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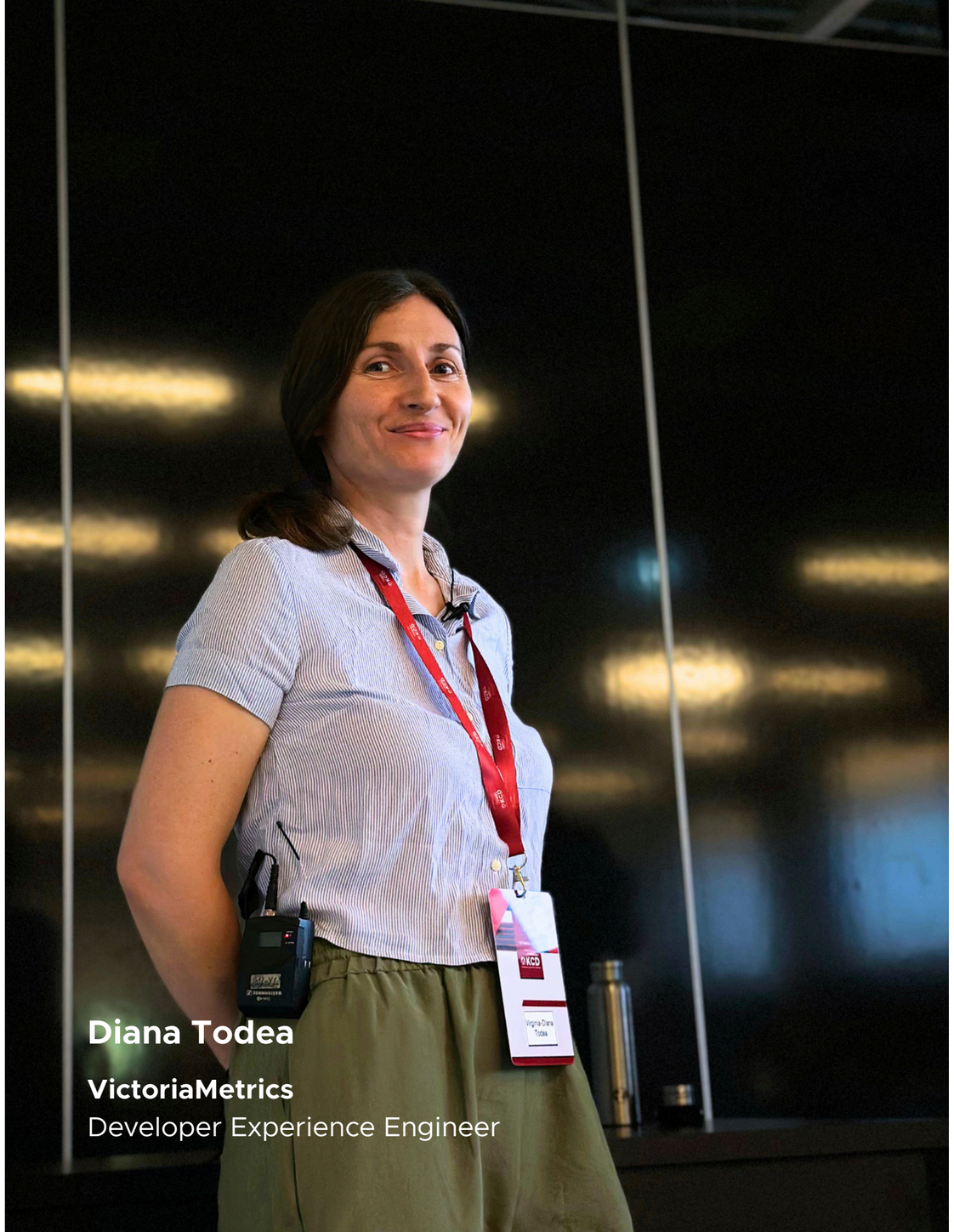
FOREWORD

Beyond Kubernetes: Building What Comes Next

KCD Istanbul 2026 brought together 367 attendees for two days of cloud-native learning, collaboration and community building at Istanbul Bilgi University's Santralistanbul Campus.

With 25+ speakers and 20+ sessions, the conference connected local and international practitioners, enterprise technology teams, open-source communities and global technology providers.

From Kubernetes and platform engineering to AI infrastructure, security and cloud sovereignty, the event created a space to exchange practical knowledge and strengthen Türkiye's cloud-native ecosystem.



Diana Todea

VictoriaMetrics
Developer Experience Engineer



Mario Fahlandt

Kubermatic
Service Delivery Architect

SPEAKERS & SESSIONS

KCD Istanbul 2026 featured local and international speakers sharing technical expertise, enterprise experiences and practical approaches to cloud-native adoption by covering Kubernetes, Platform Engineering, AI/ML & MLOps, Security, Observability, GitOps, Networking, Cloud Infrastructure, and Data & Storage.

25
Speakers

20
Sessions

Conference Days

2

Non-Male Speakers

8

MOST POPULAR SESSIONS

KEYNOTE

The Future of Cloud Native Is Sovereign



Mario Fahlandt
Service Delivery Architect at Kubermatic

KEYNOTE

The Past, Present, and Future of AI Infrastructure



Annie Talvasto
Product Marketing & Community at Upbound

SESSION

Observing Kubernetes Policies with Kyverno





Diana Todea
Developer Experience Engineer at VictoriaMetrics

Cortney Nickerson
Head of Community at Nirmata



Zekiye AYDEMİR · 1st
PostgreSQL and MongoDB Certified DBA | ...
3mo ·

We said we would meet in Istanbul during Kubernetes Community Days Istanbul and we finally did.

It was so nice to spend time with Cortney Nickerson and Betül Altunel, explore the city, and turn an event trip into a beautiful memory.

Tech communities bring people together, but the friendships built along the way are what make these moments truly special.
#CNCF #Kubernetes #KCD #Womenintech #Kyverno

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Cortney Nickerson · 1st 3mo
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My heart is so full and I feel so fortunate to have spent the afternoon with you and Betül Altunel in the most incredible city on the planet! Thank you for making this so special and for sharing my first



Cortney Nickerson · 1st
Principal Product Marketing Manager at Ak...
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The past month has been an absolute whirlwind, and somewhere between airports, conferences, podcasts, and wonderful conversations, I completely neglected LinkedIn. 😊 Looking back, I'm incredibly grateful for the people and communities that made this month so memorable.

💙 I had the privilege of taking the stage with the wonderful Diana Todea at Kubernetes Community Day (KCD) New York | June 10, 2026 and also at Kubernetes Community Days Istanbul, sharing how Kyverno and VictoriaMetrics help teams build healthier, more resilient platforms and cloud native applications. I'll share the recording from NYC in the comments. ...more

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What a fantastic session today at Kubernetes Community Days Istanbul!

Mehmet Hilmi Emel & Nilsu Melis Sönmez from Acedemand our local partner in Turkey delivered a brilliant talk and live demo on Agentgateway (www.agentgateway.dev), bringing the technology to life and showing the audience what is possible when building secure, scalable agentic infrastructure.

Great energy, a strong technical story and a very impressive demo. It was exciting to see the level of interest and engagement from the cloud-native community. ...more

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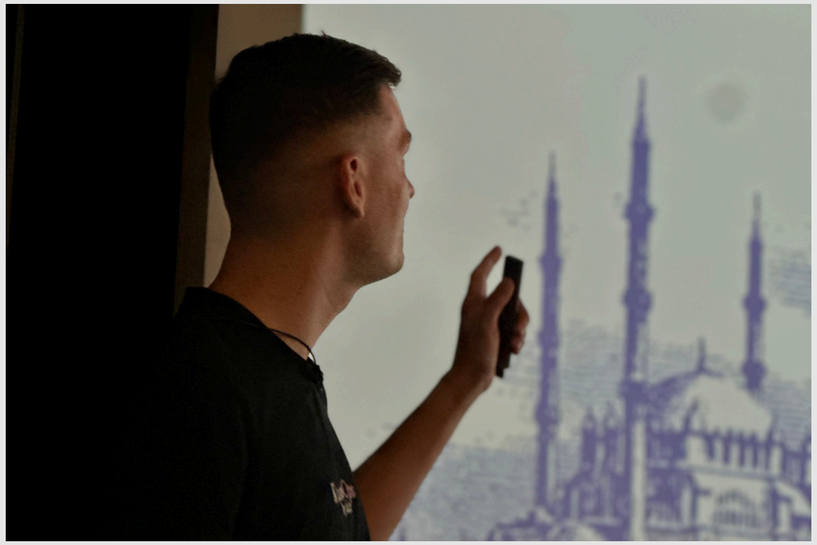


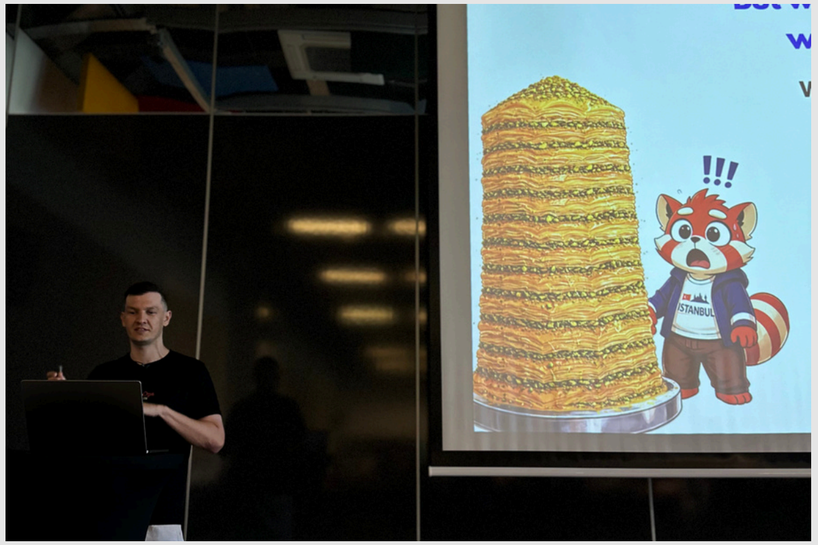






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STATISTICS

KCD Istanbul brought together professionals from across Türkiye's enterprise and cloud-native technology landscape, creating a meeting point for practitioners, technology buyers, infrastructure providers and open-source contributors.



ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS



89%

of participants were from Türkiye

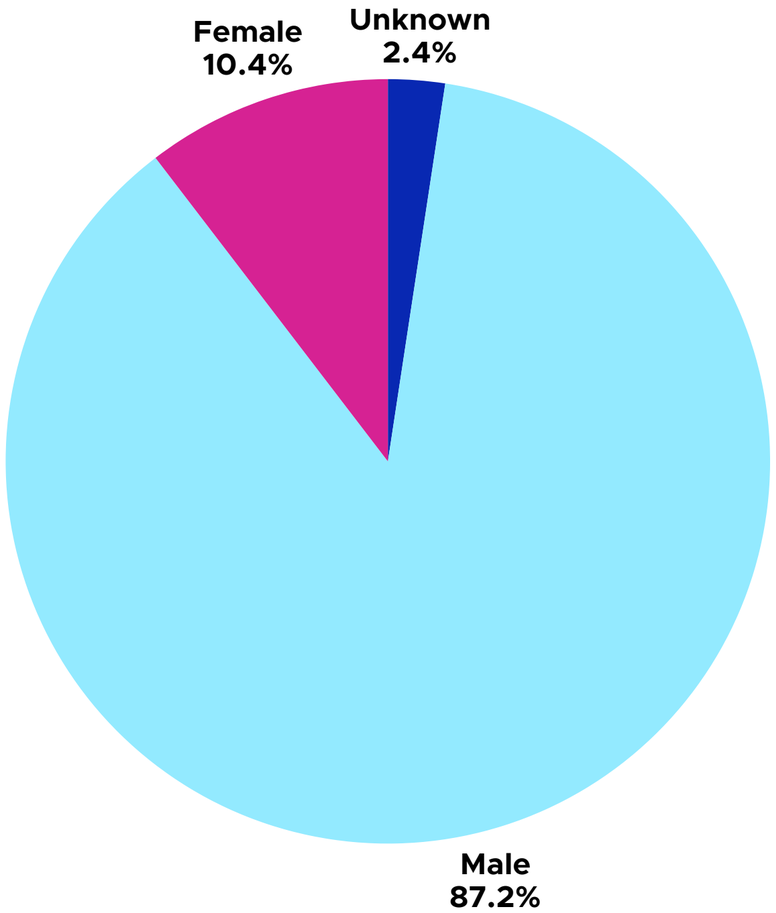


11%

of participants joined from international locations, representing 8 different countries.

Based on 367 registrants

ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS



GENDER

Male

87.2%

Female

10.4%

Based on 367 registrants

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What made this event truly unique was its vibrant, international environment. Bringing together such a diverse, global mix of professionals created a brilliant space for exchanging global tech insights right here in Istanbul.

Fatih Özcan

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