

TURKISH DELIGHT FOR STUDENT MOBILITY NETWORK

A record-breaking 4,800 higher education professionals attended the 25th annual European Association for International Education (EAIE) Conference in September 2013. Istanbul, an outstanding city straddling continents and cultures, provided the perfect setting for this year's milestone conference theme: *Weaving the future of global partnerships*.

On the second day of the conference, 18 members of the U21 Student Mobility Network escaped the hustle and bustle of the conference centre for a relaxed lunch in a small restaurant



The Student Mobility Network in Istanbul

near Taksim Square. This was a great opportunity to meet new and familiar faces whilst sampling wonderful Turkish food and hospitality.

The lunch attendees discussed common challenges in international education, shared ideas and new initiatives, and traded funny anecdotes associated with international student mobility. Overall, I believe we all left Istanbul feeling inspired and energised ahead of the arrival of a new wave of international students, and more deeply committed to increasing student mobility within the U21 network.

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