

# TOURISM BULLETIN

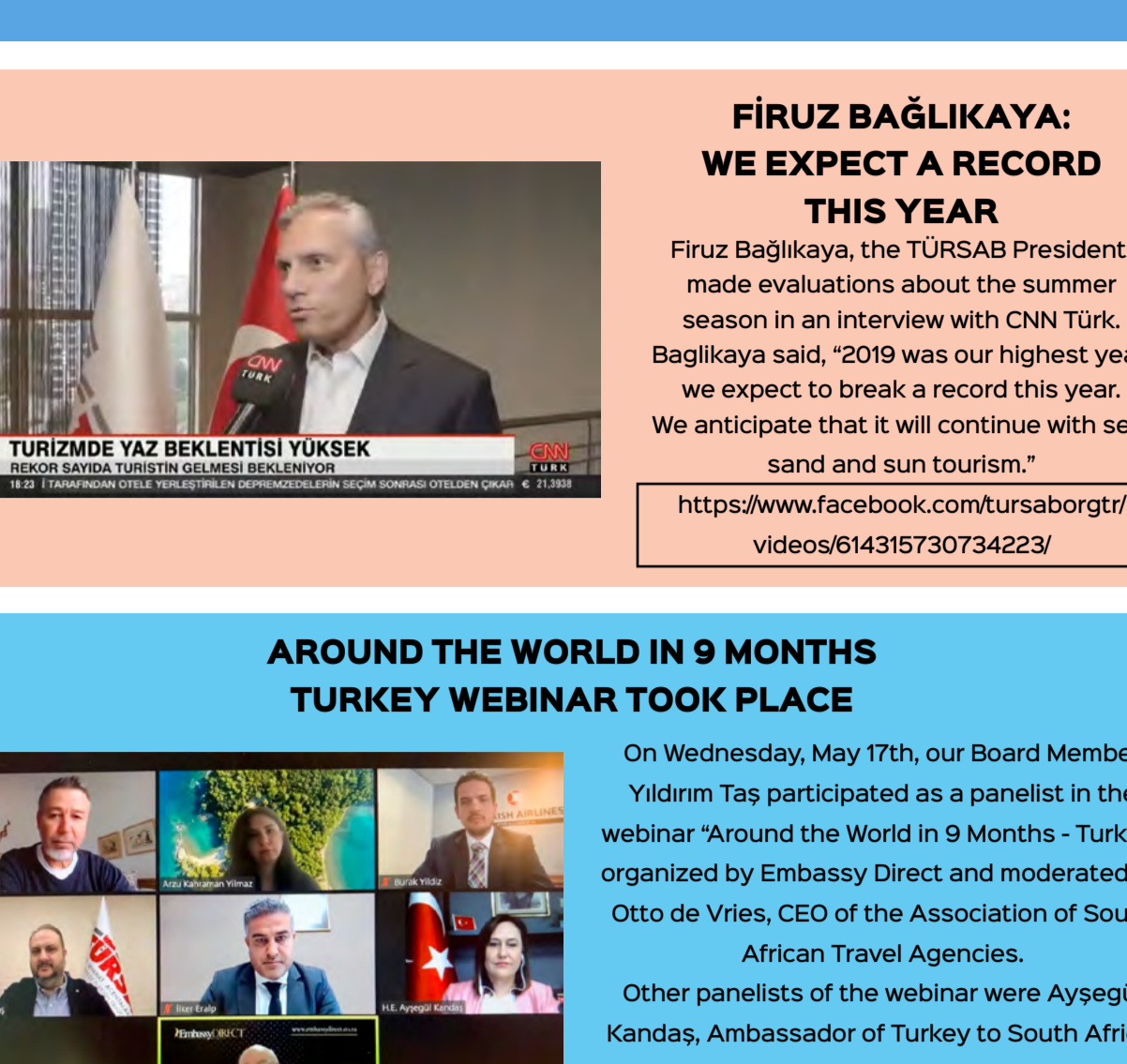
ASSOCIATION OF TURKISH TRAVEL AGENCIES WEEKLY TOURISM BULLETIN

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## TÜRSAB ORDINARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WAS HELD IN BURSA

TÜRSAB Ordinary Board of Directors Meeting was held in Bursa on Tuesday, May 16th with the participation of our President Firuz B. Bağlıkaya, Vice Presidents, Board Members, Chief Advisor to the President, South Marmara RRB President and TÜRSAB Delegation.



## TÜRSAB PRESIDENT FIRUZ BAĞLIKAYA AND TÜRSAB DELEGATION MET WITH SOUTH MARMARA RRB MANAGEMENT

Our President Firuz B. Bağlıkaya and our TÜRSAB Delegation met with Murat Saraçoğlu, Chairman of the South Marmara Regional Representative Board and members of the Board of Directors of RRB before the Board of Directors Meeting held in Bursa.

Within the scope of the meeting, consultations were held on the current tourism agenda of Bursa and what can be done for the development of tourism in the region.

## FIRUZ BAĞLIKAYA: WE EXPECT A RECORD THIS YEAR

Firuz Bağlıkaya, the TÜRSAB President, made evaluations about the current season in an interview with CNN Türk. Bağlıkaya said, "2019 was our highest year, we expect to break a record this year. We anticipate that it will continue with sea, sand and sun tourism."

<https://www.facebook.com/tursaborgtr/videos/614315730734223/>

## AROUND THE WORLD IN 9 MONTHS TURKEY WEBINAR TOOK PLACE



On Wednesday, May 17th, our Board Member Yıldırım Taş participated as a panelist in the webinar "Around the World in 9 Months - Turkey" organized by Embassy Direct and moderated by Otto de Vries, CEO of the Association of South African Travel Agencies.

Other panelists of the webinar were Ayşegül Kandaş, Ambassador of Turkey to South Africa; Arzu Kahraman Yılmaz, Cultural and Promotion Counselor of Turkey in London; İlker Eralp, Commercial Counselor of the Turkish Embassy in Pretoria; and Burak Yıldız, General Manager of Turkish Airlines Johannesburg, Durban & Maputo.

In the aforementioned webinar; topics such as the promotion of our country to South African tourists, touristic opportunities and business trips opportunities, providing information about visa procedures were discussed.

Board Member Yıldırım Taş and other panelists exchanged ideas on organizing events and promotional activities to increase mutual tourism between South Africa and our country, as well as future projects and expected developments that will increase mutual tourism.



## TÜRSAB BOARD OF DIRECTORS TAKES NEW DECISIONS IN THE EFFECTIVE FIGHT AGAINST RENTED LICENSE PLATES

In line with the new decisions taken within the scope of "Effective Fight Against Rental License Plates" at our extraordinary Board of Directors Meeting;

The TÜRSAB License Plate must be on the front of the vehicle with travel agency passengers on tour or transfer. In the event that it is determined that Travel Agencies rent TÜRSAB License Plates to people who are called individual car drivers in the market;

The plates of the travel agency in question in the current record year will be reduced to 10% of the total number of plates it has received within 24 hours and will continue with the same number of plates in the next calendar year.

## THE REGULATION REGARDING THE COMPULSORY SAFE TOURISM CERTIFICATE IS REPEALED

With the letter numbered 3767508 of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism General Directorate of Investments and Enterprises; it was reported that the circular dated 17.06.2022 and numbered 2022/1, which includes regulations regarding the obligation to obtain a Safe Tourism Certificate by all accommodation facilities with a capacity of 30 rooms or more, whether certified by the Ministry or not, has been repealed. For details; <https://www.tursab.org.tr/announcements/announcement-on-the-repeal-of-the-mandatory-safe-tourism-certificate>



## "KARABÜK FLAVOR FESTIVALS" IS ORGANIZED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF TURKISH CUISINE WEEK ACTIVITIES

Within the scope of Turkish Cuisine Week Activities, Karabük Governorship is organizing "Karabük Taste Festivals". Our Western Black Sea RRB Board Member Sebnem Ergüder will be the jury member of the event which will be held between May 19-25, 2023.



## AMENDMENTS MADE ON THE DECISIONS ON THE ENTRY AND EXIT OF T.C. CITIZENS INTO AND OUT OF KKTC

According to the circular shared by the Turkish Ministry of the Interior General Directorate of Security; On 06.02.2023, in order to avoid any victimization due to the extraordinary conditions caused by the earthquake that occurred in the Republic of Turkey, facilities were provided to our citizens coming from or wishing to go to the TRNC.

In this context, due to the end of the state of emergency, the conditions of entry and exit to the TRNC have been reorganized.

For detailed information; <https://www.tursab.org.tr/announcements/announcement-on-the-decisions-applied-to-tr-citizens-leaving-and-entering-trnc-due-to-the-earthquake>

## ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE APPLICATION PERIOD FOR WORK PERMIT EXEMPTION FOR FOREIGNERS

With the attached letter dated 08.05.2023 and numbered 217636 of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security, General Directorate of International Labor Force;

For foreigners within the scope of work permit exemption regulated in the Implementation Regulation of the International Labor Law, applications continue to be received online at <https://emuafiyet.csgeb.gov.tr> as of 01/01/2022.

Domestic work permit exemption applications must be made within thirty (30) days at the latest from the date of entry of the foreigner into Turkey, provided that the visa or visa exemption period is not exceeded.

On the other hand, applications for work permit exemption will be made to the Turkish foreign representation in the country where the foreigner is a citizen or legally resides abroad, and the applications made to the Turkish foreign representation will be forwarded to the Ministry through the system, in this context, foreigners who will apply for work permit exemption from abroad should apply for work permit exemption with the necessary documents within the 30-day period, which is the validity period of the 16-digit reference number, which they will obtain from their foreign representations, through the work permit exemption system.

It was also reported that the 30-day application period is not observed for foreigners who are in our country with a valid residence permit.



## ANNOUNCEMENT ON CRUISE TOURISM SPECIALIZATION PRESIDENCY

Cruise Tourism Specialization Presidency will be reactivated in the 25th Term of TÜRSAB. In this context, our members who want to take part in the Cruise Tourism Specialization Presidency are required to fill out the application form attached to the announcement on our website and send it to [ihitissabaskanliklari@tursab.org.tr](mailto:ihitissabaskanliklari@tursab.org.tr) in a signed and stamped manner.

For detailed information; <https://www.tursab.org.tr/announcements/announcement-on-cruise-tourism-specialization-presidency>

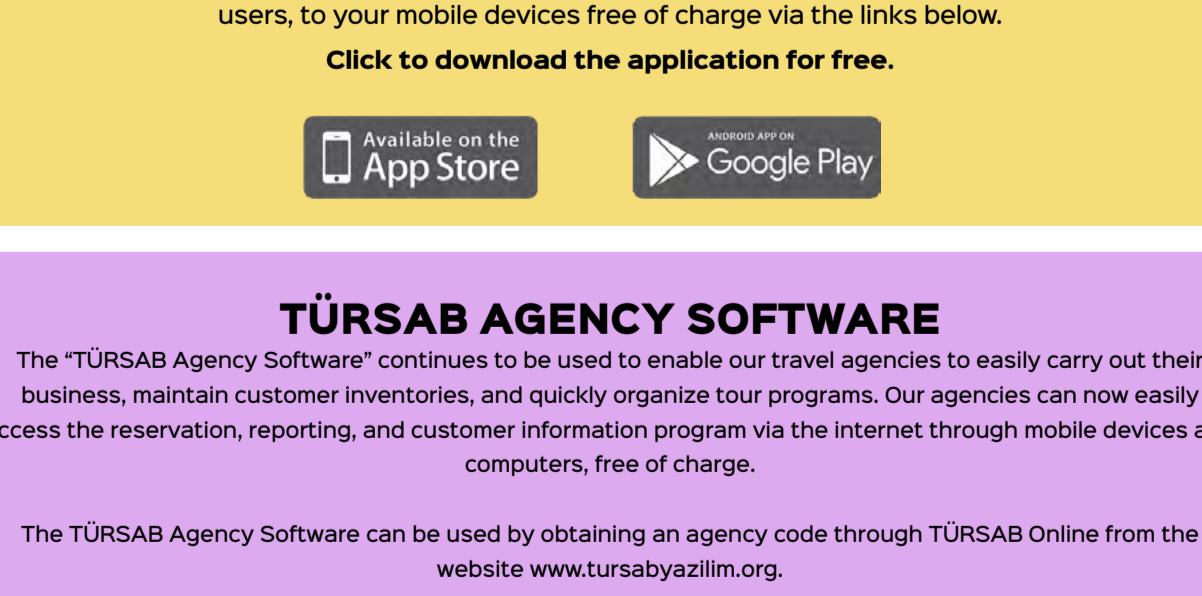
## DATE OF EIT TOUR OPERATORS NETWORK MEETING ANNOUNCED

In the invitation letter received from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism;

It has been reported that the 3rd Online Meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Tour Operators Network will be held online on 29 May 2023 at 11:00 am Tehran time.

Agencies operating in Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan are expected to attend the meeting.

For the meeting agenda and online link; <https://www.tursab.org.tr/announcements/announcement-on-the-3rd-online-meeting-of-the-economic-cooperation-organization-eit-tour-operators-network>



## 1ST ISTANBUL BALKAN TOURISM EXCHANGE FAIR ON SEPTEMBER 20-22 AT LÜTFİ KIRDAR INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION PALACE

Hosted by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and organized by TÜRSAB Fuarçılık Hizmetleri A.Ş. with the main support of TÜRSAB and in cooperation with IBB Kültür A.Ş., the 1st Istanbul Balkan Tourism Exchange Fair will bring tourism professionals and visitors together at Lütfi Kırdar International Convention and Exhibition Center between 20-22 September 2023. The 1st Istanbul Balkan Tourism Exchange Fair, which will be organized in Istanbul, is one of the important milestones in the contributions to the development of tourism vision in Turkey and its values, will create a brand new resource for the sector and increase the opportunities for sectoral cooperation.

For detailed information about participation in the fair;

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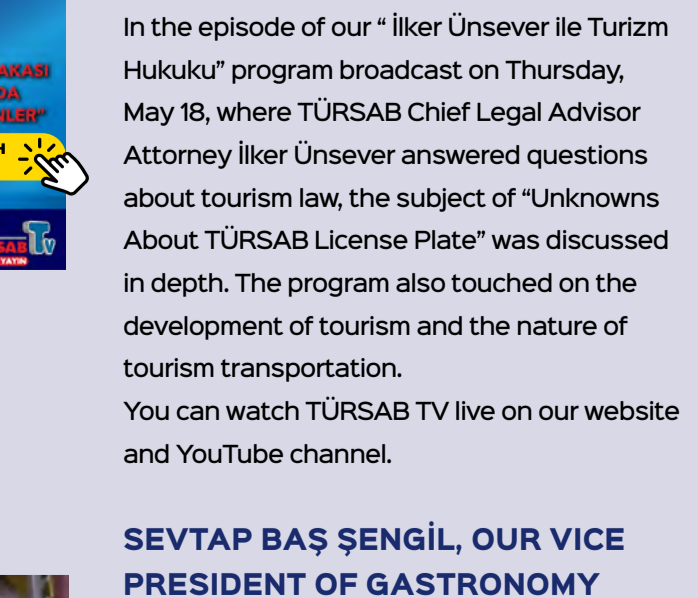
## TTI İZMİR 17TH INTERNATIONAL TOURISM TRADE FAIR AND CONGRESS WILL OPEN ITS DOORS

ON DECEMBER 7-9, 2023

Start traveling the world here.

TTI İzmir International Tourism Trade Fair and Congress will open its doors for the 17th time on December 7-9, 2023.

<https://www.ttiizmir.com.tr/>  
<https://www.tursabfuarcilik.com.tr/>



## TTI OUTDOOR 3RD CAMPING, CARAVAN, BOAT, OUTDOOR AND EQUIPMENT FAIR IN DECEMBER

TTI Outdoor 3rd Camping, Caravan, Boat, Outdoor and Equipment Fair will take place at Fuarizmir between 7-10 December 2023.

Click here for detailed information.  
<https://www.ttioutdoor.com.tr/>  
<https://www.tursabfuarcilik.com.tr/>

## TTI HEALTH HEALTH TOURISM FAIR WILL MEET ITS VISITORS FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR IN FUARİZMİR

Thanks to the achievements of our country in the field of health in recent years and the valuable physicians and health institutions we have, the Health Tourism sector has gained a serious momentum. We are setting out with a brand new fair in order to highlight and support the work done in Turkey for health tourism, which is developing all over the world.

Simultaneously with the 17th TTI İZMİR International Tourism Trade Fair and Congress, the 1st TTI Health Health Tourism Fair is preparing to open its doors at fuarizmir on December 7-9, 2023.

<https://www.tursabfuarcilik.com.tr/>



## ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXAM FOR INFORMATION OFFICERS

You can learn your Information Officer Foreign Language Exam Results as of May 12, 2023 by entering our exam system at <https://akademiktursab.org.tr/> with the password you set during registration and access your Online Information Officer Foreign Language Certificate.



## WITH TÜRSAB MOBILE APPLICATION, ALL YOUR TRANSACTIONS ARE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Our TÜRSAB Mobile Application is online! It has been applied as a part of our Association's Digital Transformation and will enable you to access our TÜRSAB services in the easiest and fastest way.

You may easily access many of our services for our members and consumers, such as TÜRSAB Online, TÜRSAB KART, license plate inquiry, plate status notification, Digital Verification System, QR Code Verification, and member agency inquiry, via your mobile devices, and practically perform your transactions.

You can download our TÜRSAB Mobile Application, which will provide benefits to our members and users, to your mobile devices free of charge via the links below.

Click to download the application for free.



## TÜRSAB AGENCY SOFTWARE

The "TÜRSAB Agency Software" continues to be used to enable our travel agencies to easily carry out their business, maintain customer inventories, and quickly organize tour programs. Our agencies can now easily access the reservation, reporting, and customer information program via the internet through mobile devices and computers, free of charge.

The TÜRSAB Agency Software can be used by obtaining an agency code through TÜRSAB Online from the website [www.tursabyazilim.org](http://www.tursabyazilim.org).

For more detailed information, please visit: <https://www.tursab.org.tr/.../uyelerimiz-50-yilimize-ozel>

## THE WORLD FULL OF ADVANTAGES OF TÜRSAB CARD IS WAITING FOR YOU!

You are invited to the advantageous world of TÜRSAB CARD, with increasing opportunities every day, ranging from fuel to clothing, food and beverage to vehicle services, white goods to foreign language courses. You can visit our website to take advantage of the privileges of TÜRSAB CARD, apply for TÜRSAB CARD, and get detailed information about discounts. After your application, you can start using your virtual card immediately without waiting for your physical card to be delivered.

For detailed information on campaign terms and free TÜRSAB CARD application, please visit [www.tursab.org.tr/tursab-card](http://www.tursab.org.tr/tursab-card).

## LAST WEEK



## BTK BAŞKANLARI İLE SON DURUM

Murat Saraçoğlu, Chairman of the South Marmara Regional Representative Board, was the guest of our "BTK Başkanları ile Son Durum" program, which was broadcast on Wednesday, May 17th with the presentation of our Media and Communication Manager Serkan Tahmaz. In the program; the steps to be taken to increase touristic mobility in South Marmara before the upcoming tourism season and regional problems were evaluated.



## İLKER ÜNSEVER İLE TURİZM HUKUKU

In the episode of our "İlker Ünsever ile Turizm Hukuku" program broadcast on Thursday, May 18, where TÜRSAB Chief Legal Advisor Attorney İker Ünsever answered questions about tourism law, the subject of "Unknowns About TÜRSAB License Plate" was discussed in depth. The program also touched on the development of tourism and the nature of tourism transportation. You can watch TÜRSAB TV live on our website and YouTube channel.



## SEVTAP BAŞ ŞENGİL, OUR VICE PRESIDENT OF GASTRONOMY TOURISM SPECIALIZATION, EVALUATED THE TASTES OF TURKISH CUISINE TO EURONEWS

Sevtap Baş Şengil, Vice President of TÜRSAB Gastronomy Tourism Specialization, was the guest of Euronews. Referring to the deep-rooted history of Istanbul, Şengil made evaluations on Turkish cuisine flavors and regional tourism in Kadıköy Bazaar. <https://www.facebook.com/tursaborgtr/videos/252951880612906/>