

ICMPD European Union Scholarships (BEURs) Project: Attracting Young Talents Contest

<u>Project Period:</u> 1st of January 2023 to 31st of December 2025

<u>Consortium Partners:</u> Marmara Municipalities Union (MMU), Ankara University (AU), Hasan Kalyoncu University (HKU)

ICMPD, in collaboration with Ankara University, Hasan Kalyoncu University, and Marmara Municipalities Union, presents the European Union Scholarships Project. This initiative aims to foster higher education access and bolster employment pathways for students under temporary protection (SuTPs), international protection (IPs), and Turkish citizens.

One project activity that stands out the most is the "Attracting Young Talents Contest," due April-May 2024 in Istanbul.

This contest, under the auspices of the BEURs Project, serves as an engaging platform to promote skill development, social cohesion, and entrepreneurship among beneficiaries. It revolves around the theme of Socio-Economic Development and Migration Nexus, encouraging innovative projects in six key disciplines: Social Sciences and Humanities, Science, Technology,



Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Business and Entrepreneurship, Education and Pedagogy, Public Policy and Administration, and Interdisciplinary Collaboration.

Leading up to the main event, a series of workshops will prepare participating students for the contest, facilitating team formation and project development. Mentored by experts from academia, NGOs, and the private sector, students will collaborate in groups of 2 to 4, leveraging their diverse backgrounds to address migration-related socio-economic challenges. The contest culminates in a final round where selected finalists present their projects to a jury, with the winning final three groups receiving specialised project mastery training and professional growth opportunities. Before the contest begins, an introduction meeting is planned for the prospective applicants on the 8th of March 2023 with the participation of mentors.

Through the contest, the BEURs Project aims to strengthen pathways to employment, promote skill development, foster social cohesion, and encourage innovation and collaboration. This initiative underscores ICMPD's commitment to supporting education, empowerment, and integration for students in Türkiye, contributing to their socio-economic development and broader societal advancement.



The prize for the final three winning groups consists of a two-day CareerCraft: Specialised Project Mastery and Professional Growth Training, with expenses covered for accommodation and travel to a scenic destination in Türkiye, such as Antalya. During this immersive experience, participants will collaborate closely with project experts and the ICMPD Project Team to further develop their winning project ideas. The training will delve into key aspects of effective project development, including goal setting, stakeholder engagement, budgeting, and collaboration with project experts. Additionally, special sessions will explore cutting-edge technologies and provide insights into industry trends, while emphasising career development strategies and personal branding. Winners will not only gain valuable insights but also receive guidance on project funding mechanisms and effective implementation.