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Let there be among you a community calling to the good, enjoining right, and forbidding wrong. It is they who shall prosper.

(Qur'an, Âl 'Imrân, 3:104)

FOREWORD



Dear Friends,

The Islamic Community Millî Görüş (IGMG) is a faith-based congregation that calls people to righteous deeds and seeks to make them a living, integral part of daily life, guided by the principle of loving all of God's creation. Inspired by the words of our Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), "The best of people are those who are most beneficial to others," our community works through its services to promote goodness, selflessness, unity, solidarity, and justice. In all this, we seek only the pleasure of the Almighty.

Since its founding, our organization has endeavored to extend its services across the globe. As of 2025, it encompasses 44 regions—three of them provisional—more than 700 associations, and 2,500 branches. It continues to expand each day, serving not only across Europe and

the Balkans but also in Australia, Japan, the United States, Türkiye, Kyrgyzstan, Cyprus, and Canada. Beyond religious guidance and education, our work increasingly embraces cultural and social activities.

With the conviction that our faith does not permit indifference to world affairs, we strive to stand against injustice, to defend justice, and to extend humanitarian aid to the oppressed and vulnerable.

Through this catalogue, we wish to offer you a closer look at our mission and services, and we warmly invite esteemed friends like you to support these endeavors.

With greetings of peace, love, and respect,

Kemal Ergün | President



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WHO WE ARE

The Islamic Community Millî Görüş (IGMG) is a faith-based community and civil society organization that provides religious, social, and cultural services. Its mission is to support the learning, practice, transmission, and representation of Islam, ensuring that its principles are reflected in daily life. Politically and financially independent, IGMG represents Muslims in religious, social, and cultural matters, addresses their concerns, and works to safeguard their fundamental rights.

The Qur'an and the Sunnah form the foundation of IGMG's understanding of Islam. In this view, Islam is not confined to the mosque but embraces every dimension of individual and communal life. It calls believers to moral values, as well as to personal and collective re-

sponsibility. IGMG does not regard Islam as bound to any one region or cultural tradition but as a universal faith lived by the guidance of the Qur'an and the Sunnah of our Beloved Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). Diversity in religious practice is seen as a source of enrichment for faith and community life.

Members of IGMG, while maintaining ties with their countries of origin, also see themselves as integral to the societies where they live, embracing their countries of residence as their homelands. In this spirit, IGMG considers contributing to the peace and prosperity of these societies part of its responsibility. At the same time, as members of the global Muslim community, it regards attentiveness to the

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challenges faced by the ummah as a religious obligation.

With a consciousness of responsibility toward all humanity, IGMG stands with the oppressed and vulnerable, opposes all forms of injustice, and promotes core human values such as kindness and solidarity. It plays an active role in addressing economic, political, and social challenges, engaging in ongoing dialogue with public institutions and civil society organizations. Inspired by the Prophetic injunctions, “Compete with one another in goodness and piety,” “The best of people are those who are most beneficial to others,” and “Make things easy, do not make them difficult,” IGMG seeks to build social relations on common ground and shared values rather than divisions.

Just as certain obligations in Islam—such as acts of worship that require communal participation—can only be fulfilled collectively, so too can the protection of the poor and vulnerable, the fight against injustice, the promotion of good, the prevention of wrongdoing, and the pursuit of justice in social relations be carried out only through collective effort. This need for community has been a unifying force, encouraging Muslims—particularly in Europe and across other continents—to gather under the umbrella of IGMG.





DAY OF BROTHERHOOD AND SOLIDARITY

The "Day of Brotherhood and Solidarity," which has become a cherished tradition, brings together tens of thousands of devoted members and supporters of IGMG, strengthening bonds of love, respect, brotherhood, and solidarity.

THE MEANING OF THE PHRASE “MİLLÎ GÖRÜŞ”

According to Islamic belief, all humanity traces its origin back to the first human and prophet, Adam (peace be upon him), and his wife, Eve. From Adam onward, God has sent prophets and scriptures to guide people to the straight path. Among this chain of prophets, Abraham (peace be upon him) is regarded as the patriarch of all who follow the monotheistic faiths. In this respect, the name of our organization makes a direct reference to Prophet Abraham.

The word Millî is derived from the Qur’anic term millah (rendered in Turkish as millet). This term, frequently mentioned in the Qur’an—for example, in “the millah of Abraham”—appears in

verses such as Surah al-Nahl (16:123), Surah Âl ‘Imrân (3:95), and Surah al-Nisâ’ (4:125). In the Qur’anic sense, millah denotes a community of believers gathered around a prophet, united by the values, ideals, and traditions he brought.

Thus, the phrase Millî Görüş in the name “Islamische Gemeinschaft Millî Görüş” is to be understood as the worldview and conviction of an Islamic community that regards itself as part of the millah of Abraham (peace be upon him) and follows the path of Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). In this understanding, the community strives for the peace, well-being, and guidance of humanity.

THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF IGMG

In the 1960s, millions of Muslims migrated to Europe from Türkiye and other countries to work in Germany and beyond. At the time, no official steps were taken to meet their religious and spiritual needs. In response, these workers—strangers in a foreign land—took it upon themselves to preserve their faith and to raise their children within it. From the early 1970s onward, they formed small congregations around modest prayer rooms where they could gather for worship. During this period, Turkish workers and university students also began establishing associations. One such group was the Turkish Union, founded in Braunschweig in 1967 by eight Muslim students. It gained official status in 1969 and later became one of the precursors of IGMG. Over time, the organization operated under several names, including Turkish Union, Turkish Workers’ Union, Turkish-Islamic Union, and Islamic Union.

By the 1980s, these small congregations had grown into regional bodies and federations. Building mosques, organizing Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages, and training and appointing imams and counselors had all become pressing needs. To respond, on May 20, 1985, one of the forerunners of IGMG was officially founded under the name European Millî Görüş Organizations

(AMGT). With this step, numerous associations—including youth branches—came together under one roof. As a religious organization, AMGT began to plan for the future with a new structure, eventually changing its name in 1995 to the Islamic Community Millî Görüş (IGMG).

Shaped by the economic and social conditions of its time, IGMG developed programs that directly addressed the realities its members faced. Through these initiatives, the organization expanded steadily—growing its regions, branches, and membership—and has become one of the largest and most influential Islamic civil society organizations in Europe and beyond.

Today, IGMG serves people of all ages through its Women’s, Youth, and Women’s Youth branches, with some 2,500 local chapters. It has grown into a firmly established institution active not only across Europe, Scandinavia, and the Balkans but also in Australia, Japan, the United States, Türkiye, Kyrgyzstan, Cyprus, and Canada. With 44 regional divisions—three of them provisional—around 20,000 administrators, and nearly 200,000 members, IGMG continues to provide uninterrupted service to hundreds of thousands worldwide.

HEADQUARTERS STRUCTURE

The Executive Board is the principal body where all essential matters concerning IGMG are discussed and decided upon. Chaired by the President, the Executive Board consists of the heads of the following departments: Organization, General Secretariat, Education, Religious Guidance, Finance, Humanitarian Aid and Social Services, Women's Branch, Youth Branch, and Women's Youth Branch, as well as advisors to the President—ten departments in total.

The Central Executive Committee is responsible for implementing the decisions of the Executive Board within the framework of statutes and regulations. In addition to the department heads represented in the Executive Board, the Com-

mittee also includes the deputy heads of Organization, General Secretariat, Religious Guidance, and Education, as well as the Deputy Head of Humanitarian Aid and Social Services, the Head of Property Affairs, the Head of Hajj, Umrah and Travel, the Head of Communications, the Head of Culture and Arts, the Head of Accounting, the Head of Personnel and Administrative Affairs, the Head of Audit, and the Head of University Students.

IGMG's departments are organized according to the services they provide in different fields and for diverse audiences. Each department continues its work together with its subunits.



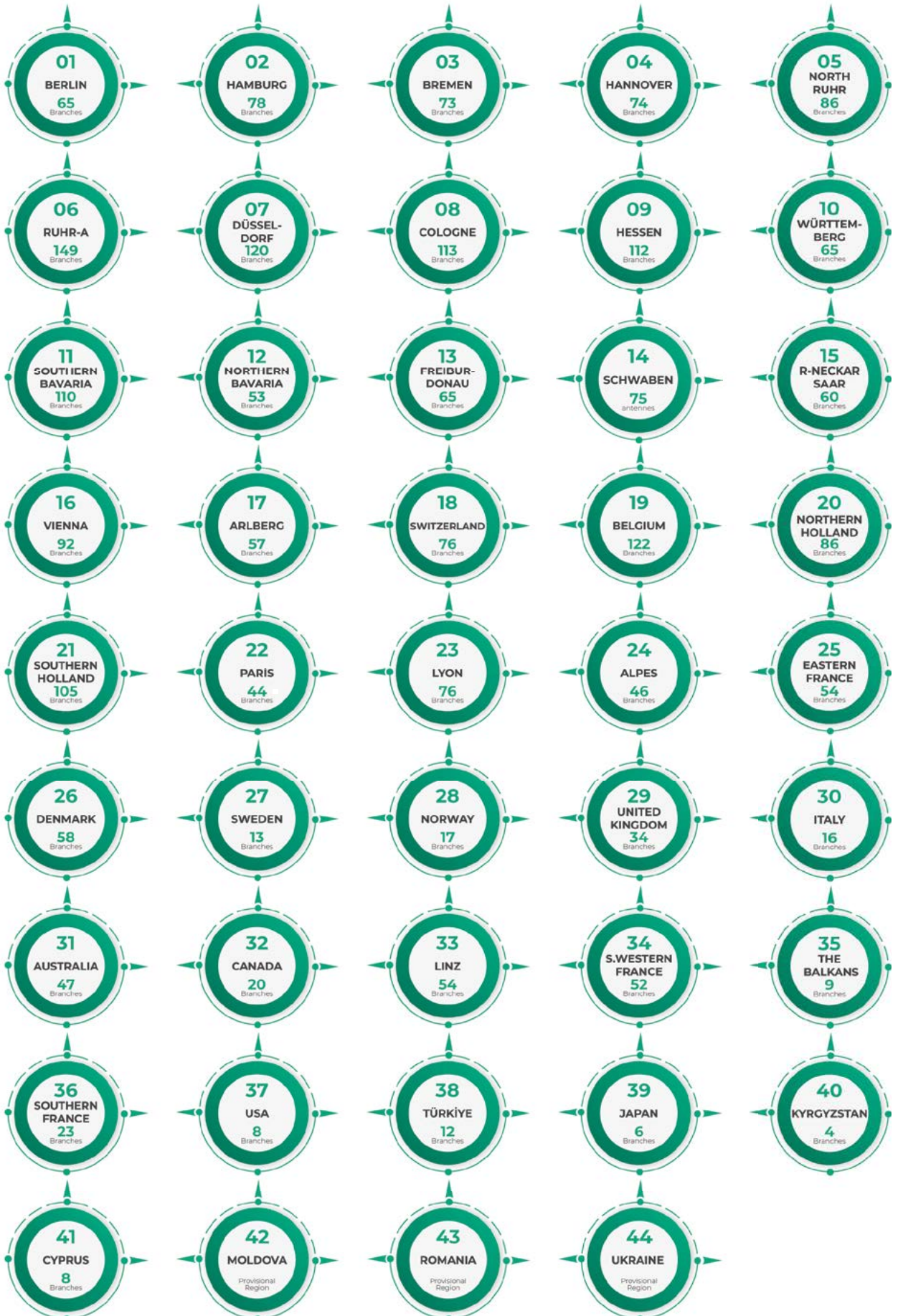


IGMG HEADQUARTERS

The activities of the Islamic Community Millî Görüş are coordinated from the Headquarters building in Cologne.



REGIONS



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

IGMG's work is carried out through its headquarters, regional bodies, and local branches. At the core of this structure are local mosques, which serve not only as places of daily worship but also as centers of religious services, education, social programs, and activities tailored to specific groups through the Women's, Youth, and Women's Youth branches.

Most of IGMG's organizational activities are based in Germany, with additional operations in France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom, as well as in Canada, Australia, Japan, Türkiye, Cyprus, Kyrgyzstan, and the United States.

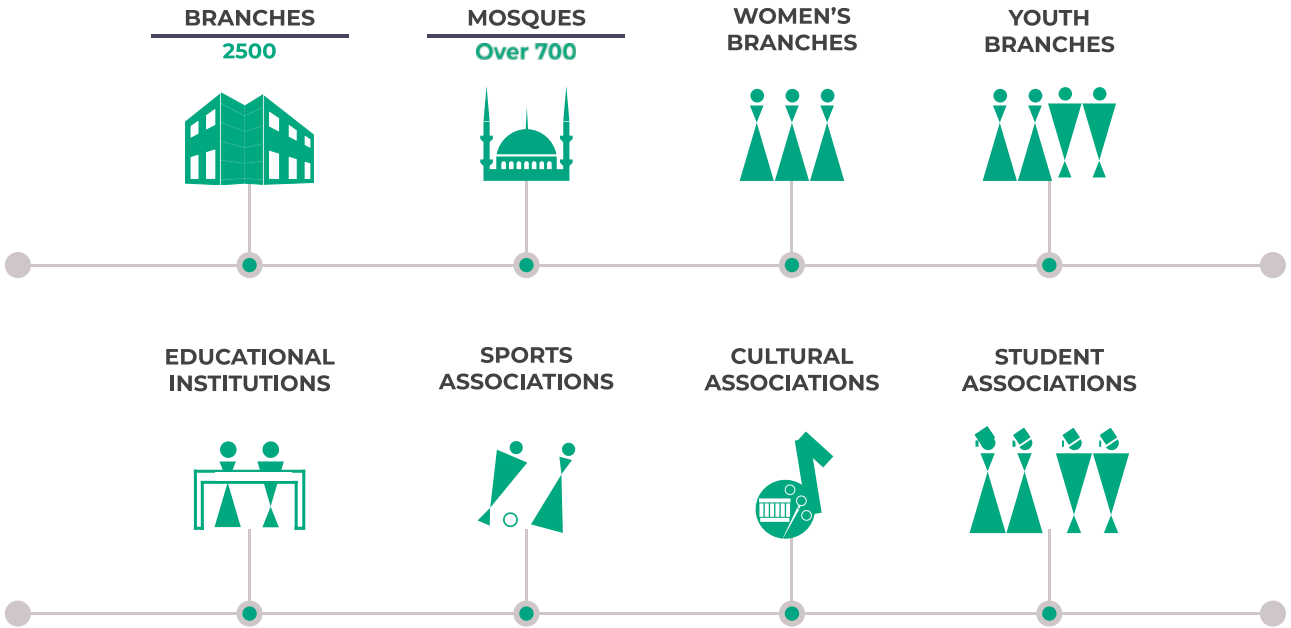
Local branches are organized under regional structures. IGMG currently operates through 44 regional organizations, three of which are provisional. In Germany, these include Hamburg, Bremen, Berlin, Hannover, North Ruhr, Ruhr-A, Düsseldorf, Cologne, Hessen, Württemberg, Rhein-Neckar-Saar, Schwaben, Freiburg-Donau, and both Southern and Northern Bavaria. In France, IGMG is represented in six regions: Paris, Lyon, Alpes, Eastern France, Southwestern France, and Southern France. In Austria, the regions include Vienna, Arlberg, and Linz; in the Netherlands, Northern and Southern Holland form two divisions. Beyond these, regional organizations also exist in Belgium, Denmark, the UK, Switzerland, Italy, Norway, the Balkans, Canada, Türkiye, Kyrgyzstan, the US, Australia, Japan, Moldova, Romania, Ukraine, and Cyprus.

Regional organizations maintain communication between the headquarters and local branches while coordinating their activities. The headquarters, in turn, oversees both local and regional services, prepares general work programs, and sets strategies on key issues.

All IGMG activities—from religious guidance and education to social and cultural services—are implemented with oversight that extends to the smallest unit: the local branch. This ensures consistent quality across all levels. At the same time, the headquarters, with the support of the regions, provides services that individual branches cannot deliver on their own. These include Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages, sacrificial rites, food aid, humanitarian relief, zakat and fitra campaigns, publishing initiatives, cultural programs, and social services. Funeral arrangements—ensuring burials are carried out in a spirit of solidarity—as well as the appointment and training of imams are also centrally coordinated.

With over 700 associations—predominantly in Germany—IGMG carries out its mission worldwide. Including affiliated associations for women, youth, students, education, culture, and sports, the organization encompasses some 2,500 branches, around 20,000 administrators, and approximately 200,000 members. Factoring in Friday prayers, IGMG reaches hundreds of thousands of people every week.

IGMG IN NUMBERS



ADMINISTRATORS



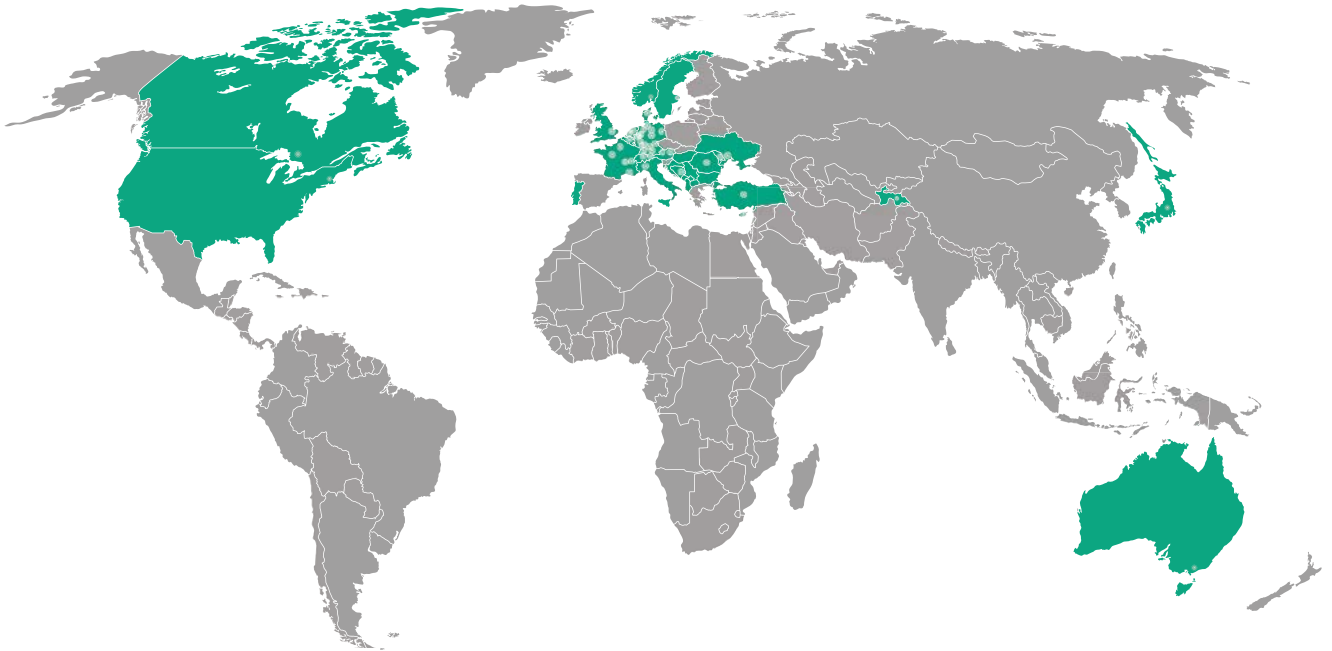
MEMBERS



CONGREGATION



REGIONS



- Berlin
- Hamburg
- Bremen
- Hannover
- North Ruhr
- Ruhr-A
- Düsseldorf
- Cologne
- Hessen
- Württemberg
- Southern Bavaria
- Northern Bavaria
- Freiburg-Donau
- Schwaben
- Rhein-Neckar-Saar
- Vienna
- Arlberg
- Switzerland
- Belgium
- Northern Holland
- Southern Holland
- Paris
- Lyon
- Alpes
- Eastern France
- Denmark
- Sweden
- Norway
- Italy
- United Kingdom
- Australia
- Canada
- Linz
- Southwestern France
- The Balkans
- Southern France
- USA
- Türkiye
- Japan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Cyprus
- Moldova (Provisional Region)
- Romania (Provisional Region)
- Ukraine (Provisional Region)

SERVICE FROM THE HEART: OUR COMMUNITY'S VOLUNTEER LEADERS

The Islamic Community Millî Görüş (IGMG) is a long-established community active in dozens of countries, built on the principle of voluntary service. Our movement stands and grows through the tireless efforts of tens of thousands of dedicated volunteers. By giving their time, knowledge, and energy without seeking worldly gain, they carry forward the universal values of Islam.

From education to humanitarian aid, from cultural activities to religious guidance, these volunteers form the backbone of our community. They share their knowledge and experience with younger generations, reach out to those in need, and keep alive a culture of mutual help and solidarity. Through their service, they strengthen

bonds within society and ensure that our faith and values are passed on to the next generation. IGMG volunteers are not simply helpers; they are the very pillars of our community, giving it life and spirit. Their devotion and selflessness allow us to preserve our values and to bring real benefit to society. Without their contributions, our work would not flourish as it does today.

This spirit of service is what binds us together and gives us strength. Thanks to the dedication and sincerity of our volunteers, our community continues to grow day by day, touching every segment of society. Their tireless efforts are the surest guarantee of our hopes for the future.



Through the invaluable contributions of our volunteers, IGMG lays the foundations of a strong, conscious society, keeping our cultural heritage alive and carrying the spirit of solidarity into tomorrow. On this noble journey, we advance with their determination and perseverance, working together for a brighter future.

We are profoundly grateful to all our volunteers who have brought our community to where it stands today. Their sincerity, sacrifice, and devotion keep our hopes alive and strengthen our resolve to build brighter tomorrows. We extend our heartfelt thanks and affirm that we walk beside them on this meaningful path of service.



RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

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*Call unto the way of your Lord with wisdom and good counsel,
and debate with them in the most virtuous manner.*

(Qur'an, Sūrah al-Nahl, 16:125)

IGMG gives special importance to supporting Muslims with religious guidance, emphasizing the light of faith as a compass in every part of life. These services seek to help believers draw closer to God, make it easier to live in harmony with their faith in daily life, and provide faith-based answers to the challenges they encounter along the way.

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TRAINING OF IMAMS AND PREACHERS

IGMG provides religious education and guidance both inside and outside its mosques. Alongside daily, Friday, Eid, funeral, and tarawih prayers, a central priority is the training of imams and preachers with the necessary qualifications to ensure these services continue smoothly and to strengthen their role in all guidance programs. To this end, a range of courses and training initiatives are offered.

Candidates who have completed undergraduate studies in theology at universities in Europe, Türkiye, or elsewhere may enroll in the Imam-Preacher Training and Development Course. Those who successfully complete the program receive certificates of authorization (ijazah) and are formally appointed as imams. After their appointment, imams continue to participate in regular training seminars throughout their service.

The Menar Institute supports theology students preparing to serve as imams, guiding their education and monitoring their progress. Before formal appointment, graduates undergo trial periods and advanced training. The Institute also organizes in-service seminars, develops specialized training programs, and establishes centers of expertise. In addition, it ensures that graduates who have completed hifz (memorization of the Qur'an) receive advanced training and certification. The Department of Religious Guidance coordinates the work of these institutions, reinforcing the infrastructure of training programs and expanding their scope.

In 2014, IGMG founded the Mainz Islamic Seminary to train its own imams. Since then, dozens of imams have graduated and gone on to serve in its mosques.



ERKAM AND IHSAN SPIRITUAL GATHERINGS AND CONVERSATIONS

Circles of fellowship formed by people united in spirit, feeling, and purpose add a special richness to one's emotional and spiritual life. With this awareness, gatherings in homes, mosques, and other venues combine Qur'an recitation with lessons that build awareness and provide religious guidance, allowing participants to draw deeply from the luminous atmosphere of these settings.

These circles are held regularly under different names—weekly mosque gatherings, home-based sessions, or youth circles—and are often led by imams, teachers (male and female), youth leaders, or experts on various subjects. In mosques and beyond, the recitation of *awrād al-sharīf* (litanies) serves as a powerful means of strengthening the spirituality of all who attend.

Within IGMG, Erkam Gatherings—named after al-Arqam ibn Abī al-Arqam (may God be pleased with him), an early Companion of the Prophet—are conducted as a form of religious guidance open to all: men and women, young and old alike. Guided by coordinators in local communities, these sessions offer Muslims the chance to come together weekly, listen to spiritual conversations, and find renewal amid the hustle and bustle of life. The official Erkam curriculum is followed in these gatherings.

Ihsan Gatherings, meanwhile, are organized regularly for employers, professionals, tradespeople, and academics, with the aim of offering spiritual motivation and guidance tailored to their lives.



RELIGIOUS ADVISORY COUNCIL

For many years, the Religious Advisory Council (DİK) has provided guidance on the questions Muslims face—or may face—in their daily lives, offering answers from an Islamic jurisprudential (fiqh) perspective. In its work, the Council not only draws on experts in Islamic sciences but also consults specialists from other fields when needed. This ensures that each issue is addressed comprehensively and with a solutions-oriented approach.

Working within the creed and jurisprudential framework of Ahl al-Sunnah, the IGMG Religious Advisory Council provides guidance on Islamic law and helps Muslims overcome challenges in practicing their faith. Its legal opinions (fatwas) are published on fetava.org, and questions received via the dedicated fatwa hotline are also answered.

MERCY TO THE WORLDS – PROPHET MUHAMMAD

The Mercy to the Worlds – Prophet Muhammad programs commemorate our Beloved Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), described in the Qur’an as a mercy to all creation. Through Qur’an recitations, hymns, eulogies, sermons, and poetry performed before large and enthusiastic audiences, these events highlight his mission and message as a bringer of mercy and salvation for all humanity. Held annually, they have become cherished community gatherings.

QUR’AN STARS

The Qur’an Stars programs recount the inspiring lives of the noble Companions—each a shining star in their devotion to the Messenger of God and their embodiment of the Qur’an. These programs encourage Muslims to take these figures as role models in their own lives.

COMMEMORATION PROGRAMS – THE FORERUNNERS

IGMG organizes The Forerunners programs to honor and reflect upon those who pioneered its work and served as leaders in Islam and humanity. These gatherings, held in local branches as well as regional centers, also commemorate members who contributed to IGMG’s journey and have since passed away. The departed are remembered with Qur’an recitations, talks, and prayers.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE PANELS

Held periodically with the participation of expert scholars, Spiritual Guidance Panels provide a forum to discuss various dimensions of religious issues, offering fresh perspectives and insights. These panels bring together knowledge and debate, addressing both jurisprudential matters and the legacies of influential historical figures.

HAYRUNNISA: VIRTUOUS WOMEN

The Hayrunnisa: Virtuous Women programs are special events dedicated to honoring women of faith. They celebrate the lives of the Prophet's female Companions and other women who left a lasting legacy. Their sacrifices, resilience, courage, and exemplary qualities are presented as role models for Muslim women today.

ADVANCED TRAINING FOR WOMEN PREACHERS

A variety of training programs are offered to prepare female preachers and lecturers to provide religious guidance for women. Within this framework, IGMG regularly organizes seminars to strengthen the knowledge and skills of its female educators, covering not only Islamic sciences but also communication, sociology, psychology, and public speaking.

FRIDAY SERMONS (KHUTBAS)

Friday sermons delivered in IGMG mosques are prepared in Turkish, Arabic, German, French, English, Dutch, Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish, and made available to imams and preachers serving in different regions.

QUR'AN MEMORIZATION INSTITUTES

The Qur'an memorization (hifz) programs, launched in 2014, are now offered at more than one hundred institutes across Europe. Thousands of students—from introductory classes to advanced stages of memorization—receive training at different levels, keeping this tradition alive.



HALAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Through its various institutions, IGMG responds to the needs of Muslim communities and offers practical solutions to their challenges. Chief among these is ensuring access to halal food and supporting a halal way of life. One of the earliest institutions in this field is the European Halal Certification Institute (EHZ), established in 2001. Operating as a non-profit body, EHZ carries out inspections through its auditors, assessing products and production systems against halal standards defined by the IGMG Religious Advisory Council, and also provides consultancy services.

The certification process begins when a producer or company submits an application. After the initial request, the applicant receives detailed guidance and the required documentation. Once the completed forms are returned, an on-site inspection is scheduled.

During the inspection, auditors examine the products to be certified along with the machinery, equipment, and raw materials used in production. If necessary, samples are taken for laboratory analysis. The inspection findings and related documents are then reviewed by the EHZ Advisory Board.



If the application meets the required criteria, a halal certificate is issued. Where deficiencies are found, the applicant is notified and given the chance to address them. Once the issues are resolved, a written Halal Certification Agreement is signed, and the certificate—valid for one year—is granted.

To maintain certification, unannounced follow-up inspections are conducted at intervals that vary depending on the company's sector and product type. These inspections ensure ongoing compliance with halal standards and uphold the validity of the certificate.



QUR'AN RECITATION COMPETITIONS

To encourage the study and recitation of the Qur'an, the European Qur'an Recitation Competition has been held annually since 1985 and has become a cherished tradition. Students aged 10-13 and 14-18, who receive training in mosques, first compete at the local branch and then at the regional level. The top eight finalists go on to a grand finale, which draws thousands of attendees to large venues and takes place in an atmosphere of great excitement. A separate competition for women has also long been part of this tradition.

In addition, Mā'idat al-Qur'ān ("Banquet of the Qur'an") programs are held in many regions as large-scale events that promote the study and recitation of the Qur'an and attract large audiences.





QUR'AN MEMORIZATION PROGRAMS

IGMG organizes Qur'an memorization courses for Muslims who aspire to attain the glad tidings mentioned by our Beloved Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) in his saying: "The most noble among my community are those who memorize the Qur'an." These courses are offered for male and female students, as well as for adults. Under the umbrella of IGMG, in more than a hundred Qur'an memorization institutes across various regions, thousands of students receive training to preserve this tradition.

A Qur'an Memorization Competition was held for the first time in Europe in 2023.







QUR'AN RECITATION COMPETITIONS – WOMEN'S DIVISION

The 20th competition was organized in 2023, bringing together young women who, after winning at the branch and regional levels, advanced to the finals to compete for the best recitation.





MOSQUES

Mosques are not only places where Muslims perform their daily prayers; they are also sanctuaries where believers come together, strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, and nurture their religious identity through social and cultural activities. Built through the tireless efforts of IGMG members despite immense hardships, IGMG mosques stand as living symbols of these cherished values. What began with the modest contributions of migrant workers has today grown into mosques serving communities across Europe, as well as in Australia, Japan, the United States, and Canada. They testify both to the permanence of Muslims in Europe and to Islam's place as an integral part of the continent, meeting religious, cultural, and social needs while representing Islam in their societies.

A large share of IGMG's activities take place within mosque associations. Programs tailored to every stage of life—from early childhood to youth, adulthood, and old age—address the community's diverse needs. For example, preschool programs instill religious and cultural values from an early age. More than 70,000 children now attend weekend classes in IGMG mosques, where they gain a basic understanding of their faith and learn its practice within the mosque prayer halls, while also receiving academic tutoring and school support. Sermons, lectures, and study circles bring together wide audiences, serving as a meeting ground between generations.



The teaching of the Qur'an—and, with it, fostering closeness to the Qur'an—begins in the mosque. Beyond Friday and Eid prayers, mosques are gathering places where both joyful and sorrowful memories—such as weddings and funerals—are shared. Many mosques also host sports clubs and offer courses in arts and crafts such as marbling (ebru), embroidery, and other cultural traditions. Open Mosque Days, communal iftars during Ramadan, charity bazaars, and festivals build fellowship not only within the community but also with neighbors and wider society.

Crucially, IGMG's mosque activities are grounded in civic engagement and financial independence. From building construction to employing imams, all expenses are covered through voluntary member donations. This spirit of civic responsibility and financial autonomy remains one of IGMG's guiding principles.



MOSQUES

Among the hundreds of IGMG mosques serving Muslims is the Cologne-Brühl Mosque.





Hagia Sophia Mosque, Amsterdam





Meadow Heights Mosque, Australia



EDUCATION

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Read!

(Surah al-'Alaq, 96:1)

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...Are those who know and those who do not know equal?

(Surah az-Zumar, 39:9)

IGMG believes that education is essential to shaping Islamic identity and enabling meaningful social participation at every stage of life. Guided by the principle of lifelong learning, it has developed a comprehensive Education Curriculum that offers a wide range of programs tailored to the needs of diverse audiences.

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FIELDS OF EDUCATION



PRESCHOOL

- Games for Ages 3–6
- Social Activities
- Benefits of Religious
- Behavioral Benefits



BASIC EDUCATION

- Preparatory Classes
- Basic Education
- Secondary-School Holiday Courses (spring, summer, autumn, winter)



ADULT EDUCATION

- Courses in Islamic Studies
- Adult Education
- Qalam Learning Program



EDUCATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- People with Visual Impairments
- People with Hearing Impairments
- People with Mental Disabilities
- People with Orthopedic Disabilities



YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Yıldız (Star) Courses
- Hilal (Crescent) Courses
- Special Programs for University Students



FAMILY EDUCATION

- Family Education Seminars
- Premarital Program / Marriage School
- Systemic Family Counseling
- Project-Based Initiatives



SUPERVISION & GUIDANCE

- For Education Centers
- For Schools
- For Adult Education Courses



CURRICULUM & MATERIALS

- Curricula
- Textbooks
- Digital Teaching Materials



CHILDREN'S CLUB

- Membership Activities
- Children's Events
- IGMG Children's Club
- Working Groups
- Web and Social Media
- Birthday Gift Program
- Competitions
- Childcare Services
- Gökkuşacağı Magazine
- Ceremonies of Transition to Youth with the IGMG Children's Club



ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Islamic Religious Education
- Teacher Support Training
- Curriculum and Material Development
- Committee Work



SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Transition Programs to Youth Organization and Women's Youth Organization
- Educational Projects for Youth Aged 13-15



QALAM LEARNING PROGRAM

- Islamic Education Courses for New Muslims (Reverts)
- Religious Education Projects in Local Languages



INSTITUTIONS

- Schools: Kindergarten, Primary, Secondary, High School, Imam-Hatip High School, Open Imam-Hatip High School
- School of Islamic Theology
- Universities
- Institutes / Academies
- Educational Centers
- Homework Assistance Courses
- Parent Associations



HUMAN RESOURCES

- Inventory Study of Educators and Education Administrators (E-Inventory)
- In-Service Training Seminars (E-HIES)
- Executive Development Training Program (E-YO-GEP)
- E-Certification Programs



GUIDANCE & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Qur'an Memorization Courses: Pre-Preparatory, Preparatory, and Full Memorization Programs
- Advanced Training for MENAR Imams
- Advanced Training for Female Religious Instructors

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

IGMG places strong emphasis on helping Muslim communities build lasting educational institutions in the countries where it operates. To this end, it has established day schools and boarding schools to train future imams and female religious educators to serve in mosque activities. To strengthen ties across society and foster coexistence, IGMG also supports the establishment of private schools ranging from preschool to university. In some regions, preschools follow a bilingual model so that children develop fluency both in their mother tongue and in the language of their host country from an early age.

Through partnerships with universities in various countries, administrators and teaching staff have access to advanced training opportunities. Children in primary and secondary education receive additional support through after-school tutoring programs.

To ensure that community-based educational programs at regional and local levels are carried out systematically and in a coordinated way, IGMG has established dedicated educational centers. Where branches are active, parents' associations help monitor and support the progress of students and families in public schools. In countries where this is not feasible, representatives are appointed to guide parents toward parent-teacher associations (PTAs).

Committed to raising capable and well-qualified young people, IGMG continues to support the development of schools and universities—from preschools and elementary schools to middle schools, high schools, and higher education institutions—across all countries where it is active.









PRESCHOOL

IGMG preschools serve children between the ages of 3 and 6. In these programs, children are introduced to their religious, linguistic, and cultural values while being guided in Islamic upbringing, character formation, and personal development. All activities follow a structured curriculum and are carried out with age-appropriate activities.



BASIC EDUCATION COURSES

The Basic Education Courses, which provide Muslim children with foundational religious and cultural learning, are among the most important of IGMG’s educational programs. With structured levels and a corresponding curriculum, they ensure that students build knowledge and skills step by step each year.

Designed for children aged 3 to 15, the program offers age-appropriate courses in Qur’an recitation, basic Islamic practice (ilm al-āl), the life of the Prophet (sīrah), and creed (aqīdah), as well as social and sports activities. Textbooks include Basic Knowledge Preparatory 1–2 and Basic Knowledge 1–2–3. The program is divided into preschools (ages 3–6), preparatory classes (ages 7–8), basic education classes (ages 9–12), and secondary classes (ages 13–15).

Teachers are carefully selected for both their religious knowledge and pedagogical skills, ensuring that lessons meet the needs of students at each level.

Holiday courses are also organized for all age groups in the Basic Education program. These offer students the chance to reinforce their religious knowledge in an environment that is both educational and enjoyable, enriched with a variety of activities. The IGMG Basic Education Curriculum is applied consistently across all levels. Offered four times a year—in spring, summer, autumn, and winter—these programs serve thousands of students annually and may be organized as day sessions or residential camps. Summer schools in places such as Bosnia and Istanbul give children the opportunity to strengthen their historical and cultural awareness through firsthand experiences.

In addition, homework support programs provide extra help for children in primary and secondary schools. Many branches have long offered supplementary classes and homework assistance to support students in their studies.

BASIC EDUCATION SERVICES

These programs are structured into three levels: Preparatory Classes, Level 1, and Level 2. For children aged 7–8, the Preparatory Classes use the Elif Juz (primer), Elif-Bā workbook, and Basic Knowledge Preparatory 1–2. Turkish Preparatory Books 1–2 are also available for this age group. Students aged 9–12 make up Level 1, where they use Basic Knowledge Books 1 and 2. Level 2, covering ages 13–15, follows a dedicated curriculum based on Basic Knowledge Book 3.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

To enhance the qualifications of educators serving in Preschool, Family Education, and Basic Education, IGMG organizes professional development courses. These programs are offered in three main areas: Family Educator Training, Training of Trainers, and Special Education Programs.

SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE

Educational programs across all IGMG regions and branches are regularly reviewed to ensure compliance with age levels, curricula, teaching materials, educator qualifications, facilities, and more. Guidance is provided through evaluations and site visits to education centers, schools, and courses. Recommendations are made to improve services and raise quality, while any deficiencies identified are promptly addressed.

ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Islamic religious classes in public schools are vital, as they allow Muslim children to continue learning their faith in a school environment. To support this, Islamic religion teachers receive supplementary training. Efforts are also made to prepare and improve curricula and teaching materials. IGMG contributes actively to committees formed for Islamic religious education, helping shape both content and standards.





HUMAN RESOURCES

The essential elements of education are students, teachers, and administrators, and IGMG works to identify and strengthen these core areas. An online E-Inventory system records both quantitative and qualitative data about these resources. Professional Development Seminars (E-HIES) enhance the teaching skills and subject knowledge of educators in Preschool, Basic Education, Secondary Education, Islamic Studies, and Adult Education.

As part of its human resources efforts, IGMG also seeks to train specialized educators who can meet the religious education needs of students with special needs. Through the E-Certificate program, certification courses are offered in cooperation with universities and institutes. These programs draw on expertise beyond the Education Department and contribute directly to teachers' professional development. Educational administrators—another key part of the process—are supported through the Educational Leadership Development Program (E-YÖGEP).

PARENT ASSOCIATIONS

In locations where IGMG branches are active, Parent Associations have been established to support and coordinate the education of students in public schools in partnership with their families. In countries where this is not possible, parents are guided toward school-based parent-teacher associations, with representatives appointed to assist them.

MATERIALS AND CURRICULA

All educational materials and curricula used to support learning are developed and regularly updated by IGMG. These include textbooks for preschool, primary and secondary education, holiday courses, special education, Islamic Studies, and adult education, as well as Islamic religion textbooks for use in public schools. Digital resources and platforms are also created. Each field of study is supervised by designated coordinators to ensure quality and consistency.

EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Guided by the principle that education knows no barriers, IGMG supports individuals with disabilities by helping them participate fully in social and religious life, develop their skills, and become active members of society. It also works to raise awareness within the broader community and to encourage support for people with disabilities.

As part of its programs, individuals with hearing, visual, cognitive, and physical disabilities receive basic religious education and Qur'an instruction. The goal is to integrate them into existing educational activities, create facilities suited to their needs, and ensure that learning is delivered in a fully inclusive way.

Visually impaired students take part in online meetings and specialized courses at regular intervals, using resources such as the Braille Elif-Ba, the Braille Qur'an, and enlarged Qur'an texts. Under the guidance of specialist instructors, they also study Islamic jurisprudence (fiqh), creed (aqīdah), and prophetic biography (sīrah). Reading circles and spiritual gatherings further strengthen their connection to the community, broaden their horizons, and

nurture deeper understanding.

For hearing-impaired students, educators from different regions receive advanced training that includes national sign language courses. After completing these programs, they are provided with additional instruction in Islamic terminology adapted to sign language.

Special courses are also organized during school holidays. For visually impaired students, holiday camps offer Braille Qur'an instruction and basic religious education. For hearing-impaired students, courses focus on Islamic terminology in sign language.

Tailored umrah and cultural trips are organized in cooperation with the IGMG Department of Hajj, Umrah, and Travel, with guidance and arrangements adapted to participants' specific needs.

Among the original resources developed are Braille Elif-Ba primers, prayer and surah books in Braille, and family-supported teaching guides designed to help parents in educating visually impaired children.



QALAM LEARNING PROGRAM

Launched by the IGMG Education Department, the Qalam Courses provide instruction in multiple languages, including German, English, French, and Dutch. They are designed both for those exploring Islam and for new Muslims, offering the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of faith, deepen their knowledge, and discuss matters of belief and worship with fellow Muslims.

The primary aim of the Qalam Learning Program is to give participants a solid grounding in the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), in line with the Ahl al-Sunnah tradition. Instruction covers religious practices, the articles of faith, the life of the Prophet, the correct recitation and meaning of surahs and supplications used in prayer, Islamic ethics, and the cultivation of noble character.

The courses also serve as a valuable resource for adult Muslims who may not previously have had the chance to study or practice their faith in depth. Participants' questions are addressed in the light of the Qur'an and Sunnah, with tailored support offered where needed. Beyond teaching, the Qalam Learning Program creates an open space for dialogue and exchange. In this way, it helps participants strengthen their ties with mosque communities and encourages them to take a more active role in both social and religious life.





YOUTH

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Allah, Mighty and Majestic, loves the youth who spends his youth in c

(Narrated by Ibn Umar, may Allah be pleased with him)

IGMG encourages young people to embrace Islam and its values, while promoting universal virtues such as justice, kindness, and solidarity. From secondary school through university, Muslim youth are supported to grow spiritually, intellectually, and professionally, gaining both knowledge and self-confidence. Guided by the principle of raising “generations beloved by God and of benefit to people,” IGMG seeks to nurture young Muslims with a strong Islamic identity and a deep sense of social responsibility, preparing them to become individuals who contribute positively to society.

Educational and guidance activities form the foundation of IGMG’s youth programs, reaching tens of thousands of young people each year.

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EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND COURSES

To inform and raise awareness among young people on both religious and contemporary issues, IGMG organizes a wide range of courses, seminars, and residential training programs, especially on weekends and during school holidays. In these residential programs, students continuing their formal education meet peers from different countries, regions, and mosques. Alongside educational and spiritual growth, they also enjoy social and sports activities, making the experience both enriching and enjoyable.

Seminar circles that help youth preserve their religious identity and maintain a sound creed in line with the Ahl al-Sunna wa'l-Jama'a attract thousands of participants.

A key example is the Young Administrators' Residential Training Seminar (Genç İdareciler Yatılı Eğitim Semineri - GİYES), which brings in expert instructors, prepares future leaders, supports personal development, and awards certificates recognized within the organization.

STAR YOUTH AND CRESCENT YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM

For young people aged 16 and above who have completed weekend basic training, the Star and Crescent Youth Programs (Yıldız Genç ve Hilal Genç Eğitim Programı) offer a three-year curriculum. These programs combine religious, cultural, and civic education with social skills, equipping youth with knowledge and competencies for daily life. They prepare future leaders who, upon graduation, receive diplomas and join leadership ranks in different fields. The program culminates in the Star or Crescent Oratory Competition (Yıldız veya Hilal Hitabet Yarışması).

CAREER AND EDUCATION FAIRS

Career and education fairs and seminars are held for secondary and high school students, providing counseling and guidance in choosing their future universities and fields of study.



SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Through sports tournaments across Europe, young people not only enjoy themselves but also experience the spirit of friendly competition. Excursions are organized to different cities and cultural sites to positively contribute to their character development, help them broaden their horizons, and inspire reflection.

Youth festivals, which attract large audiences, further enrich their cultural development. Widely attended Youth Umrah Trips (Gençlik Umreleri) foster spiritual growth while giving participants the chance to experience Islamic history and culture firsthand in the company of their peers.

SOCIAL AID PROJECTS

To foster solidarity and a spirit of mutual assistance, IGMG youth take part in various charitable initiatives. Projects are also developed to support education in economically disadvantaged countries, with young people actively encouraged to contribute.

At times of special need, tailored initiatives are launched—for instance, the Lending a Hand to Neighbors campaign (Komşuya El Uzat) during the pandemic, when volunteers helped the elderly with shopping or accompanied them to vaccination centers.

A recurring initiative during Ramadan is the Shared Meal (Sefer Tası) Project, in which young people visit the elderly for iftar (fast-breaking) dinners. Young women, in particular, bring meals and return with heartfelt advice and prayers from their hosts.

YOUTH CONVERSATIONS

Periodic programs have long been organized under titles such as Young Scholars' Seminars (Genç İlim Seminerleri), Erkam Gatherings (Erkam Sohbetleri), and Local Gatherings (Lokal Sohbetler). Their aim is to help raise successful, socially beneficial individuals. These programs bring together thousands of young people to explore religious, cultural, and social topics, with a focus on shared values and guidance from experts in their fields.

The Erkam Gatherings held in homes are hosted weekly by young people in rotation, following a set curriculum, and are always open to newcomers. In mosques and youth centers, weekly scholarly talks take place with the participation of imams, youth leaders, and subject experts. These sessions often include social activities, adding a community-building dimension to the learning experience.

ELDER BROTHER–YOUNGER BROTHER / ELDER SISTER–YOUNGER SISTER PROGRAM

In this mentorship program, university students guide middle and high school youth in structured relationships. Thousands of young people take part, with older peers offering support in education, school life, friendships, and other areas where younger students need role models. These mentors help instill social responsibility and Islamic values in the next generation.

Groups formed under this framework meet regularly, making their activities part of IGMG's action-based education model. The program also addresses the everyday social and cultural challenges faced by Muslim youth, providing support alongside formal learning. With the help of elder mentors, young Muslims strengthen their identity and gain confidence in society.

GUIDANCE SERVICES

A wide range of spiritually themed activities are organized, including 10 Verses, Hadiths, The Litany of Young Volunteers, Blessed Night of Ramadan programs, Qur'an programs devoted to completing full readings, The Young Person's Night Prayer and Fasting, book-reading and Qur'an-reading circles, and Days of Remembrance. For young women, the specially prepared book *My Ramadan Companion* serves as a spiritual guide throughout the holy month.

Morning Prayer Gatherings with the congregation are among the most popular events for youth. These gatherings include special programs to strengthen young people's connection with the congregation, prayer, and mosque, while fostering unity and belonging within the welcoming environment of the mosque.

Mosque Camps, coordinated by the Youth Organization's Secondary Education Department, combine education and recreation. These programs allow secondary-level students to spend nights in the mosque, deepening their sense of belonging.

TRANSITION TO YOUTH

As part of the Young Mus'abs (Genç Mus'ablar) program, activities bring together secondary-level students who have graduated from Basic Education Courses, integrating them into youth programs. Events such as youth transition ceremonies, study circles, parent gatherings, excursions, and visits are organized.

For young women, elder sisters in the branches visit weekend courses to invite them into youth programs, guiding those who have outgrown the Children's Club (Çocuk Kulübü) into the activities of the youth wing.





COMPETITIONS

Across Europe, numerous competitions are organized with the participation of large numbers of young people. These cover categories such as general knowledge, adhan (call to prayer), essays, poetry, short films, photography, and public speaking. In this way, youth are encouraged to discover and develop their talents in a wide variety of fields. Some of these competitions are held annually and have become long-standing traditions.

Golden Crescent Short Film and Photography Competition

This competition gives young people the opportunity to express their ideas and perspectives through short films. Participants take on every role—director, scriptwriter, cinematographer, and actor—producing works that address pressing social issues. Each year, hundreds of young people present their films at a public event. Under the same title, photography contests are also organized on designated themes.



Yıldız / Hilal Public Speaking Competition

Held among hundreds of students from the Yıldız and Hilal courses, this competition highlights social issues and challenges participants to demonstrate their full range of oratory skills before large audiences.

Adhan Competition

Organized for many years under the title "Europe Seeks Its Bilal" (Avrupa Bilal'ini Arıyor), this contest encourages young people to recite the adhan and practice the role of muezzin. It recognizes those with outstanding vocal talent and rewards their achievements.

Knowledge Competitions

To foster a love of reading and strengthen general knowledge, quiz-style competitions are held regularly. Many young people advance through preliminary rounds and compete in the finals.

Essay and Story Competitions

To inspire young people to write and to nurture their literary skills, essay and short story contests are also organized within the youth branches.



A YOUTH THAT READS, REFLECTS, AND TAKES RESPONSIBILITY

A wide range of activities are carried out to support the intellectual, spiritual, and social development of young people. These initiatives help them discover their talents, develop their potential, and build a strong sense of identity.

Within this framework, the We Read (Okuyorumuz) circles bring young people together to read and analyze books, fostering strong reading skills. Through the exchange of ideas, they strengthen their ability to think critically, debate, and interpret. In this way, they grow into conscious, confident individuals who remain open to diverse perspectives.

Young people also gather in sacred places. During Umrah visits, programs such as Rawdah and mosque gatherings, circles of fellowship (muhabbet halkaları), night prayers, and tahajjud meetings enrich their spiritual lives. These encounters help them approach worship

with deeper awareness, offering unforgettable spiritual experiences and a powerful sense of brotherhood.

Equally important is nurturing a generation that acts with social responsibility. With this aim, programs include visits to retirement homes, aid to refugee camps, and community projects that make a meaningful contribution to society. Such activities strengthen empathy and shape young people into compassionate, socially conscious individuals.

The spiritual atmosphere of Ramadan is further enriched by youth-focused programs. Podcasts such as Genç-iz (a title meaning both “we are young” and “young track”) explore religious, social, and personal themes from diverse perspectives, addressing the questions of today’s youth in their own voice.





Youth Organization Fajr Prayer Program







ERKAM CONVERSATIONS

With our home gatherings, we touch the hearts of our youth.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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Read abundantly and never abandon reading. One who has a concern reads; one who has none acquires it through reading. The real issue is that we must have a concern.

Rasim Özdenören

A wide range of services is offered to Muslim youth who are preparing for university, currently enrolled in higher education, or have already graduated. These services aim to help them shape their lives with an awareness of their religious, historical, and cultural identity. They are encouraged to express and defend their ideas with confidence and to grow into individuals who take on responsibility in society. To this end, student associations are established at universities to bring Muslim students together. These associations foster brotherhood and solidarity while enabling students to act collectively. The vision extends beyond academic specialization. IGMG seeks to nurture university students who have something meaningful to contribute to their societies—young people of purpose and vision. One of IGMG’s central goals is to raise a generation of confident, principled, and visionary university students. Through these services, IGMG reaches thousands of students across universities.

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COUNSELING SERVICE

The Counseling Service was established to listen to the concerns of prospective university students and support them as they take their first steps into academic life. Guidance is provided by students who have already walked this path, sharing their own experiences about the departments and universities under consideration.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

A selected group of students preparing for higher education take part in the Special Education Program. Here they broaden their horizons through courses in Islamic studies, history, philosophy, and economics. This initiative equips them with training that not only prepares them for theological studies at a global level but also opens the door to knowledge, wisdom, and deeper insight.

SYMPOSIA, PANELS, AND SEMINARS

Through symposia and panel discussions, young people are encouraged to broaden and deepen their intellectual horizons. The academics invited to these programs are carefully chosen from among leading experts who have made a strong impact both in their countries and in their fields.

Residential training seminars, held in different regions of Europe, bring together students from diverse backgrounds. These programs enable them to meet, bond, and exchange ideas while encouraging in-depth discussions on the chosen topics.

DIGITAL INITIATIVES

On social media, various projects aimed at university students—such as the Advice Series, UniTalk, and 100Yüze (Face to Face)—highlight books, films, and poems recommended by peers. They also draw attention to renowned scholars, Qur'anic verses, and hadiths. These initiatives feature the stories of students who have excelled in their studies, as well as advice from distinguished academics, offering both guidance and inspiration to university youth.





EVLIYA ÇELEBI LANGUAGE COURSES

The Evliya Çelebi Language Courses give young people the chance to learn new languages in the very cities where those languages are spoken. The aim is not only to teach the language itself but also to immerse students in the life of the city and introduce them to its traditions.

Alongside language instruction, the curriculum includes seminars on the history, politics, and culture of the host cities, offering students a broader understanding of the environment in which they are learning.

COMMEMORATION DAYS

Commemoration Days are organized at different times and venues to honor influential figures whose works and ideas have left a lasting mark on history. These events aim to examine their contributions in depth and to introduce university students to figures who played a key role in shaping Islamic culture and civilization, as well as humanity's shared heritage.

CULTURAL TRIPS

Cultural trips are organized for university students to encourage them to visit places that can positively shape their personal development and to reflect on their experiences.

Activities such as Discover Your City and UniTour help students—especially those who have moved to new cities for their studies—become familiar with their surroundings. These programs also support them in adapting to new environments and navigating the questions and challenges they may face during university life.

ADABI

Under the title ADABI, graduation ceremonies are held to recognize and celebrate young people completing high school. At the same time, ADABI encourages students to pursue university education and provides guidance for their academic paths.

HOUSES OF WISDOM AND GHAZĀLĪ GRANTS

A variety of initiatives support university students pursuing their studies in Europe. For those studying far from their families, university houses and dormitories are offered to help them live their academic lives more meaningfully and with religious and cultural awareness.

In addition, research grants are provided to students aspiring to academic careers, fostering the growth of well-qualified individuals.

STUDYDAY

The STUDYDAY counseling fair is organized for high school graduates preparing to enter university. As part of the program, students can explore which majors and universities best suit them, guided by older peers—brothers and sisters who are already enrolled in or have graduated from university.





UNIDAY

Held under the title UNIDAY (“University Students’ Day”), this event brings together university students from around the world on a large scale. By connecting with their rich heritage, the program serves as a vital bridge—helping young people build a healthy future and meet role models who inspire them.





INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

IGMG systematically engages with religious communities, public institutions, civil society organizations, the media, and the wider public, striving to reach all segments of society. It provides services through initiatives such as Open Mosque Days, public campaigns, and publications.

Encouraging Muslims in Europe to participate fully in all areas of life, IGMG works to secure equal rights and to combat racism and discrimination

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INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

One of IGMG's primary goals is to ensure equal representation and protect the rights of Muslims in the societies to which they belong. To this end, IGMG strengthens communication among Muslims and follows up on joint initiatives by holding regular meetings with umbrella Muslim organizations. It also maintains constant dialogue with public institutions. In addition to engaging with Muslim communities, IGMG places great importance on dialogue with non-Muslim communities in the countries where it operates.

IGMG also conducts research and develops strategies on matters concerning religion-state relations. This includes examining the different models of religion-state relations around the world and the opportunities they create, such as introducing Islamic education classes in pub-

lic schools or establishing faculties of Islamic theology.

IGMG supports the fullest possible participation of Muslims in social life. Attentive both to the needs of its members and to the societies in which they live, it maintains ongoing communication with migrant organizations, human rights bodies, and civil society organizations—building joint platforms and developing cooperative projects.

To strengthen these relationships in a sound and sustainable way, IGMG prepares plans and programs based on its research and development in social, political, and legal fields. It also issues regular press releases to share its positions on various matters with the public.





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INTERNATIONAL UYGHUR FORUM

In 2022, the International Uyghur Forum was held at the European Parliament in Brussels. The forum addressed the genocide perpetrated against the Uyghurs in East Turkestan by China and explored possible solutions.

ARAKAN CONFERENCE

In 2018, the conference titled "International Rohingya Crisis and Solutions" took place in Cologne, Germany. It was attended by political and academic figures from many countries and focused on finding solutions to the humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in Rakhine State. The conference played a significant role in the process that led to Myanmar's genocide against the Rohingya being brought before international courts the following year.







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LATIN AMERICA CONFERENCE

Also in 2018, under the auspices of IGMG, a series of meetings was held with representatives of Muslim communities in Latin America. These gatherings addressed the social, political, and educational challenges faced by Muslims in the region and laid the groundwork for future initiatives and projects to be implemented in Latin America.

PROMOTION

To ensure that IGMG's activities reach more people and that communication with the public continues in an organized way, various promotional projects and campaigns are carried out. The development and execution of these projects are coordinated with the headquarters and regional branches to maintain consistency. Training programs are also prepared and implemented for regions and local units to strengthen their capacity in promotional work.

By translating the organization's brochures and promotional materials into multiple languages and making them widely available, IGMG ensures that its activities are communicated to broader segments of society.

Equal importance is given to promoting IGMG's work through broadcast and visual media as through print. In this context, IGMG places em-

phasis on maintaining regular communication with the media and remains active on the internet and social media platforms. Alongside these efforts, video clips produced in multiple languages—introducing both Islam and IGMG—are shared online and broadcast on different programs, reaching diverse audiences.

As a religious community, IGMG strives to present and represent Islam in the best possible way. To this end, many written works and promotional materials have been published and translated into several languages. Events such as Open Mosque Day, along with various other programs and initiatives, help promote and foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Islam and of our Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) in the societies in which we live.

IFTAR

Among IGMG's regular activities, institutional iftar programs bring together government officials, political figures, business leaders, members of the press, and numerous civil society organizations.

These gatherings promote awareness of Islam, Muslims, Ramadan, and fasting, while offering guests the chance to converse in a warm atmosphere and get to know one another better. For Muslims, nurturing good relations with neighbors is a religious obligation. In this spirit, Ramadan is used as an opportunity to strengthen ties with neighbors, with IGMG communities organizing "Iftar with Neighbors" programs both individually and collectively.

At these iftars, non-Muslim neighbors and acquaintances are also welcomed, creating a sincere and friendly environment. Many mosque communities host iftar meals throughout Ramadan, either inside their mosques or in tents set up in the courtyards. Anyone who wishes may join these gatherings.

To share the beauty of iftar with even larger audiences, street iftars and open-air iftars are also organized. These events, attended by thousands of people, reflect the joy and richness of cultural diversity.



OPEN MOSQUE DAY

Mosques make invaluable contributions to social life, and it is vital to share these contributions with the wider public. To this end, Open Mosque Day is held annually as a regular activity. First organized in Germany in 1997, the event is also held at different times in IGMG mosques in other countries.

The aim is to foster encounters and mutual understanding: on Open Mosque Day, the doors of mosques are opened to everyone, offering visitors—especially non-Muslims—the chance to meet Muslims and gain insights into community life.

YOU CAN CHANGE IT

As hostility toward Islam increases, Muslims—especially headscarf-wearing women—are facing growing levels of discrimination, xenophobia, and racist attacks in social life, the workplace, and public institutions. To highlight and counter these attitudes, IGMG organizes public stands under the slogan “You Can Change It,” raising awareness and encouraging solidarity.

These initiatives aim to build awareness against racism and discrimination while empowering individuals—particularly Muslim women—to remain confident and not withdraw or feel sidelined in the face of prejudice and exclusion.

HERE I AM, MUSLIM

The “Here I Am, Muslim” initiative gives people living alongside Muslims the opportunity to engage in direct, personal conversation with them. It is organized in busy shopping streets, town squares, and other public spaces, where visitors are invited to engage in open dialogue with Muslims.

Launched with the aim of breaking down prejudice and building bridges of understanding, the “Here I Am, Muslim” initiative has been implemented by IGMG in all the countries where it operates since 2015. Through these encounters, countless meaningful conversations take place each year, fostering mutual respect and understanding.

PANDEMIC-ERA INITIATIVES

From time to time, IGMG develops and implements initiatives tailored to prevailing circumstances and needs. During the COVID-19 pandemic, which began in early 2020 and dominated the global agenda for an extended period, profoundly affecting nearly everyone’s lives, IGMG launched several initiatives, including “We’re Grateful for You!”, “Let’s Sew Masks, Let’s Support Each Other,” and “Reach Out to Your Neighbor.”



REPRESENTATION IN MUSLIM UMBRELLA ORGANIZATIONS

IGMG strives to be an active part of Muslim representative institutions in every country where it operates. It not only carries out its own activities but also works together with other Muslim organizations to address shared challenges and develop common solutions. In doing so, IGMG amplifies the voice of Muslim communities and plays a participatory, constructive, and responsible role within broader society.

For example, in Germany, through its membership in the German Islamic Council (Islamrat), IGMG organizes symposia, panel discussions, debates, and educational programs that address the social, cultural, and political issues facing Muslims. These efforts create vital platforms where Muslims can freely express their concerns, propose solutions, and bring them to the attention of the wider public.



In other countries where it operates, IGMG likewise works closely with umbrella Muslim organizations. It participates in national and local consultation meetings that bring together representatives of diverse communities, helping Muslims voice their shared concerns. In these discussions, not only religious issues but also matters such as education, youth, social services, women's empowerment and en-

gagement, and civic participation are placed on the agenda.

In this way, IGMG goes beyond being solely a religious community. It contributes to strengthening dialogue, solidarity, and a culture of cooperation and mutual understanding in the societies where Muslims live.

COMBATING ISLAMOPHOBIA AND DISCRIMINATION

Efforts to combat Islamophobia, racism, and discrimination—as well as to monitor and document cases of discrimination against Muslims—hold an important place among IGMG's activities. In this field, IGMG works in cooperation with various associations to address cases of discrimination faced by Muslims because of their faith. It provides counseling services and publishes reports documenting acts of discrimination, which are shared with the public and with human rights organizations to raise awareness at both national and international levels.

As part of these efforts, IGMG also organizes events during the International Week Against Racism to increase public awareness.

IGMG's work further includes promoting equality in both individual and collective rights and safeguarding social justice. Combating institutional inequality is considered just as essential as addressing individual cases. To this end, IGMG develops and implements concepts and initiatives aimed at promoting the equal participation of Muslims and Islamic communities.

One of the clearest manifestations of Islamophobia is the attacks targeting mosques and Muslim institutions. Projects are therefore carried out to establish mechanisms that ensure such attacks are properly recorded by the relevant authorities, highlighting the widespread indifference often shown in response to these incidents.



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**PUBLISHING HOUSE AND
ONLINE SERVICES**

IGMG's publications aim to promote and preserve spiritual values, keep cultural identity and heritage alive, and encourage civic and cultural participation in the countries where it operates. They also address key issues concerning Muslim identity and contemporary life.

Publications that cater to the needs of Muslim generations growing up in European societies are prepared with great care and attention.

Both in print and digital formats, IGMG produces works that reflect diversity and inclusivity, meeting the needs, expectations, and development of Muslim communities. Since its founding, IGMG has been a pioneering force in publishing, producing hundreds of works in multiple languages. Today, it continues to expand and strengthen its digital presence, reaching an ever-growing readership and on-line audience.

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CAMİA

Founded in 2012, the biweekly newspaper Camia (The Community) serves Turkish-speaking communities across Europe and beyond. It covers developments relevant to its readers, keeping them informed with up-to-date news and analysis. Alongside current affairs, Camia features insightful articles on family, social, and cultural issues, offering a perspective rooted in Muslim values. The newspaper also informs readers about IGMG's activities and projects.

Published every other Friday, Camia is distributed in mosques as well as in various institu-

tions, associations, community centers, and workplaces.

Through its online news portal, camiahaber.com, Camia engages with readers on a daily basis by publishing a wide range of news and commentary. Drawing from both local and international sources, it has established itself as a leading voice in Turkish-language journalism in Europe.



CAMİA TV

Camia TV is an online television channel launched in 2020 on YouTube to reach a broader audience through digital platforms.

With its daily news bulletins addressing Muslims living in Europe, Camia TV keeps its finger on the pulse of current events. Its broadcasts attract hundreds of thousands of viewers every day and continue to generate growing interest.



PERSPEKTİF

Published since 1995, Perspektif magazine (perspektif.eu) is one of the leading Turkish-language monthly periodicals in Europe. Perspektif informs its readers, nurtures their cultural roots, and encourages active participation in all areas of life in their countries of residence.

It offers commentary on developments concerning Muslims in Europe and migrant communities more broadly, addressing issues related to the rights and social life of Muslims. The magazine also examines topics of significance within

a framework of values and responsibility, both in the European and global context. With its in-depth feature reports and research dossiers, Perspektif provides an invaluable contribution to public understanding.

In addition to its print publication, Perspektif has successfully extended its long-standing editorial expertise into the digital realm through public events, serialized articles, and multimedia content.



SABAH ÜLKESİ

Published since 2004, Sabah Ülkesi (The Land of Dawn) — sabahulkesi.com — focuses primarily on Turkish-Islamic culture and on the European culture that shares its civilizational space. More broadly, it explores humanity's shared cultural heritage along with its artistic and intellectual expressions.

The magazine introduces readers to their own cultural and intellectual legacy as well as to the finest works of European and global culture, enriching them intellectually, philosophically, and artistically. It also features the diverse Islamic cultures that have emerged — and continue to evolve — across different parts of the world.

Published quarterly, Sabah Ülkesi is devoted to culture, art, philosophy, and thought. Its editorial vision centers on the human being as the creator of these values, and on the languages and spaces that preserve and convey them.

Within this framework, the magazine highlights the lives of individuals who embody the unique character of their culture (biographies), their literary and philosophical works, the spaces they have shaped (cities), and their artistic expressions — including cinema, music, architecture, photography, and painting.



GÖKKUŞAĞI

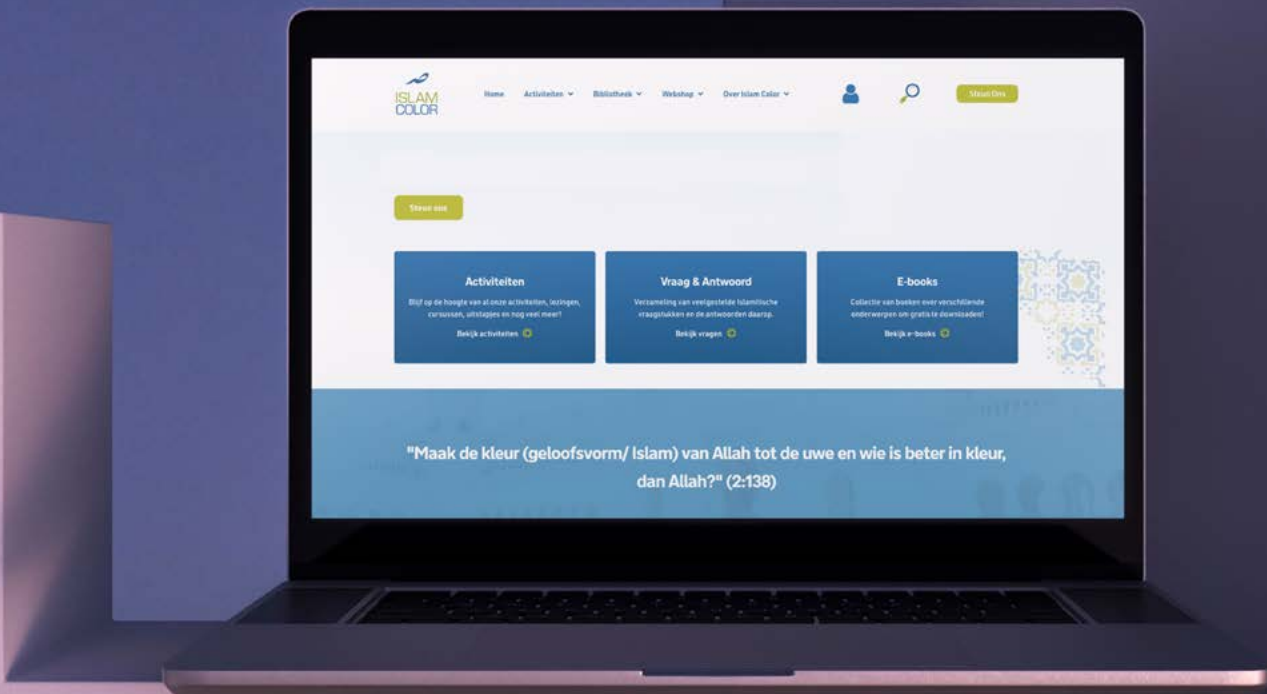
Published monthly in Turkish, Gökkuşuğu (Rainbow) is a children's magazine that covers a wide range of engaging and meaningful topics designed to inform and inspire young readers.

Since 1996, its colorful and lively pages have reached children across the world, with each issue personally mailed—addressed by name—to members of the IGMG Children's Club.

This approach helps children feel personally connected and valued, while giving them a

platform to express themselves by contributing their own writings, drawings, and other creative works.

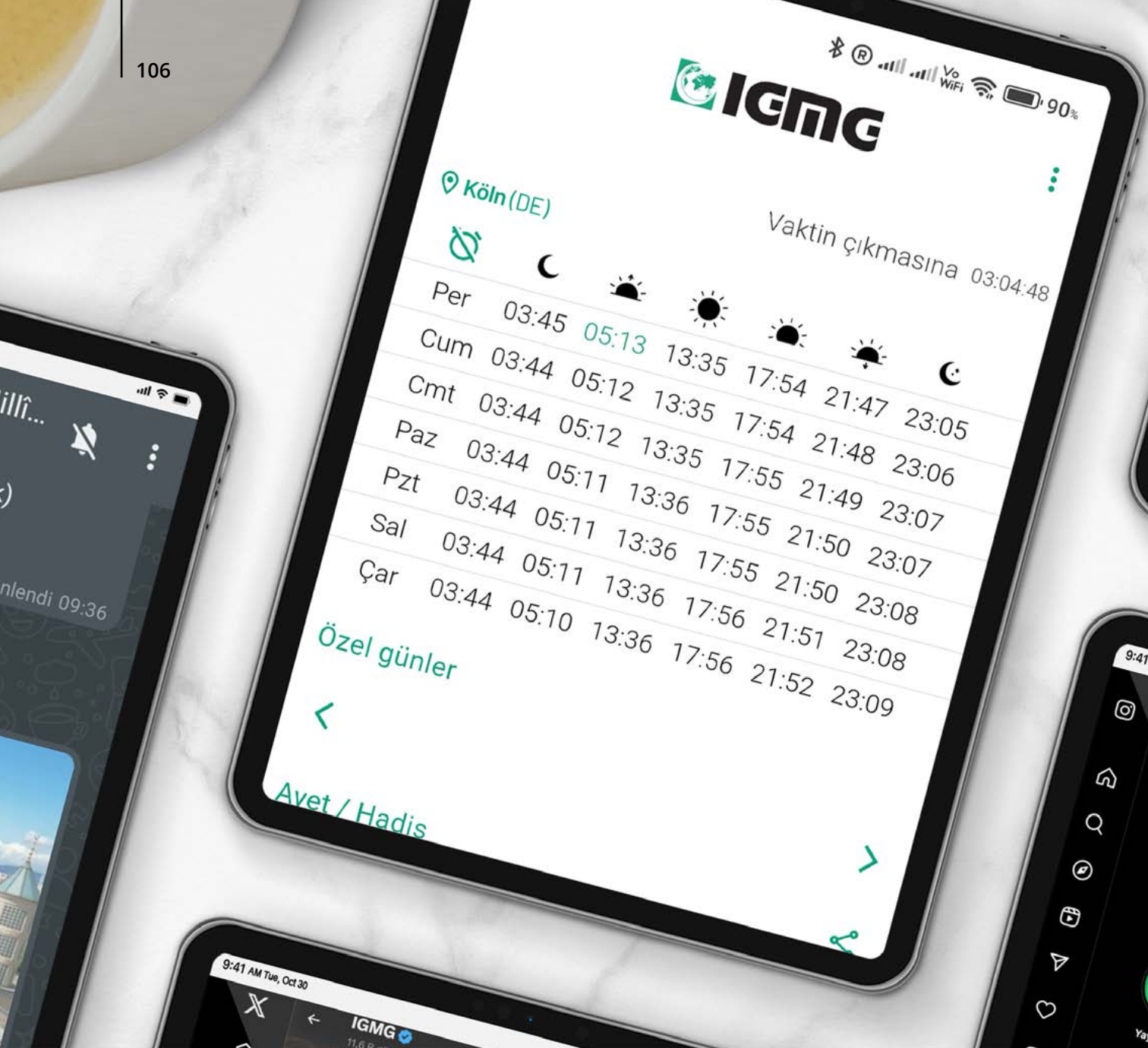
In addition to its print edition, Gökkuşuğu (Rainbow) and a variety of child-friendly content are also available online through the IGMG Children's Club website (igmgcocuk.org).



DIGITAL PLATFORMS IN LOCAL LANGUAGES

While Turkish is the primary language of communication among IGMG members, the organization also recognizes the local languages of the countries in which it operates as native languages. Accordingly, IGMG conducts its work in all areas of social engagement through these languages as well.

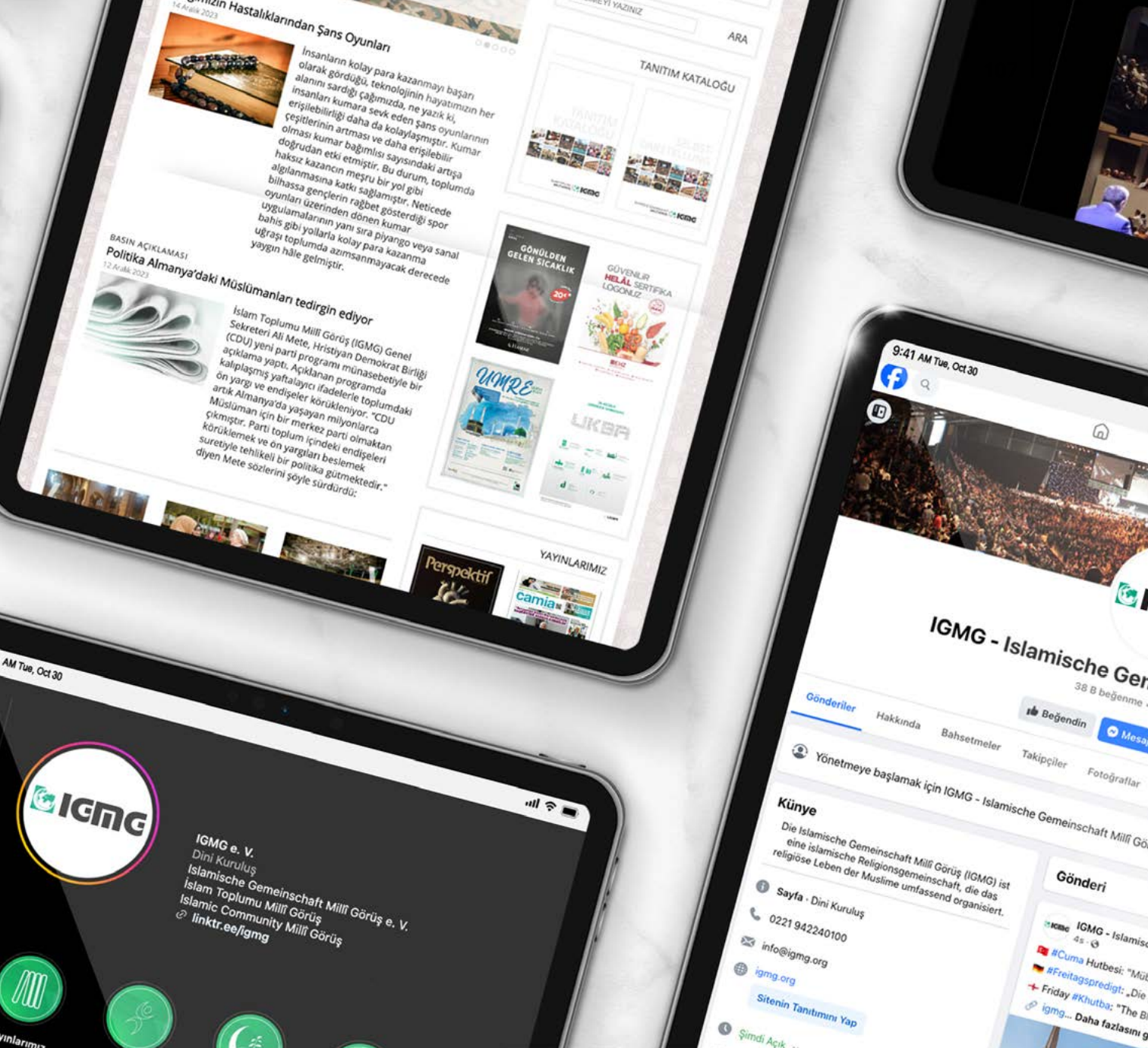
In this spirit, IGMG provides content in both Turkish and local languages across its online news portals, official websites, social media channels, and various other digital platforms. This ensures that individuals who do not speak Turkish can also access and engage with IGMG's content in their own languages.



WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

To strengthen its digital presence and reach broader audiences, IGMG established its official website, www.igmg.org, which provides informative and educational content in multiple languages. The site features press releases, major events, and Friday sermons translated into various languages, as well as a Qur'an database, translations, prayer times, and a mosque directory.

IGMG institutions and organizations also maintain a strong and active presence on social media, reaching millions of followers across leading platforms. In addition, the IGMG App—available in Turkish and German—offers users access to press releases, sermons, prayer and fasting timetables, a qibla compass, a mosque directory, and a digital library service.



To make reading, listening to, and sharing the Qur'an easier, IGMG developed the Kur'anu'l-Hakim App, which provides content in Turkish, German, English, and French.

Through its YouTube channel (@igmgorg), IGMG publishes informative and educational videos designed to support Muslims in their spiritual lives. These include answers to jurisprudential

questions as well as resources for converts and those newly exploring Islam—prepared in local languages and widely appreciated.

IGMG also produces regular podcasts in Turkish and German covering news, commentary, culture, guidance, and education, available on major podcast platforms.

SOLIDARITY, COOPERATION, AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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Help one another toward piety and reverence; do not help one another toward sin and enmity.

(Qur'an, Sūrah al-Mā'idah, 5:2)

Islam is primarily a religion of solidarity and cooperation. To fulfill both individual and socially essential acts of worship—such as zakat and fitrah—Muslims need strong institutions and professional organizations.

Particularly in Europe, where Muslims live as a religious minority, Islamic organizations carry the responsibility of meeting these needs and addressing the challenges faced by their communities.

As one of the largest Islamic civil society organizations in Europe, IGMG extends a helping hand to those in need across the world—regardless of religion, language, race, or ethnicity—through its humanitarian aid efforts, striving to ease the suffering of the oppressed and the vulnerable.

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HAND IN HAND WITH THE OPPRESSED AND THE VULNERABLE

Through our specialized humanitarian organization, HASENE International e.V., we carry out aid activities guided by the Islamic principles of solidarity, cooperation, and compassion for those in need.

Inspired by the Qur'anic verse, "Whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it," we undertake relief efforts for victims of natural disasters and war, as well as projects in education, health-care, and other vital areas of need.



FOOD PACKAGE CAMPAIGN

Through our annual food package campaigns held before Ramadan, we support regions struggling with food insecurity caused by war and poverty. These efforts sustain food distributions throughout the year, helping to meet not only nutritional needs but also basic living requirements and educational expenses.

QURBANI (SACRIFICE) CAMPAIGN

Qurbani is an act of worship that draws believers closer to God and nurtures the spirit of sharing, sacrifice, and brotherhood.

Through our annual Qurbani campaign, we ensure that every sacrificial offering is carried out in full accordance with Islamic principles and delivered directly to those in need.

This service continues throughout the year with additional offerings such as nadhr (vow), 'aqiqah (birth sacrifice), and shukr (gratitude) sacrifices.

ZAKAT AND FITRA CAMPAIGN

By extending a helping hand to the oppressed, the vulnerable, refugees, and displaced persons, we put the principle of solidarity into practice through tangible projects rooted in the Islamic understanding of social justice.

Through zakat and fitra donations, we provide scholarships to students, create sustainable livelihood opportunities for widows, and support basic means of subsistence. For people with disabilities who are unable to work, we develop suitable employment opportunities, while our educational support programs address the fundamental needs of orphaned and vulnerable children.

In regions affected by natural disasters, we deliver food, shelter, and essential supplies to alleviate their suffering. We also conduct medical screening projects to provide patients with treatment and surgical assistance.



WATER PROJECTS

By drilling thousands of wells and fountains in areas without access to clean water, we meet one of humanity's most basic needs while raising awareness about the sustainable use of water resources. In addition, hygiene projects are implemented to help prevent the spread of disease.

ORPHAN SUPPORT PROJECTS

We provide orphans not only with financial assistance but also with educational and moral support through a range of programs. The Orphan Mentorship Program offers comprehensive guidance and care, helping children grow into confident, responsible individuals who can make positive contributions to their communities.

HEALTHCARE PROJECTS

In line with the hadith, "Whoever saves one life, it is as if they have saved all of humanity," we provide healthcare services such as medical screenings, surgical assistance, and the supply of medical equipment to those in need. By establishing medical vocational schools and supporting local healthcare professionals, we promote sustainable, long-term improvements in healthcare.







DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

In our humanitarian work, we place strong emphasis on sustainability and long-term impact. From schools and educational centers to orphanages, and from mosques and community complexes to health clinics, we implement a wide range of lasting development projects.

In this context, our initiatives in water-scarce regions ensure sustainable access to clean water and help communities build healthier and safer lives.

In areas affected by war and conflict, we construct living spaces that provide families with shelter, education, and healthcare, enabling both children and adults to rebuild their lives with renewed hope.

EMERGENCY RELIEF ACTIVITIES

For people affected by war, internal conflict, and natural disasters, we deliver food, shelter, and essential supplies. In addition, mobile healthcare services and emergency winter aid programs help relieve suffering and meet urgent needs on the ground.





HUMANITARIAN AID

Guided by a deep sense of responsibility toward the ummah and all humanity, IGMG extends assistance to the oppressed—regardless of religion, language, or ethnicity. It provides swift relief in times of war, natural disaster, and poverty, while also implementing sustainable development projects such as the construction of water wells, schools, and community kitchens.

IGMG works in close cooperation with HASENE International in areas such as Ramadan aid, Qurbani (sacrifice) campaigns, orphan support, and other humanitarian programs.





SOCIAL SERVICES

Since its earliest days, IGMG has not confined itself solely to religious services but has also played an active role in the field of social welfare. Evolving in response to society's changing needs, these initiatives gradually developed into a structured framework designed to reach broader audiences. Conducted in harmony with the community's internal dynamics, these efforts reflect IGMG's profound sense of social responsibility.

Social service activities are carefully coordinated and monitored by several IGMG departments. Implemented across many regions of Europe—particularly in Germany—these initiatives are supported and strengthened through partnerships with civil society organizations such as the Fudul Social Services Association. Such collaborations help ensure that services are delivered more effectively and reach wider segments of society.



IGMG's work in the field of social services aims not only to address individual needs but also to foster social awareness. In addition to improving people's quality of life, various projects promote environmental consciousness and ecological responsibility, striving for sustainable benefits at both the individual and societal levels.

These projects are shaped by current developments and needs analyses, with some carried out periodically or at regular intervals as part of long-term programs. This diversity within IGMG's social service efforts demonstrates its flexible and dynamic character and reflects its inclusive approach to serving all members of society.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Supporting Muslims in their times of grief, IGMG provides funeral services through the UKBA Funeral Assistance Association, handling all official procedures and religious rites on behalf of bereaved families. Operating in this field to strengthen solidarity among Muslims in Europe and to ensure that all burial procedures are carried out in accordance with Islamic principles, IGMG has been expanding its range of services since the 1990s. While it operates through the UKBA in Germany, it provides services to Muslims in other countries via different funds. Every Muslim living in Europe can benefit from these services.

We provide assistance to ensure that the funerals of our members who have passed away are prepared and transported according to Islamic rites. Our aim is to stand by our members and their families during these difficult days, ensuring that every step proceeds smoothly and respectfully in accordance with Islamic principles.

Once the bereaved family informs us, our partner funeral transport service is contacted to prepare the body in line with Islamic practices. The washing (ghusl), shrouding (kafan), funeral prayer (salat al-janazah), and burial are all performed with the utmost care and precision, fully adhering to the requirements of our faith.

After being notified of a member's passing, the nearest funeral transport service is assigned,

and communication is established with the family to plan every stage of the process in detail. Our efforts are not limited to funeral transport alone. We also organize activities that provide spiritual support to our members and the wider community. In each region, cemetery visits and cleaning programs are held regularly, especially on the eve of major Islamic holidays. During these visits, the Qur'an is recited, and collective prayers are performed. Members who wish to learn more about cemetery visit schedules may contact their respective regional offices.

As a community, we stand by your side to ensure that the final journey of our members is carried out in full accordance with Islamic principles and with the utmost dignity. Our goal is to ease your burden in times of sorrow and to ensure that every step of the process is conducted with respect and in full harmony with our religious values.

All our services are delivered with great care and compassion, in complete accordance with the principles of our faith, so that families may feel supported and never alone in their time of grief.

We are, and will always remain, by your side on this meaningful journey of service.



Calvin Klein

WAVENER

HAJJ, UMRAH, AND CULTURAL TRIPS

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Complete the Hajj and the Umrah for Allah.

(Qur'an, Sūrah al-Baqarah, 2:196)

In addition to IGMG's annual Hajj organization, special Umrah programs and cultural tours introducing the sacred and historical lands of Islam are organized throughout the year. In 2024, IGMG's Hajj and Umrah services celebrated their 55th anniversary. The Islamic Community Millî Görüş carries out its activities in this field through the IGMG Hajj and Umrah Travel Agency.

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HAJJ

The Islamic Community Millî Görüş (IGMG) is the first organization in the world to provide Hajj and Umrah guidance in seven languages: Turkish, Arabic, English, German, French, Flemish, and Danish.

Before the pilgrimage, IGMG organizes multilingual educational seminars for prospective pilgrims, offering comprehensive guidance on the rites of Hajj, practical preparations, and health-related matters.

As part of its Hajj services, IGMG provides pre-departure seminars, delivers Hajj kits and supplies directly to pilgrims' homes, and offers an extensive range of services throughout the journey. During the pilgrimage, accommodation, meals, transportation, guidance, and healthcare are provided—alongside a variety of spiritual and educational programs for pilgrims, children, and youth.



Dedicated female staff and special women's discussion sessions are among the many services offered. In addition to Qur'an recitation programs in the holy lands, a large guidance tent—hosting sermons and talks by esteemed preachers and scholars—has been successfully operating for many years. For those who have not yet learned to read the Qur'an, Elif-Ba classes are available, and a female religious

advisor provides spiritual guidance exclusively for women during both Hajj and Umrah.

Training seminars are also held for all Hajj and Umrah staff—both male and female—to ensure full preparedness and awareness, further enhancing the quality and reliability of the services provided.



UMRAH PROGRAMS

Umrah programs are organized throughout the year. These programs include visits to the holy sites in Mecca and Medina, accompanied by spiritual programs designed to ensure that pilgrims fully benefit from the visits made, along with services such as guidance, accommodation, and transportation.

Many of the programs are scheduled to coincide with school holidays, encouraging young people in particular to perform Umrah during their breaks. Special discounts are offered to university students and participants under the age of 25, making it possible for more young people to visit the holy lands. These youth-ori-

ented Umrah programs attract high levels of participation, with special attention given to the inclusion of young preachers. Collective circumambulations (tawāf) and spiritual guidance sessions create an unforgettable atmosphere of enthusiasm among young participants.

In recent years, Umrah for the Retired has become one of the most popular special programs, offering affordable packages for participants aged 55 and above. In addition, special Umrah programs held on blessed nights (known in Turkish as “Kandil”) are among the many opportunities available to pilgrims.

HAJJ AND UMRAH WITH CHILDREN

Through the Umrah Children's Club, children are offered a joyful and spiritually enriching experience in the holy lands, while parents are able to perform their acts of worship with greater peace of mind.

PROGRAMS CONNECTED TO TÜRKIYE AND QUDS

During the summer Umrah programs, participants are given the option to stay in Türkiye after completing their pilgrimage and to arrange their return flights from Türkiye on dates of their own choosing. Pilgrims also have the opportunity to perform Hajj or Umrah together with relatives residing in Türkiye.

In addition, Hajj and Umrah tours that include visits to Quds and the Al-Aqsa Mosque are occasionally organized, attracting great interest from both prospective pilgrims and Umrah participants.

CULTURAL TOURS

Cultural tours are organized to various countries and regions—including Türkiye, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Andalusia, Jerusalem, Cyprus, Bukhara, Samarkand, and other centers of Islamic civilization—introducing participants to their rich history, culture, and heritage.

These journeys are especially designed for young people and university students living in Europe, helping them strengthen their sense of historical awareness and belonging, while offering experiences that are both enriching and formative for their identity.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Umrah and travel programs are organized for individuals with autism, Down syndrome, visual impairments, and physical disabilities.

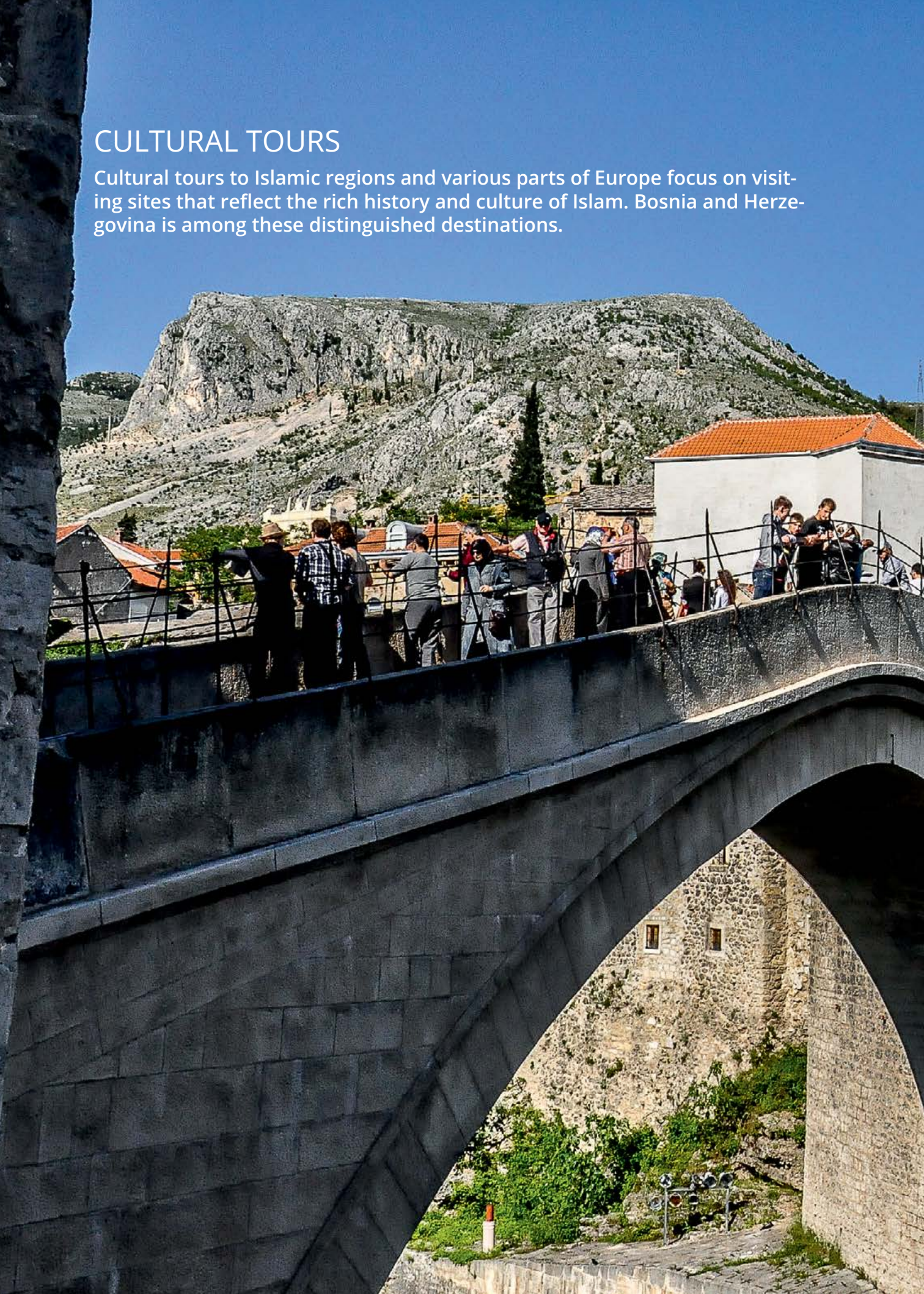
The first specialized Umrah program for the visually impaired—called the Umm Maktûm Group—was launched in 2017/2018. In the following years, dozens of people with disabilities were able to perform Umrah under the guidance of professional instructors, while also receiving personalized educational support.

Similarly, cultural and educational trips have been organized for the visually impaired to destinations such as Bosnia and Herzegovina. More broadly, Special Umrah and Cultural Programs for People with Disabilities are among the services regularly offered, ensuring that everyone can participate in these spiritually and culturally meaningful experiences.



CULTURAL TOURS

Cultural tours to Islamic regions and various parts of Europe focus on visiting sites that reflect the rich history and culture of Islam. Bosnia and Herzegovina is among these distinguished destinations.

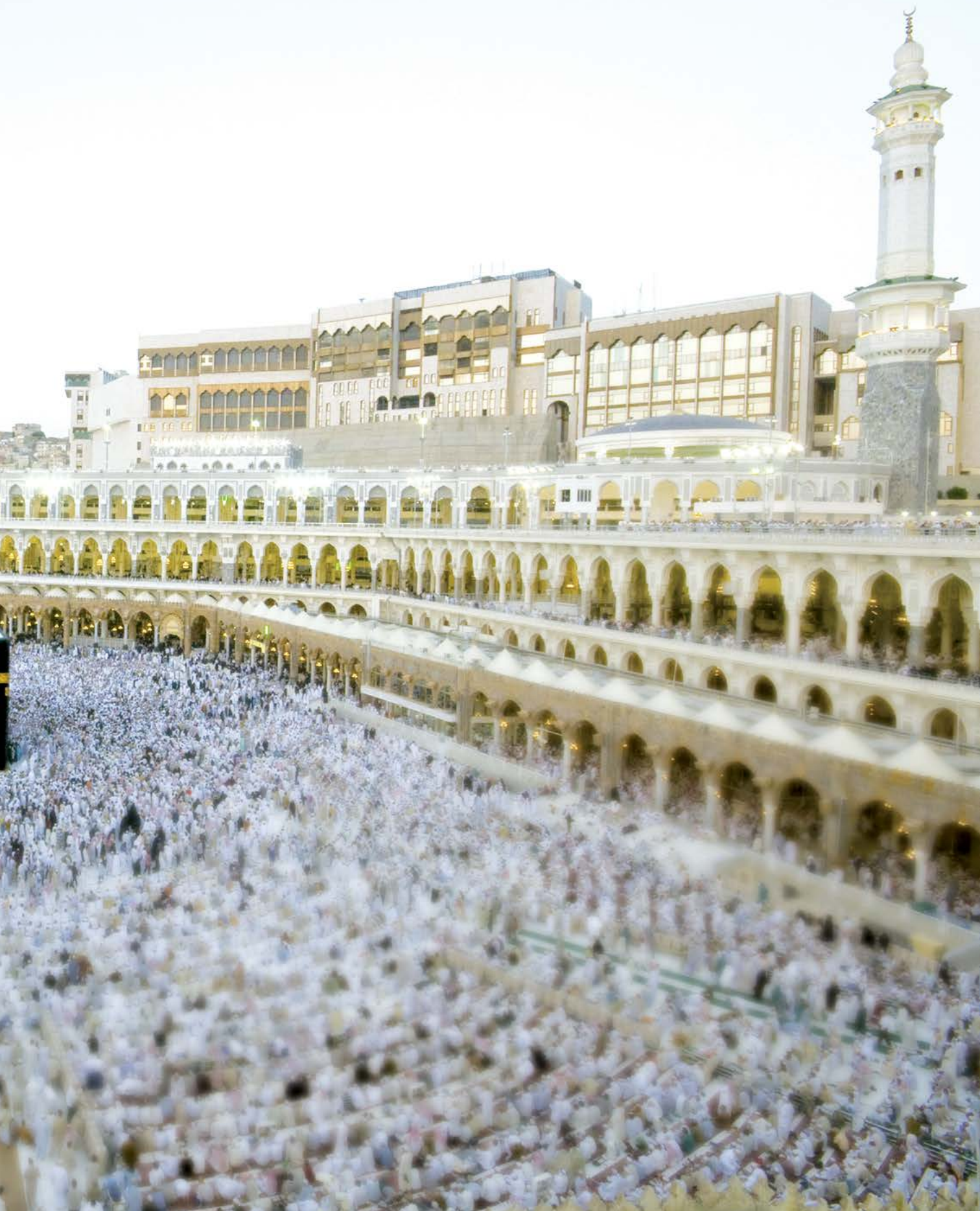




HAJJ AND UMRAH

Through its Hajj and Umrah services, IGMG enables thousands of Muslims each year to visit the holy lands.





FAMILY AND CHILDREN

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A child's heart is like an unplanted field — whatever you sow in it will grow.

(Ali ibn Abi Talib, may Allah be pleased with him)

IGMG conducts programs that support individuals and families to promote the healthy development of society. Adult education enhances knowledge and awareness, while family programs strengthen unity and mutual support. Services for children support their healthy development and reinforce family ties. These initiatives make a vital contribution to fostering peaceful families and a strong, cohesive society.

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ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education is offered under three main categories: the Islamic Sciences Course, the Adult Education Course (YEK), and the Qalam Education Academy.

The Islamic Sciences Course is a continuing education program designed for men and women aged 16 and above who have already completed their basic religious education. The program covers Islamic methodology and social studies and includes practical modules on public speaking and pedagogy.

Upon completing the program, students take an exam administered by the General Headquarters. Those who pass receive a qualification certificate authorizing them to serve as preachers in various educational roles.

For instructors of Islamic Sciences, professional development initiatives include in-service training seminars, subject-based workshops, competitions for developing educational materials, knowledge contests, and public speaking competitions—all designed to promote instructional excellence and continuous improvement.

The Adult Education Course (YEK) offers classes for adult men and women who wish to learn the essentials of Islamic faith and practice.

The Qalam Education Academy provides basic Islamic education for new Muslims and for those whose primary language of instruction is the local language. The curriculum includes Qur'an reading and recitation, as well as foundational subjects such as creed (aqīdah), Islamic jurisprudence (fiqh), and the Prophet's biography (sīrah).

FAMILY EDUCATION

Educational programs designed to strengthen the family—the cornerstone of society—are implemented with great care and dedication. Within the scope of family education, numerous projects, courses, and workshops are carried out under the supervision of experts, offering knowledge, guidance, and practical solutions to family-related matters. These activities are coordinated through the Family Counseling and Education Centers (ADEM).

To reinforce family bonds and strengthen family unity, parents and grandparents take part in social activities together with their children or grandchildren—either in mosques or through events organized by mosque communities.

The Marriage Preparation School is intended for engaged couples or young people considering marriage, while the Family School offers periodic courses for married couples and other family members to attend together on specific themes.

Family education seminars are organized at regional and local levels, covering a wide range of topics such as communication, education, health, and finance.

Expectant mothers receive counseling services that provide both physiological and psychological support throughout pregnancy. Special gift packages are prepared and presented to new Muslim mothers and their babies, along with the contact information of nearby mosques. In addition, these families receive regular informational letters for a certain period, offering guidance on child-rearing and infant care.

When needed, preventive counseling is offered on issues such as anger management, fear of marriage among young people, and tendencies toward substance abuse. Special programs are also implemented to support children in need, particularly refugee children.

SECONDARY EDUCATION COURSES

The Secondary Education Courses are designed for young people aged 13 to 15, providing them with religious education while helping them engage in social activities in cooperation with the Youth Organization and the Women's Youth Or-

ganization. These courses also serve as a bridge, enabling young participants to smoothly transition into the activities of the respective youth branches.



FAMILY SERVICES

For a variety of reasons, children may at times be taken from their biological families by the state and placed with foster families. In such cases, the presence of Muslim foster families within society becomes especially important. IGMG provides counseling and guidance to Muslims who wish to become foster parents and develops tailored training and counseling programs for individuals, couples, and families.

COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE SERVICES

In its counseling and guidance activities, IGMG adopts a holistic approach to family well-being, helping individuals recognize and address challenges in accordance with their personal capacities and strengths.

Through the “Spiritual Support Line,” individuals can seek help anonymously. The service is provided by specially trained staff members, who, when necessary, refer callers to local counseling centers for further assistance.

IGMG also offers hospice and palliative care services, supporting terminally ill patients and their families during the final stages of life. These services aim to alleviate the fears and burdens of both patients and relatives through the compassionate care of professionally trained personnel. In addition, trained volunteers are available to offer support to Muslim patients and their loved ones whenever needed.







MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Children who newly join the Children's Club receive personalized membership cards featuring their photographs. Each child also receives a special welcome letter personally addressed and mailed to them by name. With their membership cards, children are entitled to various discounts at Children's Club festivals and events.

IGMG CHILDREN'S CLUB "COMING OF AGE" CEREMONIES

Held annually for young members turning 13, this program symbolizes their transition from childhood to youth. During the ceremony, the newly initiated participants are welcomed into the Elder Brother/Elder Sister groups.

GÖKKUŞAĞI (RAINBOW)

Rainbow is a Turkish-language children's magazine published ten times a year. Each issue is mailed directly to children under their own names. This personal approach helps children feel individually recognized and provides them with a platform to express themselves by contributing their own writings and drawings.

IGMG CHILDREN'S CLUB WORKING GROUPS

Taking members' ages into account, the club organizes workshops in a wide variety of fields, including sports, literacy, health, music, art, theater, hands-on experiments (Try-It Corner), handicrafts, science experiments (Little Inventors), cooking (Tasty Recipes), and healthy eating.

COMPETITIONS

A range of competitions is organized that children can take part in from home — such as I Miss My Mosque, My Ramadan Calendar, Ant Kadir's Diary, My Ramadan, and the Gökkuşağı General Knowledge Quiz. Participants are rewarded with surprise gifts.

CHILDCARE SERVICES

The Children's Club provides care and educational activities for children accompanying their families on Umrah trips (during holiday or block Umrah programs). Childcare services are also arranged during IGMG events whenever needed. Throughout these gatherings, alternative programs are offered to ensure that children remain engaged, active, and entertained.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

The Children's Club organizes Erkam Gatherings—small group sessions hosted in the homes of Children's Club members, where children come together to learn about faith and good character in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

On the first morning of each school year, children who are about to begin school gather in mosques to pray together for a blessed and successful academic journey.

The annual Running for Good (Hayırda Koşuyoruz) event is held as a sports festival in which members of the Children's Club take part in running activities to support a social cause or educational project.

As part of Reading Day with the IGMG Children's Club, children gather in a special setting where adults read to them, nurturing their love of books and cultivating a lasting interest in reading.

BIRTHDAY GIFTS

On their birthdays, Children's Club members receive educational and faith-themed gifts prepared especially for them.

During Ramadan, special iftar programs called Children's Iftars with the IGMG Children's Club are organized for children observing the tekne orucu—a short practice fast until noon that helps them become familiar with the concept of fasting. Before the iftar, a variety of fun and educational activities are arranged for them. Additional programs are also held for children on blessed days and nights.

Festivals filled with gifts, performances, and joyful activities are organized for children during both Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. In addition, once a year, the IGMG Children's Club Festival brings together children aged 3–13 for a day of celebration and creativity, where they can enjoy themselves and showcase their talents.

IGMG CHILDREN'S CLUB MASCOTS

The IGMG Children's Club has its own mascots whose mission is to both entertain and educate children. The most beloved among them are Kadir the Ant and Esmâ the Ant.



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

To enrich the cultural life of Muslims living in Europe and across other continents, the IGMG General Headquarters, together with its regional and local branches, organizes a wide range of cultural programs addressing people of all ages and backgrounds.

In traditional Islamic art forms such as calligraphy (Husn al-khatt), illumination (tazhīb), and music, curriculum-based training is provided by master artists, combining classical instruction with modern teaching methods. Both theoretical and practical sessions are offered, complemented by exhibitions, seminars, and public lectures. Commemorative events introducing historically significant and exemplary figures are also part of IGMG's cultural and artistic initiatives.

Regular competitions are held in various disciplines—such as general knowledge, adhan (call to prayer), essay writing, poetry, short film, photography, and public speaking—offering young people the chance to develop their talents while deepening their cultural awareness. Courses in Ottoman Turkish and book-reading circles are likewise among the organization's cultural programs.

To help children and young people strengthen their connection with Islamic civilization and foster their personal growth, cultural trips are organized to regions reflecting the Islamic heritage as well as to various European countries.

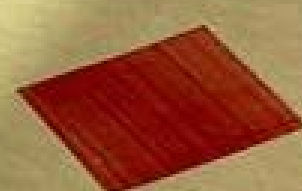
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CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES

Art courses, exhibitions, and talks featuring traditional Islamic arts—such as calligraphy, marbling, and illumination are organized for those interested in exploring these art forms.

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ART WEEK

Organized under the framework of the Sabah Ülkesi Culture and Arts Association, “Art Week” events are held regularly to showcase the works of young artists who have attended our art courses. These events present their creations to art enthusiasts while sharing this cultural richness with broader audiences through seminars, programs, and promotional activities that contribute to the world of culture and art.

ART COURSES

Our art courses—particularly in calligraphy, marbling, and illumination—continue uninterrupted, with the aim of preserving these traditional art forms and passing them on to future generations. Courses in Ottoman Turkish and ney (reed flute) training also form an integral part of the cultural and artistic activities carried out at the IGMG General Headquarters. Through these efforts, we continue to uphold and transmit the aesthetic legacy of our rich and enduring civilization.







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