



From Istanbul to Madrid towards Spanish Presidency Summer School

5 – 12 July 2009 – İstanbul / Turkey



Starting with bilateral meetings, links and cooperation between Spanish and Turkish governments noticeably increased this year. Adding this up to the similarities in history and culture, Spain can be recognized not only as an ally in Mediterranean region, but also as a “friend” who is supporting Turkey’s accession to the European Union. The upcoming EU Presidency of Spain (starting from January 2010) can be an opportunity both for membership negotiations of Turkey and for expressing herself better to whole Europe.

As the leading institution devoted to the relations between European Union and Turkey, İKV decided to run a comprehensive project before Spanish Presidency. The *Summer School* dimension of this project (project also includes a conference and an exhibition in Madrid) will be starting in Istanbul. Spanish university students who are interested in Turkey, Turkish culture and intercultural dialogue, who can contribute to better relations between Spain and Turkey in

the future (the group is formed by students from different universities) will come to Istanbul to meet Turkish students here (this group will also be formed by different universities' students). Students will participate in workshops and will have the chance to exchange their experiences and views (the prospective programme is given below). The main solid outcome of this project will be an exhibition of ***“Photos of Istanbul”*** in Madrid, which will be held during the conference on October, 1st. In the same conference, the participants of this project, in addition to people who had been an Erasmus exchange student in Turkey will be talking about Turkey.

The main discussion topics of this project will be: the similarities between Spain and Turkey; culture; identity; European Citizenship; benefits of studying abroad - experiences; intercultural dialogue and its role in overcoming prejudices; the upcoming Spanish Presidency of the EU and what can be done in the near future. Young university students will be participating in workshops named ***“Colours in Differences”*** and ***“Creating Our Own Europe”***. In addition to photo taking activities, there will be a football tournament, cooking classes, workshops.

In the long run, this project aims to create a better understanding of Turkey and Turkish culture. In addition to that, IKV wants to encourage young people to focus on Turkish Studies thus academic work in this field will be supported. As the important actors of the Mediterranean region, both countries promote a future of mutual understanding. We totally hope this project will contribute to this aim.

Special Thanks To:



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05.07.2009

Arrivals

06.07.2009

- Official Opening – Welcome to Turkey
 - Getting to know each other / icebreakers / expectations – plans
 - “Similarities, differences” – Spain and Turkey
 - Welcome Dinner
- Opening Speech: Prof. Dr. Haluk Kabaalioglu (President of Board of Directors – IKV)

07.07.2009

- The Way to the EU: Turkish Case
Keynote Speaker: Doç. Dr. Çiğdem Nas
- ***Workshop: “Creating Our Own Europe”*** – The Role of Intercultural Dialogue
- ***Workshop: Lessons from “España”*** – What EU Membership brought?
From 1986 to 2009

¹ This programme is the draft version, subject to change.

08.07.2009

- Meeting with IKV Researchers
- **Workshop:** Basic Photography Course, Differences in Colours
- Walking Through History: İstanbul – Estambul

09.07.2009

- A Spanish View on Istanbul: Photography
- Selection of the Photos

10.07.2009

- **Workshop:** What can be done? – Upcoming Spanish Presidency
- Young Ideas for Future Solutions
- Mediterranean Football Tournament

11.07.2009

- Historical Tour of Istanbul
- Examples of Spanish and Turkish Cuisine

12.07.2009

Departures