INTERCULTURAL ERASMUS PROGRAM STUDENT ACCOMMODATIONS IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY

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“An urban center for supporting the lives and celebrating the cultures of both local and visiting exchange students of EU’s Erasmus Student Network in Istanbul, Turkey.”
Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is one of the biggest non-profit interdisciplinary student associations in Europe, founded in 1989 for supporting and developing student exchange. ESN is present in 358 Higher Education Institutions from 35 countries. ESN works for the creation of a more mobile and flexible education environment by supporting and developing student exchanges on different levels, and providing an intercultural experience also to those students who cannot access a period abroad ('internationalisation at home').

Even with these valuable aims, the ESN does not currently provide space to accommodate students in their programs.

In synthesis, this project aims to help and motivate students to study abroad. Creating an urban center will support the lives and celebrate the cultures of both local and visiting exchange students.
EUROPE + ASIA = ISTANBUL
HISTORY OF ISTANBUL
ISTANBUL’S EARTHQUAKE HISTORY

- 1509: M=7.6
- 1719: M=7.6
- 1754: M=7.0
- 1766: M=7.2
- 1766 Aug: M=7.6
- 1894: M=7.0
- 1912: M=7.4
- 1999: M=7.4, M=7.1

Locations: Istanbul, Izmit, Düzce
Multi-Storey Columns in Position
Spandrel being lifted into position
Istanbul is one of a host of quake-threatened cities in the developing world. Regarding the new building codes, pre-stressed precast concrete is selected and the system is broken down to zones with designated emergency exits on each.