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Remember, what makes us strong is our number! [JOIN US](#) if you're not yet a member, each of you counts! That's the easiest (and effortless) way to help!

Hello and happy birthday to us!

This month, BEST Alumni Network has three things to celebrate: our newly elected Executive Board, the successful conclusion of our GA 2021, and our third birthday!



Caption: Happy birthday to BEST Alumni Network!

Note: Some links are only available if you have a *bestalumni* account. You can get one by [becoming a member](#).

If you wish to help actively, join our [monthly meeting](#), and see our [open volunteering roles](#).

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BAN News

General Assembly and Board elections

On 29th April, our elections responsible Florian Reinke “ignited” the *electionrunner*, which revealed [Martin Hák](#) as President, [Tamara Tirjak](#) as Secretary, [Maria Tzedaki](#) as Treasurer. Please join us in congratulating them! :) They will be in charge for two years starting 1st July, after the board’s knowledge transfer.

Also, all the GA proposals have passed, as they have more than 50% of “Yes”. They were all written by our outgoing board, Davide, Jeffrey and Marie, so they deserve a bottle of champagne to conclude their mandate! 

AM and other meetups

On 29th April, we also joined BEST’s GA for a night of meeting with other Alumni and some BEST GA delegates. You can find some screenshots [here](#)! We also watched some pictures of past AMs... those that you never have the time to watch again, right? :D

There are other meetings in our [calendar](#), we will move them to 19:45 CEST on the third Thursday of the month. And you don’t need to follow our monthly meeting schedule: you can just join anytime to catch up with others, as the [space](#) is open.

Storytelling Club

The next appointment for our [StoryClub](#) is... [Register for future meetings](#) to stay up-to-date! Or keep an eye on our socials, where we publish posts, [events](#) and... stories ;)

Internships

Welcome to Rea, our newest intern who joined the other two -Miriam and Andreas :) The coding must go on, so Rea is taking care of IT project management and back office management. This team is already making a difference with the automation of membership management and improvement of our online processes!

Keep in mind that, if you want to give us a hand, you can find [here](#) some areas where help would be very appreciated. But if you have different ideas, do let us know what you want to implement!

Startup & Training program

Maria Tzedaki volunteered to lead our [#project-training program](#), and picked Startups as a topic for the first event, which will not be just a simple training, but also the opportunity to share resources, experiences, and a lot more. Stay tuned or put your email address [here](#) if you want to receive updates on the event format, date, and all other details, as soon as we are able to reveal them.

Alumni Podcast: Beyond BEST

Marina Pokrajac and our design team are updating some elements of the podcast, putting together a surprise for you. While the works are in progress, you can (re)listen to our past episodes [here](#).

Our monthly favourites

Here we list materials we found interesting both inside and outside of our Alumni & BEST world, and we gathered some of those under *favourites* in our [shared drive](#).


And what's *your* monthly favourite? Sharing is caring so tell us [here](#)! We'd love to add it to this list next month!

- Tool: [Kiva](#)
Want to join the BEST Alumni team on Kiva to help make the world a better place? Kiva is a NGO that allows you to give out loans directly to people in need all over the world, and has been hosting a group of Alumni for a few years already.
- Book: [Brave New World](#), by Aldous Huxley
Here's one of the books we discussed in one of our latest Saturday meetings. It illustrates a dystopian society that became pain-free, and its implications...
- Tool: [Canva](#)
Wondering what we use to keep our audience engaged on social media? Anyone can create professional designs with Canva, so that's our secret ;)
- Instagram Live: [Alumni Talks](#)
BEST Istanbul is interviewing its Alumni every other Saturday! The next one is planned for the 15th May. If you understand Turkish! Add this and other events to

[your calendar](#).

Useful links

 [BAN Website](#)

 [Calendar](#) of BAN events - add it to your own calendar via the bottom right button

 [Calendar](#) of our core team internal meetings - add this too to be more involved

 [Communication tools in BAN explained](#)

 Donations: for GlobalGiving, write to donations-observer@best.eu.org

Materials:

 [Favourites](#) (shared knowledge);  [Minutes](#) (BAN board);  [Newsletters](#) archive








Participate:

 [Projects](#) to launch;  [Q&A ML](#) askalumni@ - [Join here!](#);  [Volunteering](#)

Tools:

 [Directory](#);  Google Suite [instructions](#);  [Slack](#) (internal chat);  [Wiki](#) (internal)

Social media and streaming, to follow us:

 FB [official page](#), [official group](#), [unofficial AM](#);  [Instagram](#);  LinkedIn [page/group](#);  [Twitter](#);  [Youtube](#);  [Anchor.fm](#);  [Spotify](#)

☒ Newsletter Feedback - Very important for us to have!

If there's content that you would like to recommend or something that we can improve on this newsletter, please let us know [here](#)! It's important for us!

Your lovely board: Davide, Jeffrey, Marie - aka The BAndanas
and the rest of the BAN team