

AKVAM at a glance



The Center for European Studies at the Akdeniz University (AKVAM) was founded in 2003, at a time when it was possible for Turkish institutions to participate in European youth and educational programs. The centre started its activities by incorporating the European programs at Akdeniz University. At the same time it carried out a variety of educational programs and research projects in the region. The objective of AKVAM is to follow European efforts of integration, to support the further development of the relations between its member states and to assist in Turkey's integrational efforts. Furthermore AKVAM especially encourages the institutions of the university, the private and public agencies and the NGOs in Antalya and the Mediterranean area to participate in the European integrational progress. Thanks to AKVAM's support many of these institu-

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tions were able to cooperate and take part in European aid programs.

Application-oriented research projects, publications, educational programs for various occupational groups, national and international discussion meetings, seminaries and symposia form AKVAM's main areas of activity today. In addition the Centre of European Studies supports the artistic and cultural efforts of various agencies and institutions at home and abroad. Its activities contribute to the advancement of the civil dia-

logue between Europe and Turkey. Some of the activities AKVAM has managed to realise include: International European Week of the Education of Youth; German-Turkish cooperative forums; seminars and events about intercultural communication; exhibits and lectures in the context of "Turkish Days" in selected European countries; intercultural educational programs; theater- painting- and art workshops; national and international panel discussions and seminars about the relationships between Europe and Turkey.



AKVAM, which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary, has done pioneer work in many areas by means of its European activities. Furthermore the European Centre in its daily work attaches great importance to international standards and institutional cooperation. It is important for AKVAM to cooperate with local partners. Its educational and informative presentations are geared towards the interests of its participants and are embedded in cultural programs. Among its present collaborating partners are, among others: university institutions, municipal administrations, trade associations, various local institutions of the central government, various universities here and abroad, free and public agencies, scientific institutions, public offices and NGOs from European countries.



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