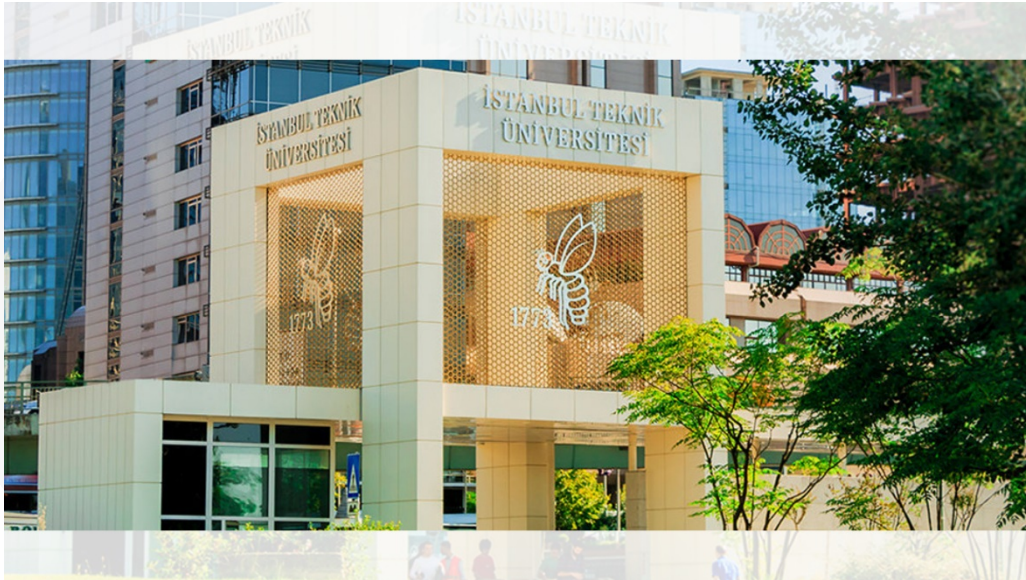


EELISA GOVERNANCE BODIES MEET AT ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY TO SHAPE THE PATH OF THE ALLIANCE BEYOND 2026



ITU Rectorate Building - Ayazağa Campus

- The series of meetings will be hosted by **Istanbul Technical University (ITU) 17-20 November**
- Rectors, presidents, directors, along with student, staff and academic representatives from all partner institutions will gather to reaffirm their shared commitment to the consolidation, expansion, and long-term vision of EELISA.

Istanbul, 14 November 2025

Starting Monday, 17 of November, the halls of ITU will be buzzing with activity as members of the **EELISA Governing and Executive Boards**, **EELISA Student Council**, **staff representatives**, and **work teams** come together under one roof. **More than 130 participants** will take part in this important onsite gathering – an event that happens only twice a year – marking a pivotal moment in the Alliance’s journey toward its next stage, now referred to as *“EELISA 3.0.”*

While each EELISA Governance body will bring its own focus and perspective, depending on its role within the Alliance, all will converge around a shared purpose: to **take stock of the milestones achieved during the first two years of EELISA's roll-out phase** and to **envision the next steps toward the Alliance's expansion, consolidation, and long-term sustainability**.

New Chairing Institution and New Partners

As part of EELISA's six-month rotating chairship tradition, **Anthony Briant, Director of ENPC**, and **El Mouhoub Mouhoud, President of the Université PSL** will ceremonially pass the symbolic "*EELISA ruler*" to **ITU Rector Hasan Mandal** **EELISA Handover Ceremony on Tuesday, November 18**. This symbolic act reinforces the Alliance's spirit of shared leadership, ensuring that every institution contributes its vision and commitment to EELISA's collective journey.

The main highlight of this comprehensive EELISA gathering will take place during the meeting of the **EELISA Governing Board**, composed of high-level representatives from all member universities. During this session, the Board will officially **welcome two new associated partners** to the Alliance – the **University of São Paulo (Brazil)** and the **Technical University of Moldova** – marking an important step in expanding EELISA's international reach and strengthening its global partnerships.

Reflecting on this milestone, **ITU's Rector Hasan Mandal** says: "As we welcome the EELISA Grand Meeting to Istanbul, I am delighted to host this milestone gathering at ITU and to take on the chairship at such a pivotal moment. Our focus in the coming term will be to anchor EELISA more firmly within our institutional strategies. We aim to empower our students while further engaging our academic and administrative staff, and to foster vibrant mission-driven communities with greater societal visibility and impact".

Throughout the two-day meeting, members of the Governing Board will review the progress achieved since the [commitments made at their previous sessions in Paris](#). The gathering will also provide an opportunity to explore ways to align EELISA's initiatives with evolving European policy priorities and to advance key strategic decisions, shaping the Alliance's future.

Among the expected outcomes are the **signature of the EELISA-USP and EELISA-UTM Co-Partner Adhesion Agreements**, as well as the **EELISA Joint Statement on Enlargement**. In addition, the Board will review and approve key documents on the **sustainability of the Alliance**, defining the strategy and long-term pillars that will guide EELISA's evolution beyond 2026.

A Special Closing Focused on Research and Student Leadership

Two special events will serve as the perfect finale to what promises to be an intense and highly productive series of EELISA meetings. On the one hand, a **Special Meeting of EELISA Research Managers**, led by the [ERMI EELISA Community](#) together with the Alliance's dedicated working group for research, will focus on the specific role of

research management within EELISA and its contribution to the Alliance's long-term mission.

At the same time, **the [first Student-Led Bootcamp](#)** — taking place from **November 18 to 20** — will bring together students from across all EELISA partner universities. Designed *by students, for students*, this inspiring two-day event will create a space for learning, collaboration, and shared action, empowering participants to exchange ideas and co-create solutions for shaping Europe's future through knowledge, dialogue, and innovation.

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