

Dear Guests and respectable Rector,

On behalf of the AYBU Business School I would like to thank you all for your participation in the final conference of EURAVON project and welcome you all.

It's a matter of great pride and pleasure for us that AYBU Business school is involved in ERASMUS projects which are creating high value for the different segments of the Turkish and European societies. Last year as a co-ordinator AYBU Business School finished the STEP project under the Erasmus program. STEP project provide the electronic education platform to the owners of the small and medium sized business organizations for learning and developing the business strategies. Results of the STEP project showed that it prove to be very valuable for the owners of the small and medium sized businesses.

Similarly, EURAVON project is also a highly valuable project which help to add the value in volunteering activities by enhancing the different competences of the volunteers. EURAVON project bring together the government agencies, third sector organizations and the volunteers. By bringing together the three major actors of the volunteering activities this project provide fruitful results and insights for the enhancement and development of the volunteering activities.

Recently, AYBU Business School has been awarded another project under ERASMUS program. The project is about the education of the refugees. Taking this as an opportunity I would like to congratulate the AYBU Business school team for this project.

Besides our involvement in the ERASMUS projects AYBU Business school is highly productive in the academic research. We not only produce the academic research but aligned with the mission and vision of our university we also strive to transfer our knowledge to the society and industry. One example of bringing together academia, society and industry is our research centre REKMER. This research centre works and conducts research through a close interaction between industry and academia. It provides a platform where government agencies, academia and industry come together and get benefitted from each other expertise and experiences. This reflects that we highly valued the feedback of the industry and the society as a whole about our contribution towards the development of the industry and betterment of the society.

Finally, I would like to say that in accordance with the vision of our university we as AYBU Business School through our research activities, teaching and involvement in the projects like EURAVON are striving to deliver best education and research. Once again I would like to thank you all for your participation and welcome you all.