

## CIRIEC-Turkey, activities 2020-2022

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Despite the adverse circumstances of the Covid 19 pandemic, we carried out a number of activities over the past two years, which are briefly described below.

### Events

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) forming the Committee of CIRIEC-Turkey, held the **4<sup>th</sup> Social Economy Days – Student Workshop** as a webinar due to the Covid 19 pandemic on November 12, 2020. 20 students attended the morning session in Turkish of the event having two sessions. Dr. Emrah Dođan, faculty member of the Department of International Trade explained the conditions of inclusive and sustainable growth and development in developing countries, highlighting the relation between the social economy and income injustice. 17 students attended the session in English, held in the afternoon. Dr. Olivier Gajac, faculty member of the Department of Sociology at Galatasaray University who participated as speaker in this session, explained the solidarity economy initiatives in Turkey and emphasized the importance of solidarity economy initiatives for liberal democratic societies. The event was concluded following the question and answer section.

Istanbul Gelisim University Economic Policy Research Center organized **Economists Week** on October 17-21, 2022. The opening speech was given by the President of CIRIEC-Turkey Prof. Kenan Aydın. He emphasized the importance of cooperatives as a component of the wider social and solidarity economy and highlighted that solidarity and collaboration models between local governments and cooperatives are evolving especially in residential, business, and agricultural development sectors. Prof. Aydın also stressed the positive effects of cooperatives on women’s access to decent jobs.

### Publications

**“The handicap for enhanced solidarity across advanced economies: The greater the economic openness higher the unequal distribution of income”**, *Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics*, 91(4), 2020, pp. 585-632. Published by Assoc. Prof. Onur Özdemir, associate member of CIRIEC-Turkey.

**“An Analysis of the Impacts of Financial Inclusion on Income Inequality in the Fragile Five Countries”**, *Marmara University Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences*, 43 (1), 2021, pp. 1-20. Published by Assist. Prof. Emrah Dođan, associate member of CIRIEC-Turkey and Cengizhan Güler.