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# On the Path of Independence, at the Peak of Technology; TEKNOFEST Istanbul Begins!

The biggest stage of the national technology initiative, TEKNOFEST, returns to Istanbul from September 17–21! This year, in its 13th edition, the festival will host visitors with five full days of technology competitions, air shows, concerts, experience zones, exhibitions, and workshops.

Organized under the leadership of the Turkey Technology Team Foundation (T3 Foundation) and the Ministry of Industry and Technology, TEKNOFEST, the world's largest aerospace, space, and technology festival, brings millions of technology enthusiasts together in Istanbul! Having hosted nearly 11 million visitors to date, the festival will once again allow millions to experience the excitement of science, technology, and innovation, while integrating Istanbul's historical texture and cultural richness. TEKNOFEST Istanbul, taking place at Atatürk Airport from September 17–21, will host a wide range of events, from innovation-filled competitions to breathtaking air shows, where technology and excitement come together.

## Competitions that support technological development in strategic areas open the doors to the future

Standing out with competition categories that support technological development in critical fields, TEKNOFEST Istanbul will host competitions in 58 main and 137 subcategories. Teams that pass the preliminary rounds will benefit from more than 85 million TL in financial support, while the teams that place will receive a total of over 65 million TL in prizes.

#### The source of inspiration, the heart of technology

For the technology competitions organized within TEKNOFEST Istanbul, more than 565 thousand teams and 1.1 million participants applied, aiming to turn their dreams into reality. The festival, with technology competitions held in 58 main and 137 subcategories, will showcase innovative ideas and bring together students, entrepreneurs, and technology enthusiasts who will shape the future of science and technology.

#### Excitement in the sky, thrill on the ground; TEKNOFEST Istanbul begins!

TEKNOFEST Istanbul will offer five unforgettable days for visitors of all ages, from children to youth, and from families to technology enthusiasts. The festival will feature breathtaking air shows in the sky, concerts and stage performances that maximize excitement, eye-opening exhibitions and educational workshops, immersive simulation experience zones, a planetarium offering journeys to the stars, science shows, the TEKNOFEST Time Tunnel presenting the past and present of technology, exhibitions of our national pride



sea, land, and air vehicles, trade fair activities, and first-flight experiences for students, all offering technology- and excitement-filled experiences together.

# The powerful voice of Turkish rock music Kıraç at TEKNOFEST Istanbul!

On September 19, TEKNOFEST Istanbul will host an unforgettable music festival. One of the beloved artists of Turkish rock music, Kıraç, will meet his fans on the festival stage at 19:00 with his powerful voice and unique interpretation. With his energy on stage and unforgettable works, Kıraç, who has left a mark on Turkish music, will provide joyful moments for visitors on the TEKNOFEST Istanbul stage. The concert will add the magic of music to the festival atmosphere full of science and technology, offering an evening that visitors will not forget.

### The wings of national technology echo in the skies of Istanbul!

From September 17–21 at Istanbul Atatürk Airport, the festival will feature dazzling air shows of the aviation and defense industry; at the festival, SOLOTÜRK and the Turkish Stars will perform almost like a dance in the sky, and F-16 fighter jets will push the limits of power and speed. ATAK helicopters will impress with agility and dynamism, while Hürkuş will attract attention with its unique design. Among the stars of the festival, Anka will carry viewers to the future with its advanced technology, while Bayraktar TB2 and TB3 will inspire admiration in the sky with superior surveillance capabilities. Meanwhile, the giant Bayraktar Akıncı will reflect Turkey's aviation vision in the most magnificent way with its strong presence and high payload capacity.

Admission to TEKNOFEST Istanbul is completely free, and visitors are required to register online to enter. Entry and exit to the event area will be available between 09:00–19:00. Using public transportation to reach the festival area will provide fast and easy access for visitors and help reduce traffic congestion in the area. For detailed information about TEKNOFEST Istanbul and visitor registration, please visit <a href="https://www.teknofest.org">www.teknofest.org</a>.

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