



## The Center for International and European Studies (CIES)

**Mission, Vision, and Objectives:** Our mission is to pursue applied, policy-oriented research and promote debate on the most pressing global issues. Our vision is to become a leading institution in international affairs through research, trainings, and activities. Our objectives are to increase understanding, raise awareness, promote debate and enhance cooperation in our focus area of **sustainable development** with a wide geographical focus on the European Union, its Eastern, South-eastern and Southern Neighbourhoods, Turkey, the United States, and Asia.

**Expertise:** Our team is composed of an experienced director, academic board members, 3 senior associates, 5 research associates, a project coordinator, and an office administrator. The team has broad experience in sustainable development and project management. The Director, Dimitrios Triantaphyllou teaches a graduate course on Sustainable Development. He holds a CSR Europe Train the Trainer Certificate on SDGs and the private sector and is actively engaging in ensuring that all CIES projects and activities including a sustainable development dimension. Sibel Sezer, senior associate, lectures on Sustainable Development and has over 20 years of professional experience in projects on Sustainable Development and climate change. Itir Sinem Aykut, senior associate, holds a CSR Europe Train the Trainer Certificate on SDGs and the private sector. Her interests include the Circular Economy, entrepreneurship, and Sustainable Development. Simla Yavas, projects coordinator, holds a MA in Development Studies (Lund University). She has coordinated various projects focusing on empowerment, gender equality, and sustainable development. Hasan Tegkuc, board member, teaches and researches development economics.

**Projects and initiatives in the area of Sustainable Development:** Sustainable development is a significant area of research and study for the CIES. It recently launched a new initiative titled **“Talking Development: The Glocal Approach, Global Goals and Local Solutions”** comprised of a series of periodic debates on each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals while it also includes the launching of a **SDG Multi-Stakeholder Platform** in partnership with business and Civil Society Organizations. The CIES is currently conducting a research project on **“Analysis of the Perceptions and the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in Turkey by the Business sector and Civil Society Organizations”**. The CIES together with CSR Turkey organized Turkey’s first Diplohack event on **Sustainable Development Goals** in Istanbul in 2018. In 2019, it hosted a **Kapuscinski Development Lecture** funded by the European Commission and UNDP. The CIES has also implemented trainings on **Sustainable Development Goals** for the youth and civil society organizations in partnership with the UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub. All aforementioned projects have been held in cooperation with a number of international and national institutional partners and co-sponsors. Apart from its in-house expertise, the CIES works with other Kadir Has University research centers, departments, and initiatives on the implementation of **SDGs 4, 5, 8, 11, 16, and 17**. It is also a member of the **Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)**.

### Topics of interest:

**H2020 calls:** Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation-Twinning WIDESPREAD

**Roles:** Active participation in project design and implementation, research, trainings, networking activities, comprehensive data gathering and analysis, event management, dissemination, monitoring, and follow-up.

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