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Project Summary

Challenges and Achievements of EU Governance

The project aims at contributing to a more differentiated view on the EU and its achievements among the students of Izmir University of Economics. To this end, a series of roundtable discussions will address current challenges of EU governance and the potential benefits of cooperation for both the EU and Turkey, such as for instance global responses to terrorism, migration management, or sustainable development. The roundtable discussions will be integrated into the courses, but also be open to other IUE students and faculty. The roundtable contributions of national and international experts will be published on the IUE's *European Union Research Center* website and in the *Izmir Review of Social Sciences*. In addition, a new elective course *EU Environmental Policy*, a new *EU introductory course* available for all IUE students and a new certificate programme in European Studies will be opened. Finally, a research project will be conducted on the EU's promotion of sustainable development.

The project envisages the following impacts: Students will deepen their understanding of EU governance, acquire knowledge in fields that are of increasing importance for improving employment prospects and benefit from the opening of a new elective course and a new certificate programme. Consequently, IUE will raise its profile in European Union studies, and benefit from the networks established between the roundtable participants and the project team, leading to further cooperation in teaching, research and debating activities.