carry out new projects with our partner Türkiye İş Bankası and to support our mutual efforts.



As Roche, we focus on developing the solutions that patients will need tomorrow in healthcare services today. At this point, we care about producing integrated solutions in the health ecosystem to provide more benefits to patients. With this vision, as Roche Pharmaceuticals Turkey, we launched the HealthCare Lab, an international acceleration program for early-stage digital health initiatives in Central Europe and Turkey, in November 2021. The HealthCare Lab initiative, supported by EIT Health and covering 16 countries including Turkey, was carried out with the cooperation of Civitta in Europe and Entrepreneurship Foundation, which is one of the important stakeholders of the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Turkey. After calling over a thousand startups operating in the field of health, we received more than 200 applications to the program, 65 of which were Turkish. As a result of detailed pre-eliminations and evaluations, 3 Turkish startups managed to get their names written among 9 finalist startups.

Thanks to the agile and collaborative attitude of the Entrepreneurship Foundation, we took quick action and reached the right target audience in a very short time, and we had the opportunity to successfully introduce the Turkish digital health ecosystem in the program. The selected health startups will have the opportunity to develop their projects with the support of the international network of global mentors during the quarterly program. Within the scope of the program, besides workshops, one-on-one mentoring and private coaching sessions, networking and matching activities will also be organized. Among the selected startups, Elm Genomics will continue the program in the field of screening and early diagnosis, and Vagustim Bioelectronics will continue to receive mentoring support for the grand prize by continuing the program in the field of digital diagnosis and disease management. The Healthcare Lab will end with a Demo Day to be held in April 2022 and the selection of a winning entrepreneur within the scope of three needs, and a grant of 10,000 Euros will be given to the 3 winning startups. As Roche Pharmaceuticals Turkey, we will continue to support startups and local collaborations in order to provide more benefits to patients and to be a reliable business partner of the healthcare ecosystem.

## Our Collaborators

As the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation, we continue to expand our unique programs and experience, learn by collaborating with institutions doing similar work, and operate in the international ecosystem.

### Cherie Blair Foundation

The Cherie Blair Foundation, founded by Cherie Blair, runs a mentoring program that aims to support women entrepreneurs in different countries of the world. It brings together over 100 women entrepreneurs from different countries with mentors from over 80 different sectors and specialties. Working with a local partner from each country, the Cherie Blair Foundation has been working with the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation in Turkey since 2018. A total of 38 women entrepreneurs, nominated by the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation, have been included in this global network and program from Turkey. Mentoring sessions of the entrepreneurs selected in 2019 officially started in November 2019, and 6 more women entrepreneurs from Turkey were selected in 2020 and a total of 44 women entrepreneurs have been included in the network so far.

In 2019, we started to include mentors from Turkey in the Cherie Blair Mentoring Program for the first time. Technology and Human College Founder Zeynep Dereli and Wirecard Payment Systems Director Gaye Or continue to mentor two foreign female entrepreneurs who are in the global growth phase.

### Global Giving

As the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation, we take part in Global Giving, a crowdfunding platform that brings together NGOs, donors and companies from around the world. If you would like to support us to spread the entrepreneurship culture, we welcome you to Global Giving.

### Turkish Philanthropy Foundation

After the untimely passing of Ziya Abi of the Turkish entrepreneurship ecosystem, his beloved wife Prof. A scholarship fund was created in 2015 by Nakiye Boyacıgiller and her family. With this scholarship fund, we have been working to keep Ziya Boyacıgiller's vision alive by supporting the participation of 2 young people with entrepreneurial potential in the Fellow Program for the last 6 years.

### Our Global Network

In 2021, we also expanded our friendships in the global ecosystem. The world's largest impact summit with Change Now, Kairos Society, a strong entrepreneurial and leadership community and network in Europe, NFTE, which works to spread the culture of entrepreneurship and innovation especially among high school youth, and Azerbaijan Small and Medium Enterprises and Clubs Association. We are very excited about our projects. The Dutch Entrepreneurship Agency, on the other hand, met with our fellows in March and shared the entrepreneurship opportunities in the Netherlands. In addition, we have completed our final preparations for a global acceleration program that we will start in 2021.

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