



**SOUTHEAST ANATOLIAN TEXTILE AND RAW MATERIALS  
EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATION" (GATHİB)**

The Southeast Anatolian Exporters' Association (GAİB) has served as the General Secretariat of four separate "Exporters' Associations" operating in different sectors since 1984 and is the region's only exporters' association. We export over \$12 billion annually to more than **180 countries**, primarily the European Union, the Middle East, and Africa.

GAİB, with more than **20 thousand** member companies includes:

- The Southeast Anatolian Textile and Raw Materials Exporters' Association,
- The Southeast Anatolian Cereals, Pulses, Oilseeds, and Products Exporters' Association,
- The Southeast Anatolian Dried Fruits and Products Exporters' Association, and
- The Southeast Anatolian Carpet Exporters' Association.

• Our General Secretariat provides secretarial services to sector committees that propose solutions to the problems of exporters across Türkiye and shape the future of the sector in the Textile and Raw Materials, Cereals, Pulses, Oilseeds, and Products, and the Carpet sectors. The primary objectives of our associations are:

- To ensure professional ethics and solidarity among exporters,
- To regulate their professional activities and relationships,
- To assist exporters in resolving economic and bureaucratic problems.

As the Southeast Anatolian Exporters' Association, we see the transformation process brought about by the European Green Deal as an opportunity for our regional exports. We aim to increase our members' global competitiveness by supporting them in sustainable production, environmentally friendly technologies, and resource efficiency. We work with the vision of pioneering the green transformation through environmentally sensitive and innovative approaches that reduce our carbon footprint. We organize various training programs, workshops, and implement projects in this area.

We organize various training programs and workshops, such as:

- **Applied Karbon Footprint Calculation Trainings**
- **Green Deal and Sustainability Information Days.**
- **Green Talents:** We have trained university professors on the green deal and sustainability topics and developed curricula to ensure the inclusion of green deal and sustainability as courses in universities.



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## About Us

GATHİB represents over 12,000 member companies in the Southeast Anatolian Region's textile export sector. With an annual export volume exceeding 3 billion USD to 192 countries, GATHİB ranks as the second-largest textile and raw materials exporters' association in Türkiye. The association has a wide network of universities, public institutions, producers and exporters in products such as yarn, fabric, fiber, and apparel

## Our Mission and Global Presence

### Mission

To add value to the textile industry of Southeast Anatolian, especially Gaziantep, by leveraging the region's rich weaving heritage.

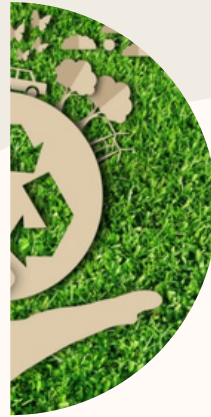
### Goals

Enhancing exports through experience and regional strength. Removing bureaucratic barriers and streamlining export processes by collaborating with relevant authorities based on members' feedback. Importance is given to sustainability activities so that the textile sector can maintain its strong economic impact in the coming years.

### Global Connections

Exporting to 192 countries, GATHİB maintains institutional relations with various international organizations and is a member of [EURATEX](#) , [IPUD](#) and [the National Cotton Council](#)

## Our Activities



- We are working on sustainability and the green deal in the region. We organize various training programs on topics such as the circular economy and carbon footprint, and we support decision-makers and academics in the region to work more effectively through workshops.

- We collaborate with vocational high schools and universities in the region on curriculum development. We support the industry's employment prospects in the design field by working with academia.



## Our Activities

### AI4VET4AI

The AI4VET4AI project will run for four years and includes 26 partners from 11 countries. It works with schools to prepare skilled people who can adapt to new AI technologies, helping connect the business world with the education sector.

As GATHİB, our role is to help companies in the industrial sector understand how AI can be used in their work. We do this through activities like training and seminars. We also support adding AI to university programs and creating course content on AI.



### DOKU

## DOKUSUNDA SANAT VAR THE ART IN ITS TEXTURE

The "Doku Fabric Design Competition" has been held for many years to support young designers in the industry and to strengthen design and creativity.

We undertake mentoring duties by matching manufacturing companies with universities in design departments.

