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International Strategy of the Year

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Submission	<p>Izmir Institute of Technology (IZTECH) brought a fresh outlook and dynamism to its internationalization efforts. The new executive board taking charge in 2019 implemented a new policy for internationalization, to expand what was previously restricted to Erasmus mobility programs and the faculty's personal efforts.</p> <p>Two main goals underlay this policy: First, considering its strength in research and education the management prioritized science diplomacy and science ambassadors for regional and international peace. Second, they focused on emerging as an attractive destination for international brain gain and reversing the brain drain caused by the challenges of the Middle East.</p> <p>The institute restructured its institutional approach to internationalization, taking aboard a wide range of stakeholders in and outside of the university, extended membership in global networks to encompass all regions and thus widened its international recognition, made fundamental changes to the international student recruitment process, and significantly expanded international faculty recruitment.</p>