

Empowering the Digital Generation: Industry 4.0 Skills Summit Inspires Youth and SMEs

The winds of digital transformation blew strong in Istanbul as the "Industry 4.0 Skills Summit" brought together enthusiastic young people and visionary SMEs from Türkiye, Lithuania, and France in Istanbul, June 19, 2025. With 68 participants, including 48 from Türkiye and 10 from each partner country, the summit became more than just a gathering, it became a movement.



The summit served as a unique platform where participants explored the future of work, discovered the latest advancements in Industry 4.0, and engaged in dynamic discussions on digital transformation, innovation, and employability. Through insightful presentations, hands-on workshops, and interactive sessions, attendees strengthened their understanding of what it means to thrive in a fast-evolving digital world.

One of the most memorable moments was the passionate speech of Ivan Postel, a French participant currently living in Turkey. His energy and sincerity captivated the audience. Ivan encouraged young people to never give up while

learning new skills, and to keep trying and creating in order to shape the future. With vivid personal examples, he reminded everyone that real growth happens when we dare to act.

What set the event apart was its human-centered approach. Young people weren't just passive listeners; they were active contributors, voicing their ambitions, asking bold questions, and connecting directly with industry leaders. Business professionals, in turn, shared their experiences and challenges, offering career guidance and real-world advice to those preparing to enter the digital workforce.

The summit delivered a powerful message:

- Digital transformation is not just about machines. It's about mindsets.
- It's not just about technology. It's about talent.

Participants left the summit with more than just knowledge; they left with inspiration, new connections, and a renewed sense of purpose. They realized that their ideas matter, that the digital world needs creative, agile, and brave minds, and that SMEs have a vital role to play in building strong and innovative economies.

The Industry 4.0 Skills Summit proved one thing: When curiosity meets opportunity, real change begins. And in Istanbul, that spark has already been lit.

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