



EELISA Research-based Learning Symposium I

May 17-18, 2022

Town

Istanbul is one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world as a meeting point between East and West. Istanbul also served as a capital city for hundreds of years. Thanks to those qualities, Istanbul has become a cultural and historical center. With its numerous beauties, Istanbul has influenced countless artists, it has become the subject of many poems and novels, colored so many painters' works with its amazing views and still Istanbul continues to impress people to this day.



Weather

Istanbul has transitional climate properties, it has quite cold winters, the rainiest seasons are autumn and winter, and summer is hot and sunny. May is end-spring in Istanbul and the days are long. This is the peak season for tourism so you could see Istanbul's very lively side. The average temperature is 24°C each day, it can sometimes but rarely reach up to 28°C in the daytime, however temperatures can fall to approximately 15°C, which should not feel too cold but a light jacket is advisable during your travels.

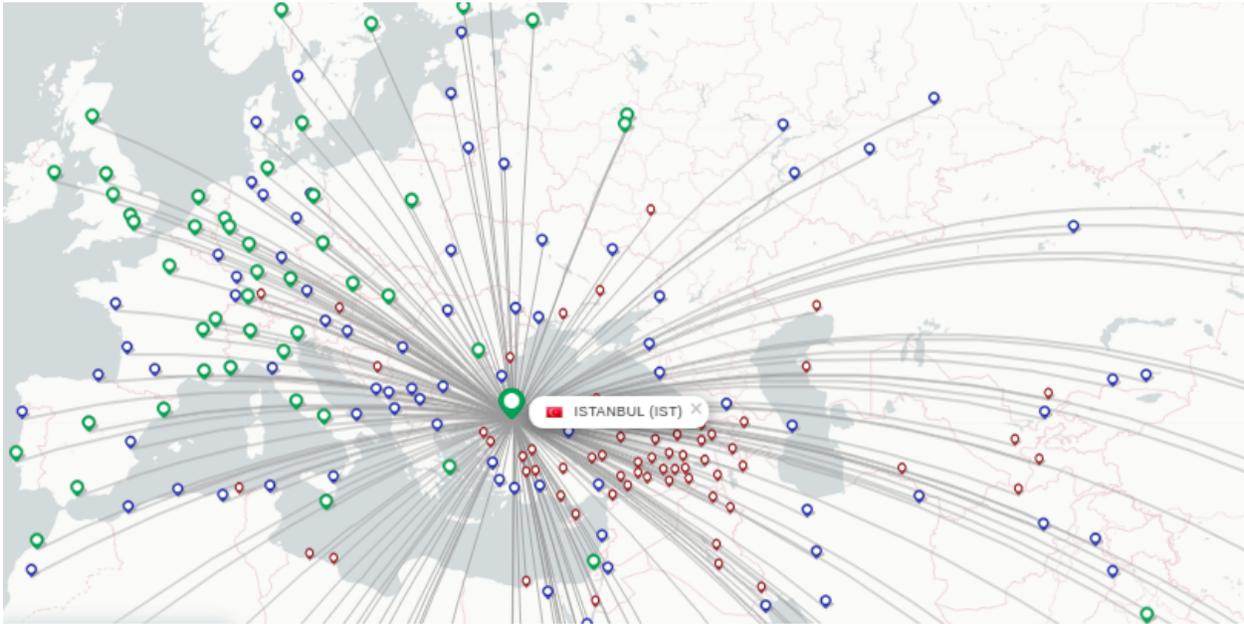


Transportation

Istanbul Airport and Sabiha Gokcen International Airports are located in Istanbul, making it well accessible from all around the world.

Istanbul Airport (IST)

Although Istanbul Airport is not very close to the city center, transportation systems, such as HAVAİST, offer a comfortable trip to various destinations with a 90-minute time average. Each ticket costs a maximum of 30₺ (approximately 3€ with the current exchange rate) relative to the arrival point. You can get more information about the [HAVAİST](#).



Flight destination map from Istanbul Airport

Sabiha Gokcen International Airport (SAW)

Sabiha Gokcen International Airport is also connected to the city center with various transportation systems. One of the most popular among them is HAVABUS. Each ticket costs 18₺ (approximately 2€ with the current exchange rate.) and average trip time is 90 minutes. You can get more information about the [HAVABUS](#).

Accommodation

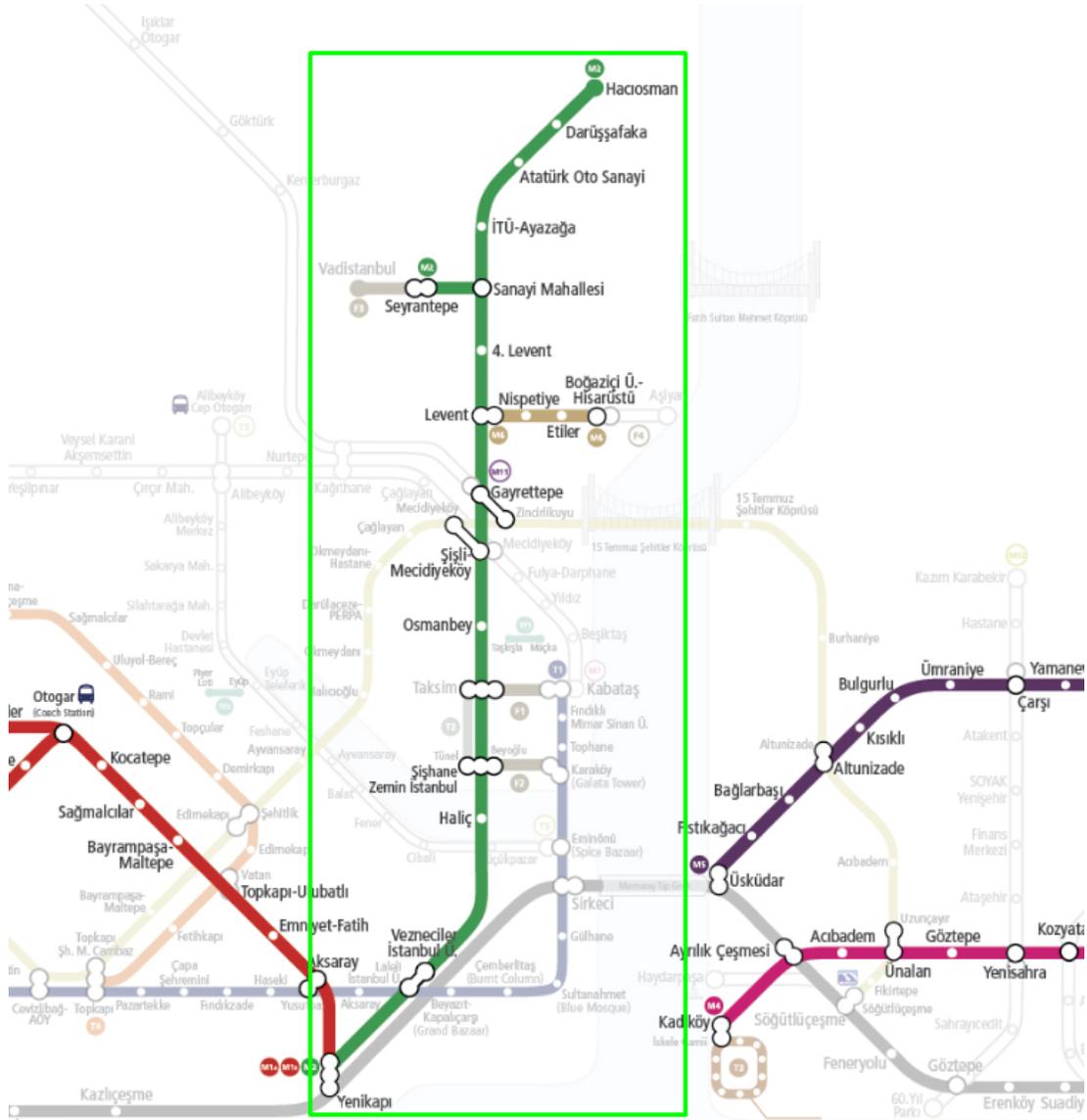
İTU Ayazağa campus is located in Maslak, and the closest hotel to the campus is Hilton İstanbul Maslak. Attendees can walk from the hotel to the conference rooms in under 10 minutes. Other nearby hotel alternatives require using the metro line for three or four stations, and they are 15 minutes away from the campus.

Hotels near İTU
Hilton İstanbul Maslak
Wyndham Grand İstanbul Levent
Sheraton İstanbul Levent
Doubletree by Hilton İstanbul Esentepe
Veyron Hotel
Avantgarde Levent Hotel
Manna Boutique Hotels
Divan İstanbul City

If conference participants also want to explore and learn more about İstanbul, we recommend considering Taksim since Taksim is said to be the center of the modern city. Taksim to İTU Ayazağa takes 15 to 20 minutes depending on the time of day.

Hotels near Taksim area
Swissotel The Bosphorus
Hilton İstanbul Bosphorus
Sheraton İstanbul City Center
Titanic City Taksim
Richmond İstanbul

Our recommended locations are possible alternatives. You are likely to choose any hotel close to M2 metro line stations which are given below.



M2 Metro Line

Venue

Istanbul Technical University Ayazağa Campus, located in Maslak at the heart of the city, has all the advantages of its unique location. It provides easy access to public transport via the metro station named after ITU and the bus stops nestled at each side of the street at the main entrance. You can easily go to Taksim, Beşiktaş, and even Kadıköy which is on the Asian side of the city.



The symposium will take place in Süleyman Demirel Cultural Center, located in the ITU Ayazağa campus. Süleyman Demirel Cultural Center is right next to the ITU Ayazağa entrance and M2 metro line's exit, which makes it easy to reach from anywhere in Istanbul.



Süleyman Demirel Cultural Center



Lunch will be held in the Petek Restaurant located in the Süleyman Demirel Cultural Center.

