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EVENT EVALUATION REPORT

By the Departments of Finance & Fundraising and Human Resources of EYP Türkiye

Dear Members and Alumni of EYP Türkiye,

We are pleased to present the joint post-conference evaluation report of Istanbul 2026 — the 5th National Session of EYP Türkiye, which took place between the 18th and 23rd of July 2026. This document brings together the findings of two departments whose work collectively shapes the quality and integrity of every session we organise: the Human Resources Department and the Finance & Fundraising Department.

The decision to merge these two reports into a single publication reflects a deliberate step towards greater institutional transparency. Both departments evaluate the session from complementary vantage points: HR examines who participated, how they were selected, and whether the process upheld the values of diversity, motivation, originality, and regional outreach; Finance examines how the session was funded, how resources were managed, and whether our financial practices met the standards of accountability and sustainability we hold ourselves to. Together, these perspectives offer a more complete and honest account of Istanbul 2026 than either report could provide in isolation.

This joint format is intended to serve not only as a record of Istanbul 2026, but also as a model for future reporting within EYP Türkiye. We believe that institutional memory is built through honest documentation, and that every session, regardless of whether it ended in a surplus or a shortfall, with a full delegation or a challenged one, carries valuable lessons for those who come after.

We invite you to read both sections with equal attention. The Human Resources report begins in Part I, followed by the Financial Evaluation in Part II. Each section retains its own introduction, structure, and departmental voice, while sharing the common purpose of holding ourselves accountable to the standards EYP Türkiye has always strived for.

On behalf of the Human Resources Department and the Finance & Fundraising Department of EYP Türkiye.

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BY THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION

Dear Members of EYP Türkiye,

The HR Department of EYP Türkiye gladly shares the outcome of the selection process carried out by the HR Department for the Istanbul 2026 - 5th National Session of EYP Türkiye. In the following report, you will find some details regarding the criteria of the HR Department when selecting delegates to EYP Türkiye's National Conferences.

This general report is an abridged version of the delegate selection panels prepared by the HR Department of EYP Türkiye. Details of the selection panels are confidential; thus, only the general outcome will be shared.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following selection criteria have been officially formulated by the HR Department of EYP Türkiye. These criteria focus on several pillars to observe and evaluate the delegates' applications to the session. The HR Department of EYP Türkiye 2026 has utilised different nomenclatures and categories for these pillars. They are presented in no particular order of importance and are as follows:

DIVERSITY

In the selection process, the HR Department aimed to gather delegates from a wide range of backgrounds across Türkiye. While maintaining attention to quality, emphasis was also placed on ensuring diverse representation.

MOTIVATION

The HR Department prioritised selecting delegates who demonstrated strong motivation to participate in the session. This was primarily assessed through the second question of the application form.

ORIGINALITY

Another important criterion was originality. The HR Department sought delegates with unique ideas who could contribute to the session in their own distinctive way. This was mainly evaluated through the first question of the application form.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING AND COOPERATION

The selection process also aimed to strengthen EYP Türkiye's connections with other National Committees across the network. By welcoming delegates from different EYP countries and establishing closer cooperation with their respective National Committees, the session contributed to building warm, lasting, and mutually beneficial relationships within the wider EYP network.

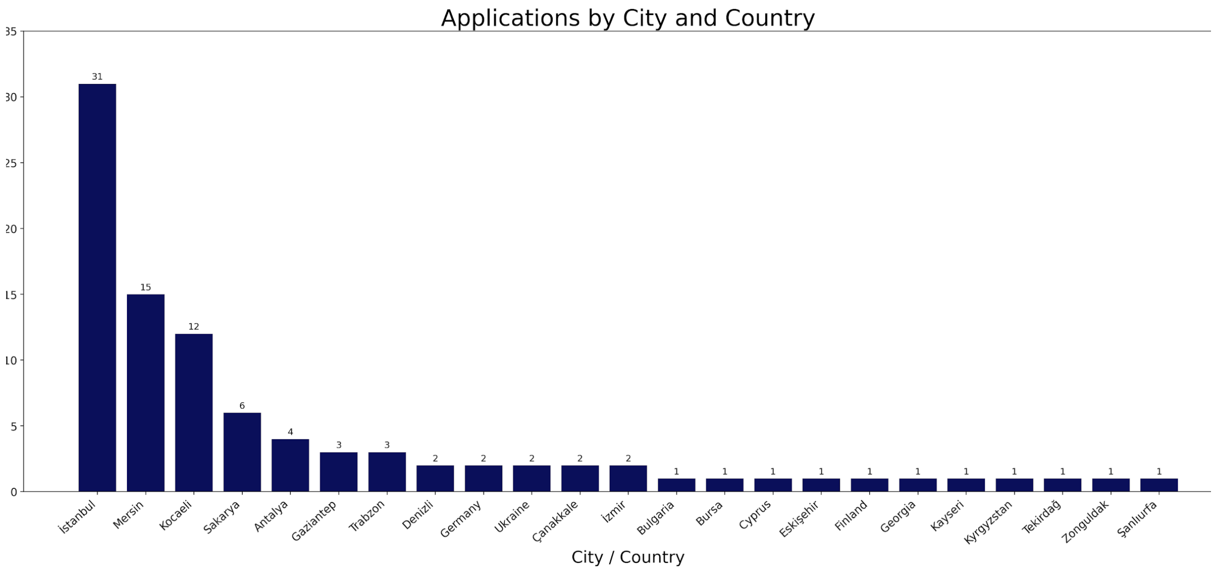
CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL DELEGATE PARTICIPATION

While diversity and the quality of applications remained important considerations, the National Session primarily aimed to increase overall delegate participation within EYP Türkiye. Therefore, particular attention was given to ensuring that the selection process contributed to a broader and more inclusive participation of delegates from across the network.

STATISTICS

The HR Department received a total of 95 applications for the session. Of these, 23 were submitted through school delegations and 72 as individual applications.

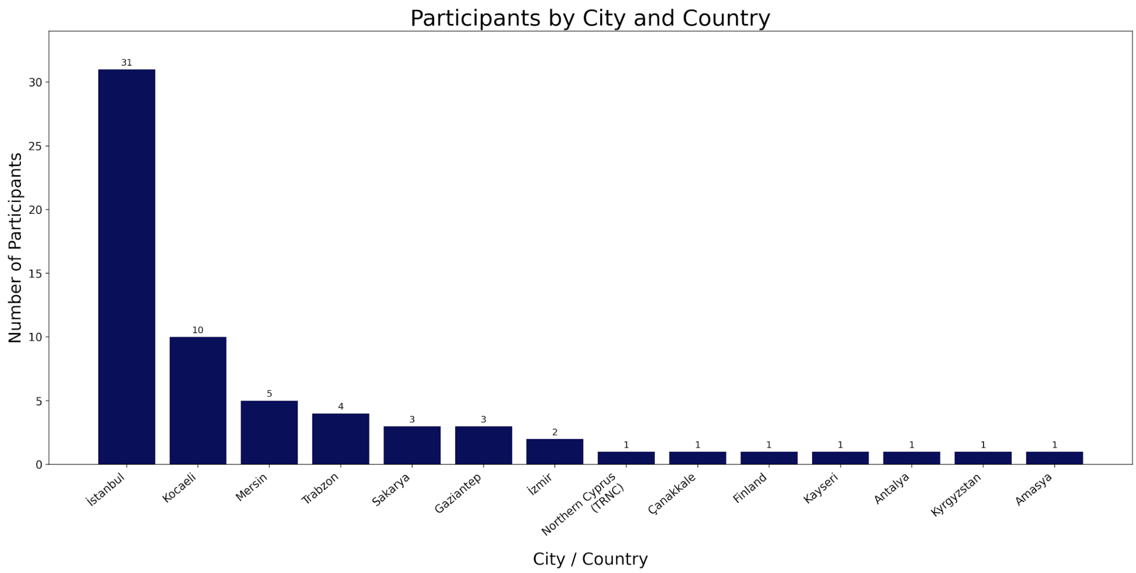
Applications were received from at least 23 different cities/countries, with the highest number coming from Istanbul. In addition, applicants represented 58 different educational institutions across Türkiye and other countries.



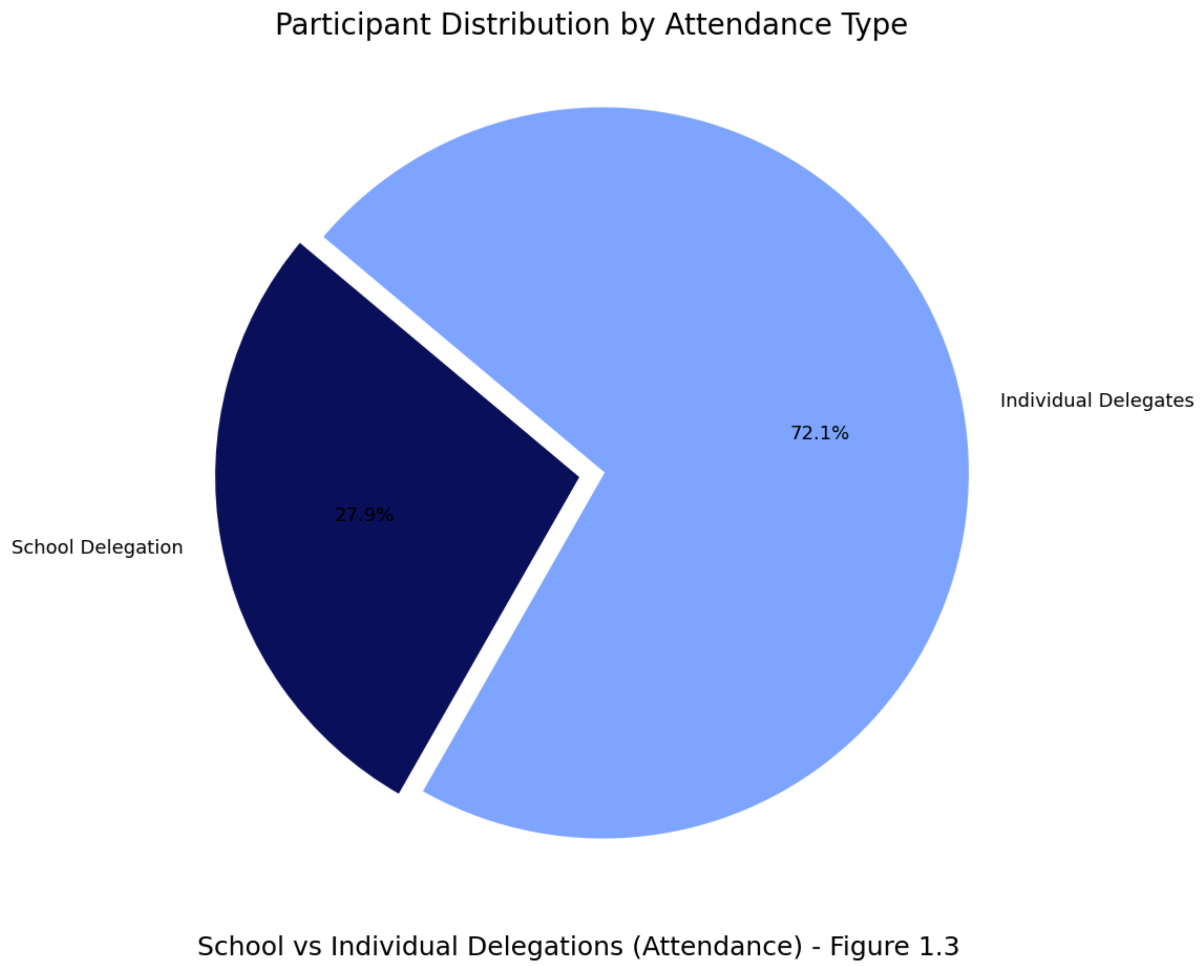
Applications by city - Figure 1.1

Prior to the conference, delegate invitation e-mails were sent to active members who have participated in previous conferences as delegates. Through this process, a total of 110 invitations were sent to members all across Türkiye.

Ultimately, the conference was held with 65 delegates in attendance. While the overall acceptance rate was calculated at 71.1%, a more detailed breakdown provides clearer insight into the selection outcomes. The acceptance rate for school delegations was 69.6%, whereas the acceptance rate for individual delegates stood at 71.4%. Furthermore, individual participants constituted 72.3% of the total registered delegates, indicating that the majority of the final delegation was composed of individual delegates.



Participants by city - Figure 1.2



School vs Individual Delegations - Figure 1.3

COMMENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT

The primary reason for preparing this report is to reflect EYP Türkiye's commitment to transparency. By openly sharing the statistics, criteria, and outcomes of the selection process, the HR Department of EYP Türkiye aims to ensure that members of EYP Türkiye have a clear understanding of how decisions were made and on what basis delegates were selected.

This final report also serves as a record of EYP Türkiye's efforts to balance diversity, motivation, originality, and regional outreach, while maintaining fairness and consistency throughout the process. As an organisation, we believe that such transparency strengthens the trust between EYP Türkiye and its members, and also contributes to the long-term vision of EYP Türkiye as an inclusive and representative platform for young people across Türkiye.

The HR Department would like to thank the Organising Team for their efforts in outreach and communication, which significantly contributed to reaching a wide and diverse pool of applicants across different regions. Their commitment to expanding the conference's and EYP's visibility played a key role in ensuring broad participation.

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PART 2

BY THE FINANCE & FUNDRAISING DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION

İstanbul 2026 - National Selection Conference of EYP Türkiye took place between the 19th and 23rd of June. This financial evaluation report will cover four different aspects of the session in order to sustain the institutional structure of EYP Türkiye, create a better communication strategy within the internal working atmosphere, and enhance transparency and understanding of sessions among its members. These aspects and headlines follow below:

1. Budget Compliance
2. Financial Documentation & Receipt Tracking
3. Fundraising & Sponsorship Performance
4. Final Financial Outcome - Department Comments

The first part of the report will cover the **budget compliance of the session. It will analyse the divergence** between the initially proposed budget and the finalised budget of the session, the use of budgeting methods throughout the preparation and in-session period, and flexibility. The second part of the report will cover the **financial documentation and expense tracking** of the session, which will evaluate the archiving process of essential documents, such as receipts, contracts, invoices, and sponsorship agreements. The third section will evaluate the **fundraising and sponsorship performance** of the session in terms of the type of sponsorships, the aimed sponsorship amount, the variety, and the organising team's participation. The fourth part of this report will provide a **detailed and structurally based final outcome analysis** of the session. Lastly, the fifth section will propose a progressive evaluation of the external and internal effects of İstanbul 2026.

As the Finance Department, our expectations for a session **extend far beyond the binary outcome** of whether it closed in a surplus or a deficit. We look for a holistic commitment to financial integrity, beginning with planning accuracy and the disciplined tracking of every official receipt. İstanbul 2026 served as an example of how far an organising team can carry a conference through institutional partnerships, and as a reminder of the risks that arrive together with an income structure resting almost entirely on the participants.

A successful session prioritises **transparency and long-term sustainability by diversifying its income sources beyond participation fees**. Ultimately, we expect the organising team to treat financial management not just as a set of numbers, but as a tool for structural learning which keeps EYP Türkiye financially resilient.

BUDGET COMPLIANCE

İstanbul 2026 began its journey with an aimed budget of **237.438,37 TL of maximum expenditure**, which reaches 284.926,04 TL together with the 20% contingency margin foreseen in the proposal. The predicted income was 250.335,58 TL, and the entirety of this amount was projected to arrive from participation fees, delegate accommodation fees and merchandise sales, since **neither public nor private funding had been included in the proposal at all**.

The organising team has used the standardised budget template effectively and **kept the file live from the proposal period until the post-session period**, which is highly appreciated by the National Committee. Furthermore, the team has written the names of the invoice and receipt files directly into the comments column of the budget and marked each expenditure line with its payment status, so that every item could be followed together with its own document. This practice **created a traceability standard in this manner**, and the Finance Department would be more than glad to see the same standard carried into the upcoming sessions of the term.

The overall expenditure of the session **increased by approximately 8% compared to the initially proposed maximum**, and stayed considerably below the maximum with contingency. Committee Work and General Assembly areas were **closed with nearly no deviation**, with a change rate below 1%, and the preparation phase expenses stayed within a 2% margin, which indicates a realistic pricing approach in these areas. The most notable changes occurred in the CMO Day, where the expenses increased by approximately 52% because of catering and coffee break arrangements, and in accommodation, where the expenses increased by approximately 10% due to the flight reimbursement of 300 EUR provided for the officials, which had not been allocated in the initial budget in any amount.

The session external communication and printed supplies section was **closed at zero**, since the resolution booklets, the certificates and the session newspaper have all been published digitally in line with the eco-friendly approach of İstanbul 2026, and this single decision removed a whole expenditure category from the budget.

The Finance Department wants to remind all of the readers and respected members that the first predicted budget does not clarify or indicate the final amount of expenses nor the income of the session. This information has been classified as confidential by the department.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION & RECEIPT TRACKING

The Finance Department wants to start by congratulating the Organising Team on their efforts that they put into archiving and collecting all of the essential information and documentation of the session. Nearly all contracts between the venue and service providers, sponsorship agreements, invoices and the receipts of expenses made by the Organising Team have been collected with excellence.

We also want to draw attention to the digitisation of these documents, which has been concluded with professionalism and by timed manner despite the fact that there were more than expected receipts and invoices. All of the financial documentation and archiving processes have satisfied the principles, requirements and guidelines in this manner. The Finance Department expects this kind of professionalism in all sessions, with capacity building and information sharing.

FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP PERFORMANCE

The initial fundraising and monetising aim of İstanbul 2026 was mostly focused on covering the expenses of the **essential organisational elements of the session, such as venue, accommodation, transportation and catering.** To achieve this aim, the organising team has used different fundraising methods and external communication techniques closely coordinated with several departments of the National Committee.

The outreach list of the session has been built around the vision and the committee topics of İstanbul 2026, and covered **more than 40 institutions from the maritime, environmental and sustainability areas**, such as Deniz Temiz Derneği (TURMEPA), WWF Türkiye, TEMA Vakfı, Doğa Derneği, Türk Deniz Eğitim Vakfı, ARKAS Holding, Marmara Belediyeler Birliği, UNDP Türkiye and several ministries. Building the fundraising strategy on the thematic identity of the session, instead of a randomised company list, is a method which the Finance Department appreciates. However, the outcome of this outreach on the monetary side **has fallen far below the standards of the Finance & Fundraising Department**. The total private funding registered in the finalised budget remained at 100,87 TL, which corresponds to approximately 0,04% of the total income, and no public funding has been secured in monetary terms at all. In this manner, İstanbul 2026 has entered its in-session period **without any financial safety net standing beside its participation-based income**.

On the other hand, the institutional and in-kind side of the fundraising performance was quite strong, and **this is the part which has carried the session**. İstanbul Üniversitesi provided the venue of the conference alongside the dining hall facilities used for the lunches; İstanbul Büyükşehir Belediyesi supported the session with transportation, shuttle arrangements, accommodation opportunities and the cultural day programme; Pürsu contributed 2.400 bottles of water; İstanbul Modern contributed to the cultural day programme. These partnerships do not appear as income lines in the budget; however, they have removed several expenditure lines completely, and without them the session would not have been able to conclude its cycle in a positive position.

The merchandise performance of the organising team also deserves to be underlined as a good practice. While the proposal had predicted the sale of 19 merchandise units, **the finalised number reached 51 units**, and the income from merchandise sales increased by approximately 168% compared to the initial prediction, which compensated for the income loss caused by the decrease in the delegate numbers.

FINAL FINANCIAL OUTCOME

The Finance Department of EYP Türkiye is happy to announce that İstanbul 2026 has **successfully concluded its financial cycle with a surplus**. This result marks a positive transition from the initial budget predictions to a final state of financial stability, where the total income was effectively balanced and ultimately exceeded the total expenditure. By achieving this outcome, the session has maintained its institutional integrity and has not created any monetary loss for the upcoming activities of EYP Türkiye.

Nevertheless, the department finds it necessary to underline the structure standing behind this margin rather than the margin itself. This financial position was driven by a **single-stream income strategy**, where approximately 99,96% of the total income was generated by participation fees, delegate accommodation fees and merchandise sales, and where the private funding remained at a symbolic level. The surplus was therefore secured through disciplined cost control and successful in-kind partnership building, and not through a diversified income strategy. In such a structure, a further decrease in the delegate numbers or a single unexpected price increase in catering would have been sufficient to move the final outcome into the opposite direction.

Beyond the presence of a surplus, the Finance Department emphasises that this result should be viewed as a **benchmark for structural learning and institutional sustainability rather than just an automatic success**. The experience of the session also serves as a clear recommendation for the sessions which are still ahead of us in this term, which is that the private and public fundraising cycle of a conference has to be started considerably earlier than its participation cycle. By evaluating these drivers in context, İstanbul 2026 demonstrates that strong partnership management and realistic pricing can secure a positive outcome, while it also demonstrates how thin that outcome becomes when the monetary fundraising remains below its potential.

LAST WORDS

With this report, İstanbul 2026 closes its own financial cycle; **the year of EYP Türkiye is far from being closed**. The organising teams of the upcoming sessions are already in their preparation period, their budgets are already being written, and their first sponsorship emails are already being sent. In this manner, the pages above should not be read as the end of a story but as a set of notes handed over to the teams who are still on their way.

İstanbul 2026 was **the last big session of the first term of this National Committee**, and it carries that meaning in every line of its budget. The same people who sent the first sponsorship email of this term have sent the last one within the same year, and the distance between those two emails is the distance our organisation has covered since the beginning. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to witness the tireless effort and dedication that brought this session to life, regardless of the hurdles encountered along the way. Between two continents, a group of young people has managed to run a national conference on the goodwill of its partners and on the trust of its participants, and this is not a small thing to achieve.

Sessions end quietly. The venue is emptied, the badges are collected, and the last invoice is uploaded into a folder which nobody will open again for months. What remains behind is **the habit of doing things properly**, and this habit is the only inheritance a term can truly leave to the one which follows it. We are proud to present this structured financial report, marking a significant milestone in EYP Türkiye's commitment to organisational transparency and quality. By analysing our challenges as openly as our successes, we ensure that our organisation continues to **grow stronger and more resilient with every session that is behind us and with every session that is still to come**.

Dear Reader, thank you for your attention and interest in our work. We hope to see you somewhere in Europe, but specifically in EYP Türkiye as a delegate, official, sponsor or partner.

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On behalf of the **Finance & Fundraising Department of EYP Türkiye**