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The Region’s Most Prestigious Gathering of the Lighting and Smart Building Technology Industry: Light + Intelligent Building Istanbul 2026 Begins

Light + Intelligent Building Istanbul, the region's most prestigious exhibition for lighting, architectural design, and smart building automation, opened its doors to visitors today at the Istanbul Congress Center.

Istanbul, November 26, 2026 - Organized for the second time this year by Messe Frankfurt in cooperation with the Lighting Luminaires Manufacturers Association (AGID), Light + Intelligent Building Istanbul gathers innovative technologies, sustainable architectural solutions, and global collaborations under one roof across three days from November 26-28, 2026. Organized under the banner of Light + Building, the world’s leading exhibition brand in the sector, the fair reinforces the industry's regional and global reputation with the strategic support of LightingEurope and the Chamber of Interior Architects.

Achieving success beyond expectations in 2024 by hosting 110 exhibiting companies from 7 countries and bringing together a total of 6,652 professionals from 61 different countries, including 1,376 international visitors, the 2026 edition embraces the sector with even greater targets built upon this strong foundation.

Opening Ceremony Brought Industry Leaders Together

During the official opening ceremony held at 11:00 AM on the first day of the exhibition, leading institution presidents took the stage with their opening speeches. The ceremony was completed with addresses from Tayfun Yardım, Managing Director of Messe Frankfurt Istanbul; Prof. Dr. Sermin Onaygil, Chairman of the Board of the Turkish National Committee on Illumination (ATMK); Emrah Kaymak, President of the Chamber of Interior Architects; and Fahir Gök,

Chairman of the Board of the Lighting Luminaires Manufacturers Association (AGID). Following the protocol speeches, the official ribbon-cutting ceremony opened the doors of the exhibition to international visitors, and the delegation began their stand visits.

A Firsthand Experience Zone in Urban Lighting: "Smart Street"

Designed to offer visitors a live atmosphere alongside the newest products on the exhibition floor, the "Smart Street" special experience zone is attracting great interest. Built with realistic street textures and scale, this area displays new-generation smart street luminaires, adaptive lighting control systems, and urban automation technologies in an integrated format. Providing the opportunity to experience firsthand how cutting-edge technologies integrate into urban life, this space stands out as one of the exhibition's key attraction points.

Global Trade Network and Rich Product Portfolio

Drawing attention with its qualified visitor profile coming from over 50 countries, with half being international, Light + Intelligent Building Istanbul 2026 offers alternative channels to the global supply chain through the Chinese Pavilion and international manufacturers participating from Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, the Balkans, and Eurasia. Throughout the three days, visitors will have the opportunity to examine all major disciplines of the industry under the same roof, ranging from indoor, outdoor, technical, and decorative lighting solutions to components, home and building automation systems, and electrical engineering technologies.

Inspiring Sessions at the Trend Talk Stage: ATMK Summit and İÇMO Special Program

Throughout the fair, the Trend Talk stage hosts panels shaping the future vision of the industry. Organized in partnership with the Turkish National Committee on Illumination (ATMK), the "Lighting 360°: Holistic Lighting Design Summit" takes place across four main sessions on November 26 and 27:

- **Thursday, November 26 (14:00 - 15:15):** In the session *"Transformation and Future Vision in Urban Road Lighting"* chaired by Prof. Dr. Sermin Onaygil, LED transformation projects and adaptive road lighting are discussed with Abdülkadir Balık, Head of Strategy Development Department at TEDAŞ; Atacan Gülbay, Technical Coordinator at ELDER; and Pelin Grit Sarı, Board Member at AGID.

- **Thursday, November 26 (15:45 - 17:00):** In the panel *"From Production to Field: Smart Luminaire, Smart Facility"* chaired by Dr. M. Berker Yurtseven, Ecodesign/EPREL regulations and IoT integrations are evaluated with Onur Uraz, Emerging Markets Local Production Operations Leader at SIGNIFY; Dr. Güvenir Kaan Esen, Deputy Secretary General of TSE; and Şafak Koç, Smart

Building Technologies Director at ELEKON.

- **Friday, November 27 (13:30 - 14:45):** In the session *"Digitalization, Design, and Application in Architectural Lighting Design"* chaired by Prof. Dr. Banu Manav, BIM technologies and digital transformation are discussed with Prof. Dr. Esin Ergen Pehlevan, Faculty Member at ITU Faculty of Civil Engineering; Dr. Faruk Uyan, Founder of Lab1; and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Feride Şener Yılmaz.

- **Friday, November 27 (15:15 - 16:30):** In the panel *"City's Night Image"* chaired by Nergiz Arifoğlu, urban light pollution and Istanbul's nocturnal identity are analyzed with Yıldız Ağaya Çağan, Head of Project and Research Branch at MoEUCC Department of Energy Efficiency and Installation; Dr. Hazal Atak Akbulut, Urban Planner at MoEUCC Department of Energy Efficiency and Installation; Prof. Dr. Rengin Ünver, Vice Chairman of ATMK; and Adnan Bıyıklıoğlu, Head of Energy Management and Lighting Branch at IMM.

On the final day of the fair, **Saturday, November 28 (11:30 - 13:00)**, in the session *"In the Footsteps of Light, at the Center of Design"* organized in cooperation with the Chamber of Interior Architects at the Trend Talk stage, Emrah Kaymak, President of the Chamber of Interior Architects, and Prof. Dr. Banu Manav, Secretary General of ATMK and Dean of Kadir Has University Faculty of Art and Design, will share the intersection points of light and interior architecture in spatial design with participants.

Bringing together all the dynamics of the industry under one platform, from lighting design to smart building automation, sustainable energy solutions to inspiring events, Light + Intelligent Building Istanbul 2026 unites the international sector ecosystem at the Istanbul Congress Center for three days. For all professionals wishing to explore innovative technologies firsthand, forge strategic business partnerships, and take part in visionary discussions shaping tomorrow's industry, this prestigious organization will continue to host the global sector ecosystem until November 28.

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