

Finext Istanbul Prepares Fintech Startups for Global Expansion

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Istanbul today stands out not only for its rich history but also as a rising hub for global financial technologies. At the heart of this vision lies **Finext Istanbul**, a fintech acceleration program designed to open new doors for entrepreneurs aiming to make their mark on the global stage.

A Global Meeting Point

Finext Istanbul is built for entrepreneurs who seek to expand beyond Türkiye into **Europe, the Middle East, the Balkans, the Gulf Region, and Africa**. Participants will develop globally competitive fintech solutions while gaining direct access to international investors, technology providers, and industry leaders.

A Strong Support Network

The program covers a wide spectrum from **payment technologies to blockchain, from artificial intelligence to regtech solutions**. With mentorship, investor access, and international business connections, startups are supported at every stage, from idea development to scalable growth.

International Partnerships & Stakeholders

Finext Istanbul collaborates with leading global accelerators, incubators, and fintech-focused investment funds. Strategic partnerships have been established with organizations such as **Flat6Labs, Startup Wise Guys, EU Startups, Global Startup Awards**, and major investment firms from the MENA region.

Measurable Impact

- The program aims to attract applications from **at least 10 countries in 2025**.
- **40% of program graduates** are expected to be invited to international Proof of Concept (PoC) processes.
- The **Demo Day** will be broadcast globally in both English and Turkish, enabling worldwide investor access.

Istanbul's Strategic Location

Located at the crossroads of three continents, Istanbul offers a unique advantage. The city's **dynamic financial sector** and **rapidly growing startup ecosystem** provide an ideal foundation for Finext Istanbul's global ambitions.

Global Collaborations in Motion

Finext Istanbul continues to build partnerships with **leading banks, investment funds, and technology companies** across Europe, the Middle East, the Balkans, the Gulf, and Africa enabling

participants to establish strategic collaborations not only locally but also across multiple continents.

Program Timeline (2025 – 2026)

- **September 30, 2025** – Application deadline
- **October 20, 2025** – Announcement of selected startups
- **November 6, 2025** – Official Opening Event
- **November 2025 – February 2026** – Acceleration period
- **February 11, 2026** – Demo Day: Connecting with international investors

About Finext Istanbul

Finext Istanbul is an acceleration program established to prepare fintech entrepreneurs for success on the global stage. By leveraging Istanbul's strategic power, the program offers founders the opportunity to create lasting impact in both regional and international markets.

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