

**TUSIAD-Sabancı University Competitiveness Forum** (REF) agreed to collaborate with two international organizations. The first collaboration following the affiliation agreement will be on the “National Innovation Initiative”, a project exclusively coordinated by REF. Through these agreements, in addition to being the partner institute for the World Economic Forum’s Global Competitiveness Program in Turkey, REF will have been further advanced its position among the international research networks.

One of the new partner institutes is “**Institute for Knowledge Economy and Enterprise Development**” (IKED), a structure, which is concentrated on knowledge economy and enterprise development ([www.iked.org](http://www.iked.org)) and is located in Sweden.

The second partner institute is “**Division of Innovation**” -a research center facilitated under Lund University’s organization- , which implements research on areas such as learning in innovation systems, regional innovation systems and assessments about the impact of R&D and innovation on productivity (<http://www.innovation.lth.se>). This institute is also located in Sweden

Along with these affiliations, REF and these two institutes will collaborate in various projects by using their resources, experts and related organizations, which are among their networks; will provide exchange of knowledge in common interest areas; and will transfer knowledge in related conferences and similar activities.