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GE4 ANNUAL GLOBAL EDUCATION SUMMIT 2026



***“Bridging Cultures, Shaping Futures:
Global Learning in an AI-Driven World”***

Co-hosted by Sabancı University and Biruni University

11 – 13 May 2026

Istanbul, Türkiye

“BRIDGING CULTURES, SHAPING FUTURES: GLOBAL LEARNING IN AN AI-DRIVEN WORLD”

Ge4-AGES -Istanbul-2026, jointly hosted by Sabancı University and Biruni University in the historic city of Istanbul, offers a powerful platform to explore this renewed mission. Situated at the crossroads of East and West, Türkiye is a symbolic and strategic setting to reflect on how global learning can thrive amid disruption, and how institutions can evolve to remain relevant, resilient, and impactful.

This year’s summit theme, ***“Bridging Cultures, Shaping Futures: Global Learning in an AI-Driven World”***

The summit will feature thought-provoking dialogue and practical sessions that bridge strategy and action—creating space for collaboration, experimentation, and shared vision.



SUMMIT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DAY 1: MONDAY, 11 MAY 2026

TIME	VENUE	ACTIVITY
09:00–09:30		Arrival & Morning Coffee & Networking
09:30–12:00	Sabancı Business School- 2137	GE4 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (MEMBERS ONLY) New Members Introduction
12:00–13:30		Group Photo& Networking Lunch
13:30–14:30	Sabancı Business School- 2137	OPENING CEREMONY AND KEYNOTE SPEECH <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming Speech by the Ge4 President• Keynote Speech by Prof. Dr. ErKay Savaş, Dean of Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, Sabancı University- <i>"Global Learning in an AI Era"</i>
14:30 – 14:45		Coffee Break
14:45–16:15	Sabancı Business School- 2137	GLOBAL LEADERSHIP FORUM: <i>"Bridging Cultures, Shaping Futures: Global Learning in an AI-Driven World"</i> Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Dr. Cem Güneri- Sabancı University, Türkiye• Prof. Dr. Olgun Çiçek- The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE)• Nils Albert - GE4 International Advisory Board Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. İnanç Arın- Sabancı University, Türkiye
16:30–17:45	Sabancı Business School- 2137	Global Education for European Engineers and Entrepreneurs 1996 – 2026: What has changed in the complex nature of our society? Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tanja Trattnig- GE4 International Advisory Board• Nils Albert - GE4 International Advisory Board• Andreas Lipp - GE4 International Advisory Board Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Gertrud Humily- GE4 International Advisory Board

SUMMIT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2026

TIME	VENUE	ACTIVITY
09:30–10:00		Arrival & Morning Coffee & Networking
10:00–10:20	Sabancı Business School- 2137	<p>KEYNOTE 2 (ONLINE): <i>"Universities Without Walls: Leading Internationalisation with Purpose and Impact"</i></p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Choltit Dhrathiti – ASEAN University Network <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Nordin Yahaya- Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Malaysia
10:45–11:30	Sabancı Business School- 2137	<p>FORUM: <i>"From Partnership to Impact: Proving the Value of Global Education"</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexis Carriere- IMT Mines Albi, France • Tanja Trattnig- GE4 International Advisory Board • Andreas Lipp- GE4 International Advisory Board <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrés Barba- UPAEP University, Mexico
11:30–12:30	Sabancı Business School- 2137	<p>SPARK TALKS Short talks from selected participants showcasing innovative ideas and bold perspectives on global learning, AI, and international mobility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juliane Terpe- HTW Dresden, Germany • Galyna Melnychuk- Mississippi State University, USA • Yuki Kaneko & Duygu Karaoğlan Altop- Sabancı University, Türkiye • Lizza Solis- Universidad Autonoma de Chihuahua, Mexico
12:30 – 13:30		Lunch
13:30–14:00	Sabancı Business School- 2137	<p>PARTNER LABS: <i>How to Apply for a Successful Erasmus+ CBHE Proposal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Nordin Yahaya, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Malaysia
14:35–16:00	Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences- G035	<p>VISIT TO FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND NATURAL SCIENCES</p> <p>Meeting with faculty members and guided laboratory visits at Sabancı University Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, including faculty presentations and a visit to Sabancı University Nanotechnology Research and Application Center</p>
19:00	Villa Bosphours	Gala Dinner

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DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2026

PROGRAM AT BIRUNI UNIVERSITY

TIME	VENUE	ACTIVITY
09:00	Biruni University Campus	Morning Coffee and Networking
10:30–13:00	Biruni University Campus	ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming by Biruni University• Campus Visit at Biruni University• Meeting with the Faculty of Engineering and bio-medical engineering• Photograph Session• Closing&Reflection Session of the Summit by the Executive Board
13:00	Biruni University Campus	Farewell Lunch at Biruni University
14:00– Afterwards	Biruni University Campus	Departures Optional: Biruni hospital guided visit