

Yeditepe University Sustainability Report

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YEDITEPE UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

This report documents Yeditepe University's efforts in promoting environmental awareness and sustainability while highlighting its progress through various sustainability indicators. Yeditepe University has been committed to improving its environmental performance since it was founded in 1996.

Yeditepe University, within the framework of the “Sustainable Environmental Policy“, has adopted continuous improvement as a pioneering educational institution aiming for international recognition and respectability in the fields of education, scientific research, and social service while focusing on environmental awareness and sustainability issues. Yeditepe University has identified its activities and goals in line with the Sustainable Environmental Policy.

In line with these objectives, we plan to become a leading educational institution at the national and international level with studies on “Environment and Sustainability” issues. We aim to increase social awareness by introducing these studies and practices within the scope of service to society. The demonstration of sustainability efforts in various areas has been identified as a priority in order to create a sustainable campus life. Environmental issues were taken into consideration in all academic and administrative decisions as well as activities at Yeditepe University.

At the international level, Yeditepe University has initiated networking activities to take part in global collaborations with sustainable universities and to continuously improve the University's sustainability programs and policies, as well as to raise awareness of sustainability issues in the regional context. Firstly, by becoming a member of the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings Network (UIGWURN) in 2017, the University became part of a global network of universities concerned with sustainability. Secondly, we joined the “International Sustainable Campus Network” (ISCN) system, and related studies were initiated.

UI GreenMetric is recognized as the world's first rating agency for sustainability. The UI GreenMetric World University Rankings evaluates and compares the sustainability efforts at university campuses worldwide. The evaluation platform was established by the University of Indonesia in 2010, which evaluates participating universities every year. GreenMetric is a platform that promotes internationalization, raises awareness of sustainability, and tries to attract global awareness of environmental issues. It is open to the participation of all higher education institutions in the world. Every year, many universities from different countries are evaluated by GreenMetric in areas such as infrastructure, energy and climate change, wastes, water resources, transportation, and education are scored for each assessment category, and as a result, higher

education institutions are ranked according to their total scores from these evaluations. The evaluation is carried out by a team of experts from the University of Indonesia.

Every year, UI GreenMetric organizes an international workshop to establish global cooperation to shape the policy for higher education and research on the sustainability issues that have a significant impact on the world, and to discuss solutions to regional and global sustainability challenges. UI GreenMetric has organized the 4th International GreenMetric Workshop (IWGM) in cooperation with Diponegoro University between 8-10 April 2018 at Semarang in Indonesia. The theme of the 4th International GreenMetric Workshop organization has been determined as “Universities, Impacts, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”. At the platform established for the workshop, the universities have shared their best practices on “Sustainability”. Yeditepe University has participated in the international workshop organization.



4th International GreenMetric Workshop Organization

In addition, UI GreenMetric encourages a national workshop to be held in each country annually by the member universities. On 4-5 October 2019, the 2nd National Workshop on UI GreenMetric World University Rankings for Turkish Universities was held in Zonguldak Bülent Ecevit University. The workshop aims to form a national platform to share the experiences and best practices about the sustainability of the universities and the GreenMetric expert members. Yeditepe University has participated in the workshop organization with its valuable contribution.

Yeditepe University has participated in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings every year since 2017. The results of UI GreenMetric World University Rankings, which Yeditepe University applied for the ninth time in 2025, were announced in December. 1745 universities from 105 countries around the world participated in the assessment. Among the 142 participating universities from Türkiye, Yeditepe University ranked 2nd among foundation universities, 7th in overall Türkiye, and 91th across the world. In June 2026, Yeditepe University applied the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings for the tenth time. The number of participating universities increases every year, and the results will be announced in September 2026.

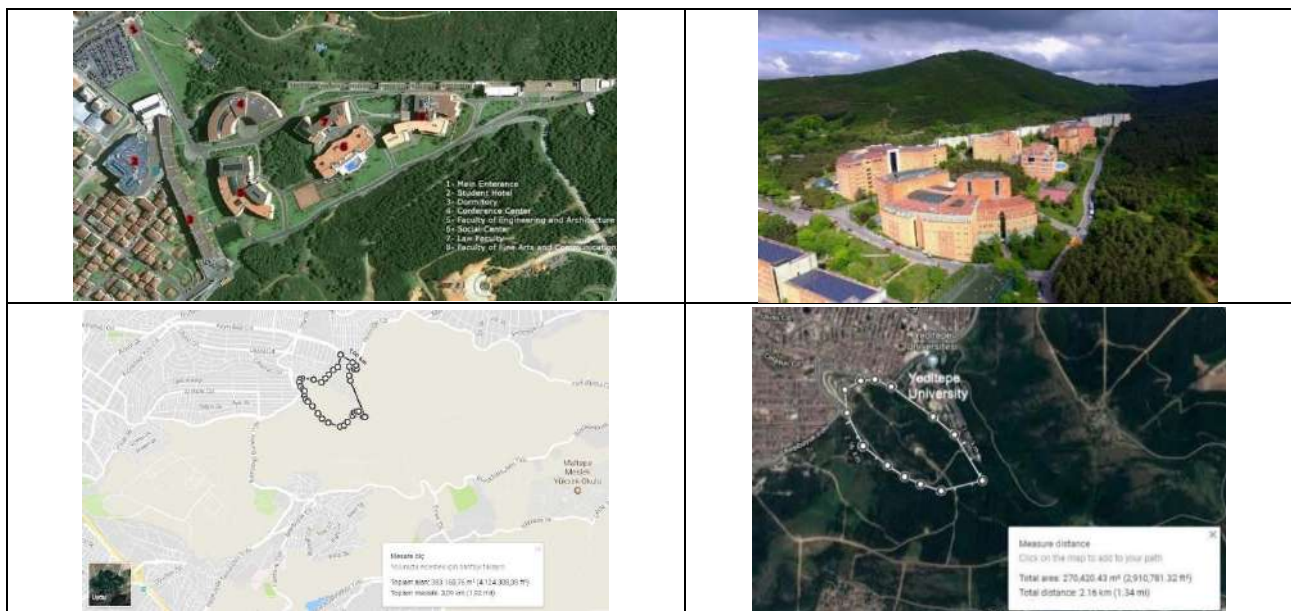
Yeditepe University evaluates its activities on “Sustainability“ in 7 main categories:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the UI GreenMetric Criteria.

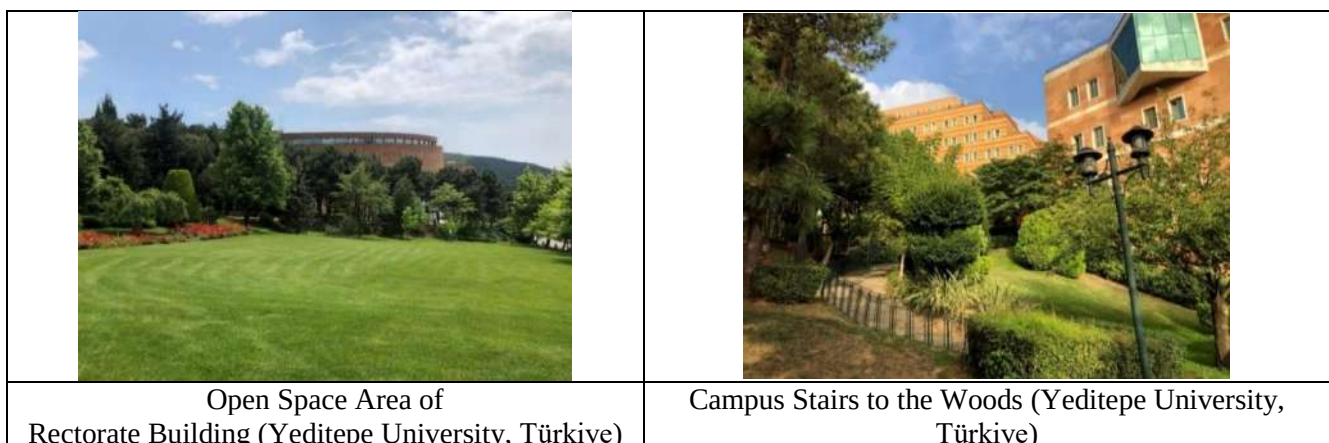
Campus Setting and Infrastructure

Sustainability criteria are applied in structural elements and green areas at the Yeditepe University Campus. All campus buildings have green building features such as natural ventilation, full-day natural lighting, and an energy management system.

Green areas within the campus take up a large space. Sustainability criteria are used in the design, maintenance and application of green areas. Besides, Yeditepe University also conducts studies to create an Arboretum. The development and protection of plant material are continued every year in the Arboretum and the campus landscaping area.



Yeditepe University has an outstanding campus landscape which has been recognized as one of the greenest university campuses in Istanbul. All the campus buildings are located within the campus landscape which have access to different types of landscaped open spaces. The campus vegetation includes a rich plant diversity.





Plant Species Labels (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)



Indoor Plants (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)

A vertical farming container has been installed on the Yeditepe University campus under the cooperation protocol signed between Yeditepe University and İstanbul Gübre Sanayii A.Ş. (İGSAŞ). Although the container measures only 30 square meters, it delivers a production capacity comparable to a traditional field of roughly 7,000 square meters. It now functions as a live agricultural laboratory for students.



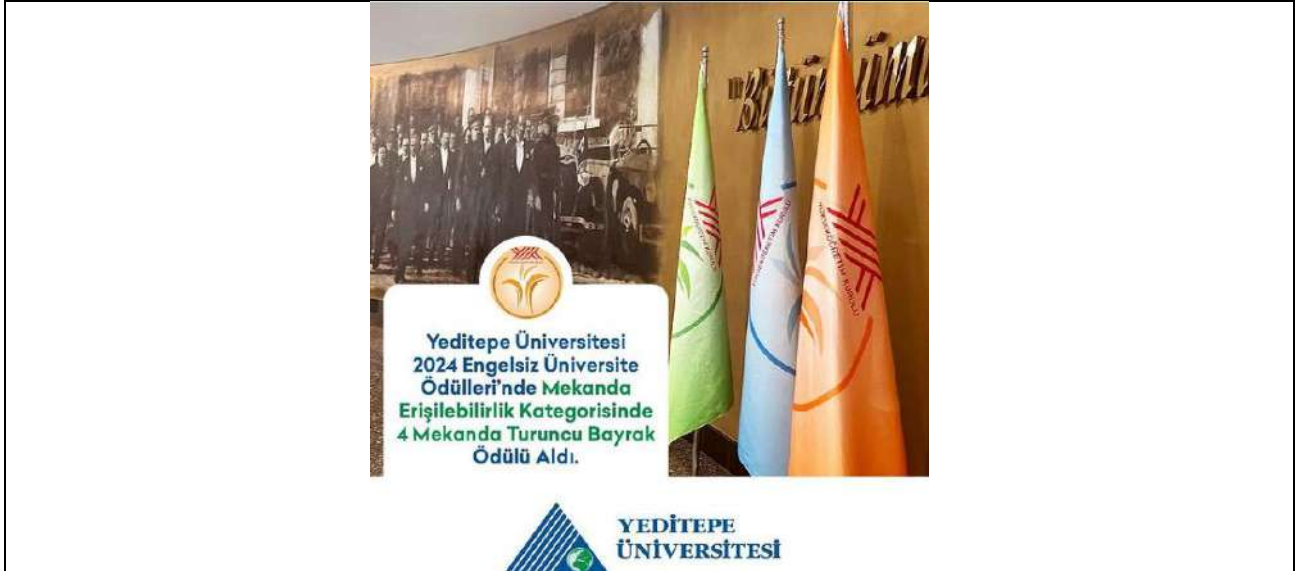
Vertical farming (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)



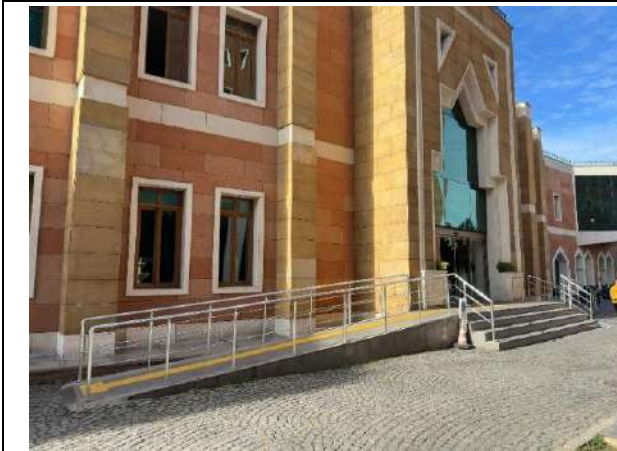
Several studies are being conducted at Yeditepe University Department of Genetics and Bioengineering to conserve plant genetic resources.



Campus Setting has several features in accordance with universal design principles. The Consultation and Coordination Center for Handicapped Students of our university is to receive an award in every category within the Obstruction-Free University Awards which are organised annually by The Higher Education Council. Our university has received an award of Program Distinction since it is the only university, when compared with other universities, that provide service for 5 different disabilities.



Obstruction-Free University Awards (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)



Tactile paving and ramps (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)



Accessible toilet for disabled people (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)



Lifts with disability platforms (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)

Yeditepe University emergency service teams and their responsibilities have been established. Regulations on emergencies, preparation of emergency plans in workplaces, prevention, protection, evacuation, fire fighting, first aid, and other necessary studies are carried out at our university.



Emergency Drill (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)

In addition, health infrastructure facilities for students, academics and administrative staff's wellbeing are available at Yeditepe University Campus Setting. Yeditepe University fulfilled the requirements of the Safe Campus Certification program for developing healthy and clean environments in higher education institutions within the scope of the Pandemic and Yeditepe University was awarded a Safe Campus Certificate by the Turkish Standards Institution.



Safe Campus Certificate (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)

Healthcare services are given at the campus, ranging from physical examination, laboratory examinations, vaccinations, small-scale surgical operations, dressings, injections, IV's and medical observation. Doctors, nurses and paramedics are available 24/7 at the Medical Center for first aid and emergency assistance to the students and staff at Yeditepe. There are also Yeditepe University Practical Pharmacy and ambulance service for student and staff at the campus. Health Care Institutions such as; Kozyatağı Hospital, Koşuyolu Hospital, Eye Hospital, Dental Hospital, Bagdat Street Clinic, Genetic Diagnostic Centre and Health Centre are available and accessible to public.

	
Medical Center (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)	Medical Center (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)
	
Practical Pharmacy (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)	Ambulance service for students and staff (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)
	
Yeditepe University Kozyatağı Hospital (Istanbul, Türkiye)	Yeditepe University Koşuyolu Hospital (Istanbul, Türkiye)

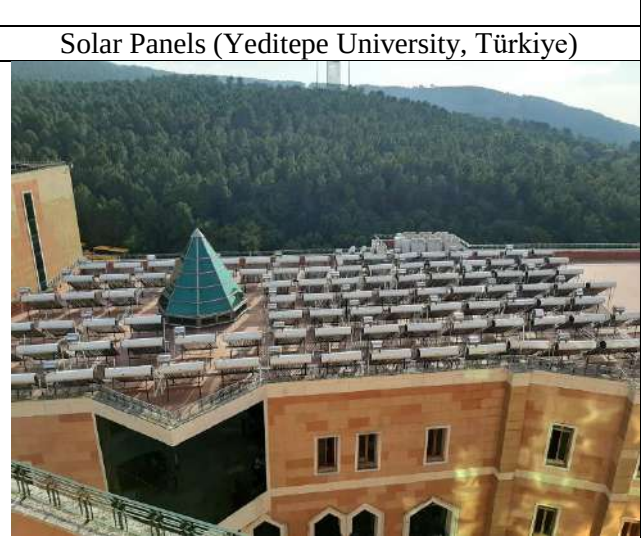
Yeditepe University focuses on the use of new technologies in classrooms to enhance the teaching and learning experience. In this context, smart boards, digital projectors, and video conferencing systems are available in the classrooms.

	
Smart Classroom Technology (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)	
Example photos of smart classroom applications	

A digital plan is being created on the Yeditepe University campus. All processes related to the work carried out throughout the campus infrastructure are managed through applications prepared for digital planning.

Energy and Climate Change

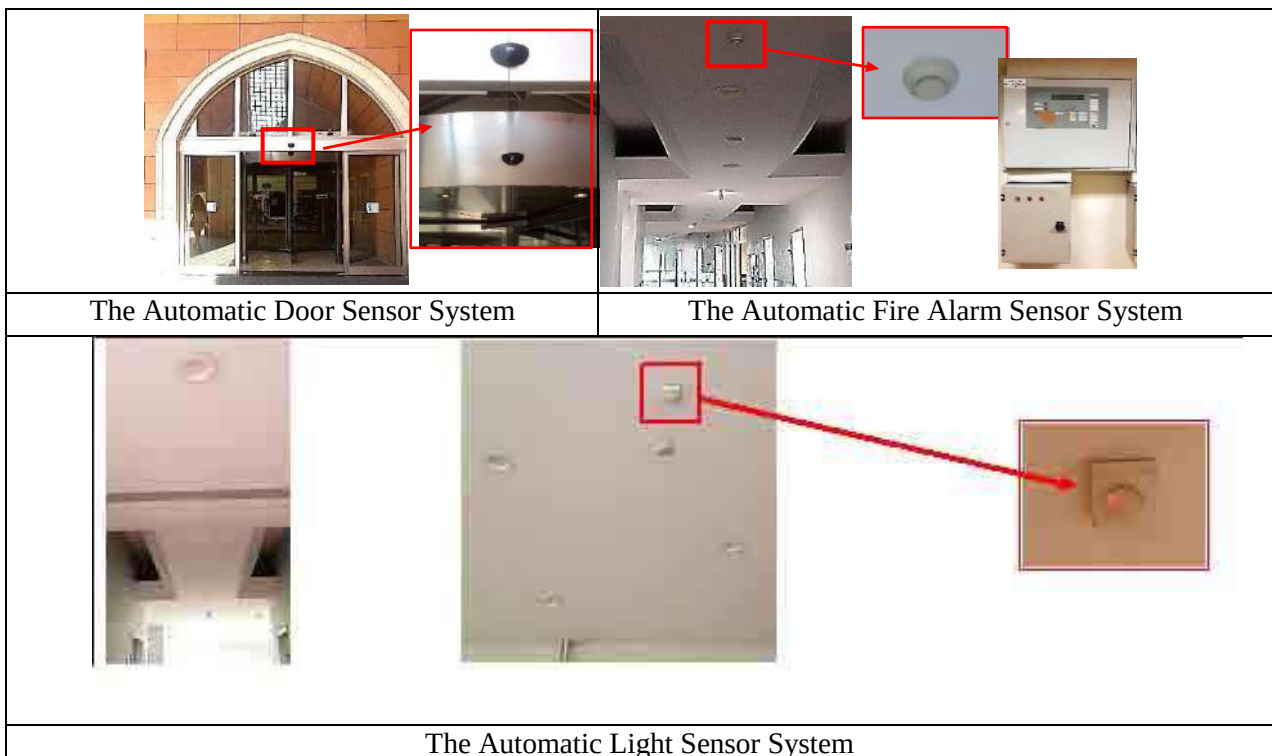
Yeditepe University has identified measures related to the Energy and Climate Change category. In the first phase, a solar energy system started to be used as a renewable energy production on campus. For this purpose, solar panels were installed on campus building terraces. The ratio of renewable energy production to total annual energy use is 7.5% Also, the solar system for heating hot water is present on the roof of the social facilities building.

	
Solar Panels (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)	Solar Panels (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)
	
Solar Panels (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)	Heating for the Building

In addition, Yeditepe University aims to improve energy savings by various sustainable energy management applications. The energy consumption is monitored and energy efficient appliances and sensor systems are used throughout the campus area. While there are LED illuminations and energy saving lamps throughout the campus, energy efficient devices are used in laboratories.



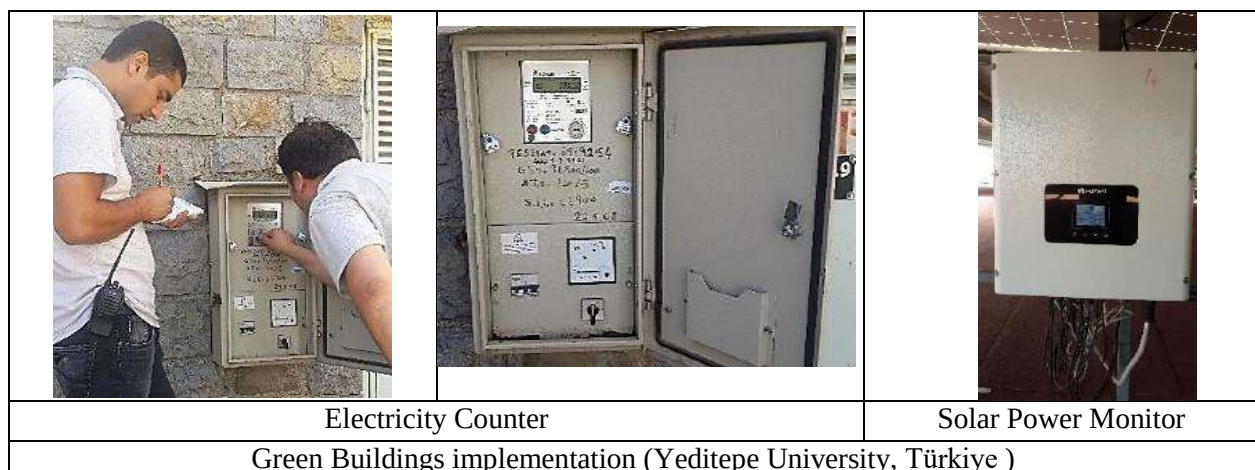
At the same time, all buildings have automated systems such as automatic doors, automatic fire alarm systems and automatic lighting.



Elements of the green building implementations that are present in all the campus buildings are; Natural Ventilation, Full Day Natural Lighting and Building Energy Management System.



There are also monitor and control elements which are checked regularly in buildings.



Waste Management

At Yeditepe University, a comprehensive recycling and waste reduction program is implemented for “Waste Management” and measures are taken to protect natural resources and use them efficiently.

Yeditepe University has established the “Zero Waste Management System” throughout the campus area and fulfilled the requirements of the “Zero Waste Certification” given by the Municipality of Environment and Urbanization at February 2021.

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Zero Waste Certification (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)		

All recyclable wastes throughout the university are collected separately in order to be recycled. To carry out this process properly, indoor waste separation units in all corridors of classes, offices and halls have been placed so as to collect and separate in their source. Besides, the used papers generated at the offices are recycled with a mechanical technique by an authorized recycling company and GHG emission resulting from the incineration has been avoided indirectly.



Recycling Program For University Waste (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)

Environmental protection campaigns are being conducted to raise environmental awareness among the students and academic and administrative staff. Examples of the campaigns can be given as waste battery collection, fluorescent light collection, plastic cover collection, textile or clothing products and safely disposal of expired drugs. The university is supported by the municipality with the joint projects carried out for recycling.



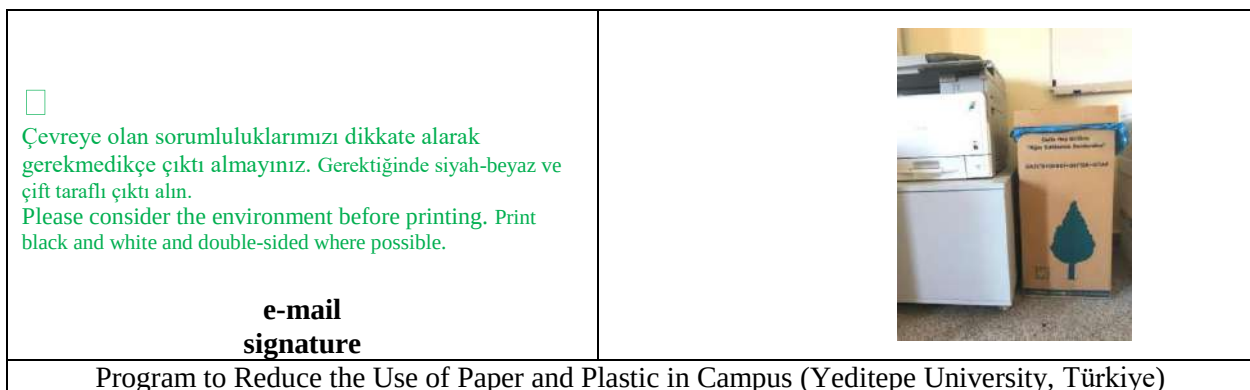
Waste Battery Collection Campaign / Fluorescent Light Collection / Plastic Cover Collection / Drug Collection Campaign



Kindness Containers (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)



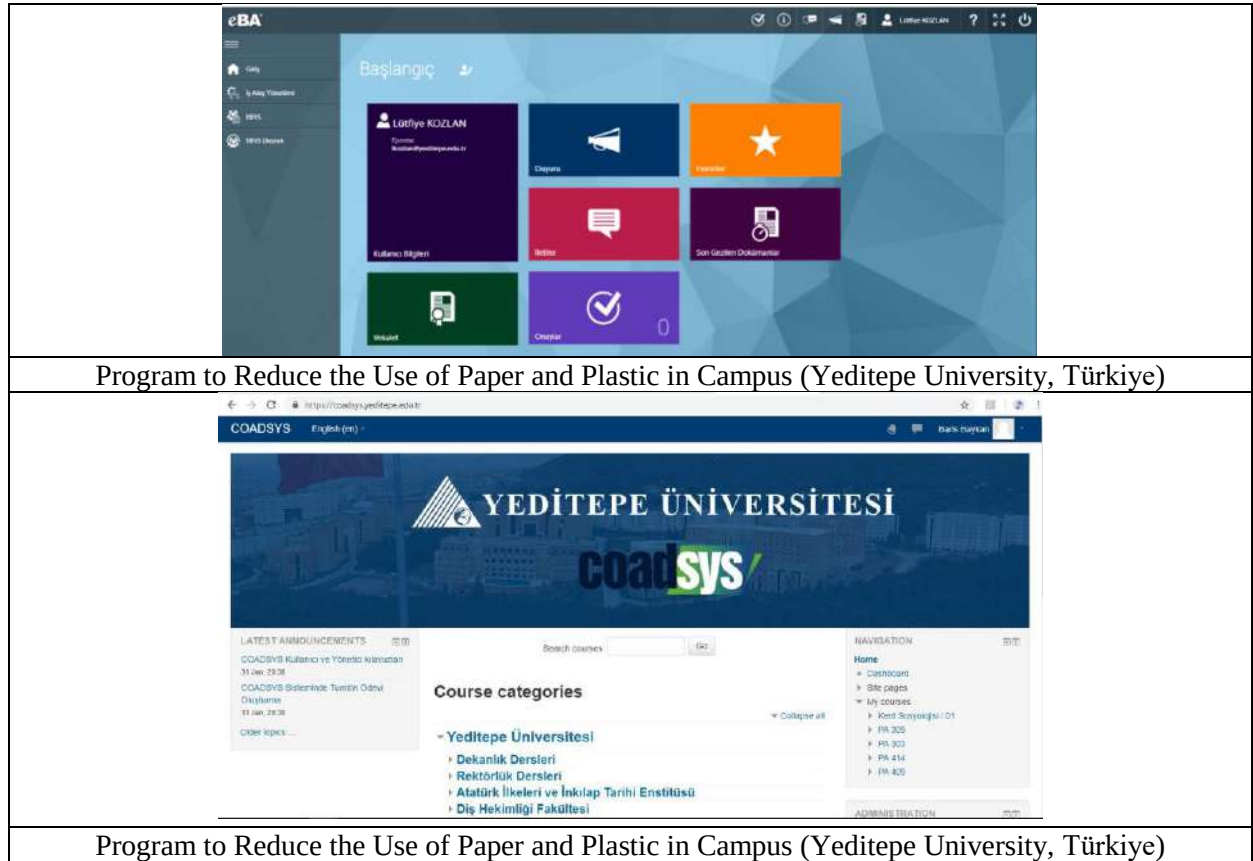
Program to Reduce the Use of Paper and Plastic in Campus (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)



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In addition to these, various applications started to be used within the scope of the ‘Program for Reducing Paper and Plastic Usage’. To this end, new computer systems have been implemented for corporate correspondence (EDYS) and course management (Moodle). In addition, programs such as double-sided printing are implemented within the framework of the policy of reducing the number of prints.



All wastes from Yeditepe University Campus are being treated separately. Non- recyclable inorganic wastes are collected in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization. In order to avoid environmental pollution, odor and leakage from these wastes, an Underground Waste Container System is used. In addition to this, by using Recycling Units, Packaging Units and Indoor Waste Separation Units for recycling are available in common areas of the campus. The wastes are thrown to the Indoor Waste Separation Units that are placed in the corridors of the classes,

offices and halls. These wastes are then daily controlled for separation according to their types and are given to the recycle company which is authorized for recycling by the Municipality. Additionally, the outdoor waste bins have been categorized and labeled so as to separate the waste material in their source. New indoor waste bins have also been provided for the separation of indoor wastes in their source as well.

			
Recycling Units	Outdoor Waste Bins		Underground Waste Container System
			
Packaging Units	Indoor Waste Separation Units		
Inorganic Waste Treatment (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)			

Yeditepe University Design and Upcycling (YUDU) Laboratory which was established by the Faculty of Architecture, Department of Industrial Design, within the scope of Yeditepe University Research Project is to recycle the plastic wastes on the university campus in line with these goals targeting the year 2030 and within the scope of zero waste and sustainability studies of Yeditepe University. Yeditepe University Design and Upcycling (YUDU) Laboratory consists of a machine park for the recycling of plastics. The aim of the laboratory is to recycle plastics and to design products with recycled plastics and to realise new designs.

		
Plastics waste collection point	Storage area of plastic waste converted into raw materials	Classification of plastic waste

Yeditepe University Design and Upcycling Laboratory carries out various activities related to reducing the consumption of disposable plastics, using alternative materials and recycling under the leadership of academicians. Plastic-Free Campus" primarily focuses on reducing and recycling single-use plastics aims to carry out studies. Different types of disposable plastics on the university campus and our primary objective is to eliminate in line with the circular economy and sustainable development goals with a holistic approach is to carry out studies to develop effective solutions.



Recycled Plastic Production Area

Our university's E-waste is not disposed of in regular trash cans because it contains high concentrations of toxic chemicals and heavy metals, and their recycling is supported. E-Waste is collected periodically by the relevant units and given to the recycling company.



E-Waste Collection Area

At our university, organic wastes are collected during the pruning of plants, mowing of the lawns and after processes in the compost plant. The organic waste supplied from the plant materials in the campus landscape is utilized by a recycle machine. The compost produced is fully used in the campus for landscape maintenance. The amount of organic waste recycled increases every year significantly. Also, with this year's compost applications, organic waste from kitchens is converted into liquid fertilizer and soil for use in indoor plants in the Bokashi compost unit and Vermicompost unit at Yeditepe University Greenhouse.



Organic Waste Collected from the Landscape Maintenance



Recycle Machine

Organic Compost Unit

Organic Waste Treatment (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)



The compost produced is fully used on the campus landscape for maintenance (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)



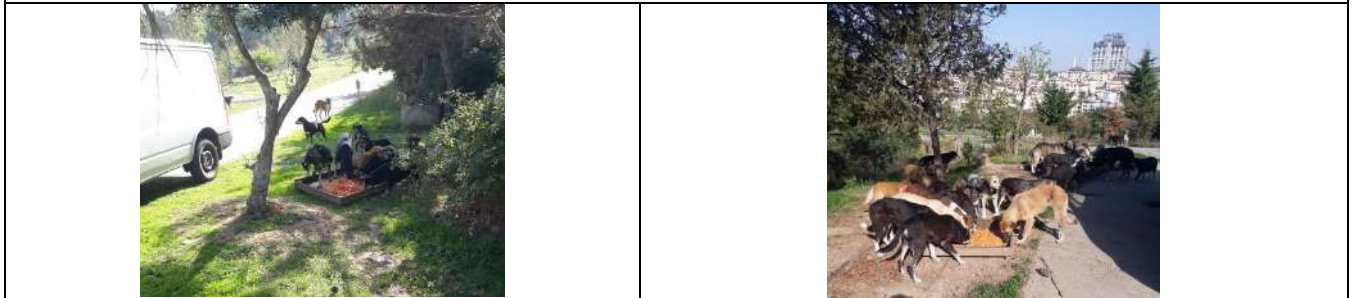
Bokashi Composting (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)



Vermicomposting (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)



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Food waste generated from the kitchens is reused to feed the animals (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)

There is a three-compartment grease separator tank in the food production unit at the Campus Social Facilities Building, where all the university's food is prepared. Wastewater composed of oil and water collected from the utility system is taken to the grease separator tank, where the mixture is trapped and allowed for some time to separate. Then the oil separated from this process is stored and sent to a company that produces biodiesel fuel. Also, the cleaned water is transferred to the sewage system.



Grease separator tank (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)

The disposal of toxic waste is carried out by keeping an inventory. All toxic wastes from our university are sent to disposal companies with environmental license permit and national waste transportation forms. All records are kept and the entered into the system of the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization at the end of the year.

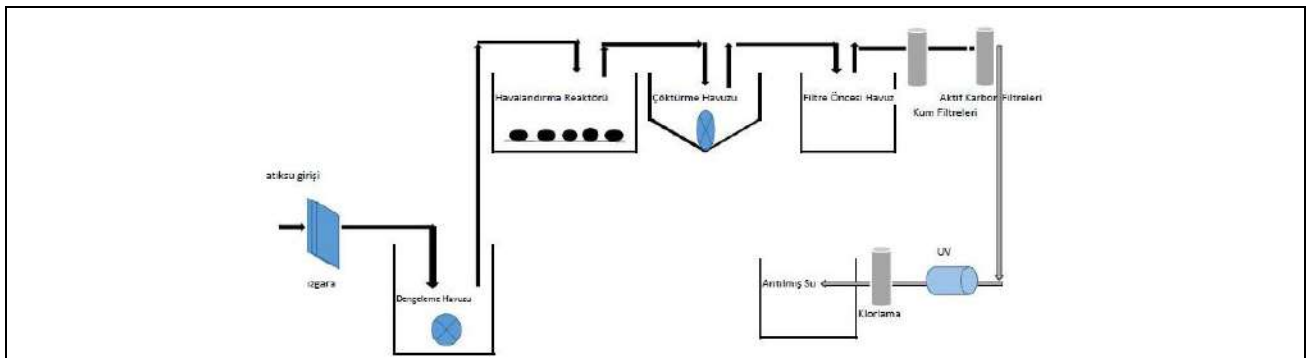


Toxic Waste Handled (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)



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There is a biological treatment plant in the campus for the treatment of waste water. In the plant, approximately 30% of the total amount of water used annually is treated and recycled as water.



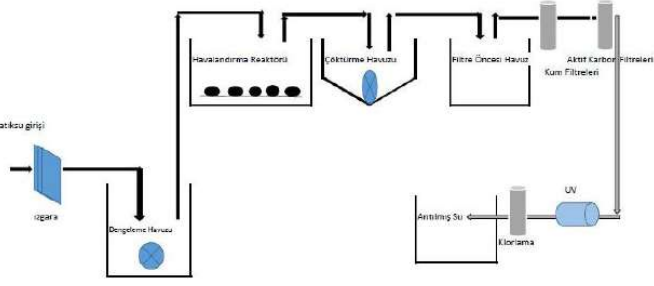
Sewerage Disposal (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)

Water Resources

Water conservation program has been implemented in 2019. Rainwater from the building roofs is being collected in rain water tanks for watering indoor and outdoor planting. Also, a ground water tank construction is still in preparation in the Arboretum area. The capacity of the Ground Water Tank is 6000 m³.

	
Water Conservation – Rain Water Collection (University of Yeditepe, Türkiye)	
	
Water Conservation-Rain Water Tank (University of Yeditepe, Türkiye)	Ground Water Tank in Arboretum Area (Yeditepe University , Türkiye)

Following the water treatment process, the recycled water is taken from the storage tank by an electrical system which uses booster pumps. Then the recycled water is sent to a piping system which distributes the recycled water to the garden irrigation system and the campus toilet system.

		
		
Campus Toilet System	Garden Sprinkler Systems	Drip Irrigation Systems
Recycled Water Used (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)		

The Use of Water Efficient Appliances in the campus buildings; flow rate decreasing appliances for water taps are used in all the campus WCs. In addition, all the WCs are provided with low flush toilet equipment.



Environmental and OHS Policies: Yeditepe University adopted Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety Policies to achieve a healthy and safe working environment, as well as taking responsibility for preserving the environment with sustainability strategies in accordance with sustainable development goals.

Environmental and OHS Policies As Yeditepe University, while we conduct our activities, we adopt presenting a healthy and safe working environment for all our shareholders, reducing possible occupational risks, execute occupational health and safety activities, keeping the impact of our activities on the environment on our minds, as well as taking responsibility about preserving the environment with our sustainability strategies that we defined in accordance with our sustainable development goals, to provide a livable world for the future generations, as our main aim and principles. In this regard, it is our Environmental and OHS Policy to: - Maintain the legal and other obligations on environment and occupational health and safety, as well as providing the necessary resources to meet our sustainability obligations by using the newest standards as well as sustainable technologies, - Create a culture of environment and occupational health and safety, adopting it as a lifestyle and keeping our employees well-trained in this regard, - Conduct regulating activities about environment and occupational health and safety with a proactive perspective and enhance our system to improve our performance by improving our procedures and use of sustainable resources, - Raise awareness about environment and occupational health and safety and all relevant matters in our shareholders, - Evaluate the risks about occupational health and safety, conduct systemic activities for eliminating the dangers and reducing the risks to tolerable levels, - Include our employees and employee representatives in occupational health and safety procedures and take their input into consideration, - Contribute the reduction of waste as well as recycling with an approach of zero-waste and prevention of negative effects on the environment at their point of origin, - Prefer products with the lowest impact on environment and are environmentally friendly by having the lifecycle analysis as our base, pay attention to climate change and conduct activities to prevent the biodiversity and ecosystems.	
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Example of Water Efficient Appliances Usage (University of Yeditepe, Türkiye)

Waste Control / Wastewater Treatment: Liquid chemical waste collection bins (blue barrels) are available in our laboratories, and no chemicals are poured into the sink. Wastewater is treated with activated sludge method in the biological wastewater treatment plant. The treated water is used for siphon water and lawn irrigation after chlorination. The analysis of the treated water is done by an authorized laboratory once every 3 months. In addition, control is provided by taking measurements at the university with the spectrophotometer method at monthly periods.

Waste Control - Liquid Chemical Waste Collection Bins (Blue Barrels) (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)	Wastewater Treatment Plant Pools (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)	Wastewater Treatment Plant (Activated Carbon Filtration Units) (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)

Transportation

At Yeditepe University ‘Sustainable Transportation Practices’ are applied. In order to reduce the use of vehicles in the campus, vehicle entries are restricted. The Shuttle Services are available for journeys within the campus and the ride is free.

	
Shuttle Bus Station	Shuttle Bus
	
Shuttle Bus Station	Shuttle Bus Route

Zero emission vehicles are available within the campus area. An electrical car provides shuttle services from campus building area to the parking lot at the arboretum area carrying 4 passengers for each trip at regular intervals daily. For the same route, another alternative transportation is planned. Bicycle racks are located to specific locations and free bicycles are provided for use. A zero emission electric car is present in the campus area which is designed by Yeditepe University Automotive Club and exhibited in different scientific occasions.

	
Zero Emission Vehicle	Zero Emission Vehicle



Electric Car

Walking is supported by the various pedestrian paths available within the campus area. Enjoyable and comfortable walking alternatives make the journey attractive. Besides, by the positive human physiological and psychological health effects gained from this experience, sustainability is supported as a consequence. The use of pedestrian paths and vehicular roads have been separated by the application of different paving materials. Street lamps are provided for night illumination. Tactile paving and ramps throughout the campus area have been constructed for the handicapped users.



Pedestrian Paths Along the Vehicle Route



Intense Pedestrian Activity Through the Campus (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)



There is Availability of Location Data and Direction Along Pedestrian Pathways



Ramps and Guiding Blocks That Have A Suitable Design for Pedestrians Having Physical Disabilities
Pedestrian Paths (Yeditepe University, Türkiye)

Access to campus parking areas is restricted to vehicles that do not have sensor access stickers used by staff and dormitory students. Garage door sensors used at the campus parking area entrances decreased the parking area needs by more than %30.



Sensor Sticker on the Personnel Car

The Garage Barrier Sensor



Personnel Bus Services

Sensor Barrier at Campus Vehicular Circulation

Education and Research

At our university, courses, research, academic publications and academic activities related to ‘Environment and Sustainability’ are encouraged. In this regard, the Graduate School of Natural Applied Sciences established the “Urban Design and Landscape Architecture”, “Sustainable Energy”, “Design and Innovation for Sustainable Food Systems” and “Sustainable Interior Studies” graduate programs. On the other hand, School of Applied Sciences established “Agricultural Trade and Management” undergraduate program. Furthermore, we plan to integrate these programs and related courses throughout the university. Every year total number of courses offered at Yeditepe University increases. A course named “Sustainable Development” is offered for all the students of the university which focuses on the sustainable development goals of the United Nations.

Yeditepe University Learning and Teaching Unit (YU-LEARNT) was established in 2021. It has led and engaged in various activities such as trainings, webinars, events, collaborations, and workshops, not only within its institution but also on a national and international scale. Fully committed to supporting our university’s strategic goal of internationalization, our Unit has, since its inception, ensured that all its trainings, annual activity reports, videos, social media posts, website announcements, events, and internal communications are available in both Turkish and English. In addition, Yeditepe University Learning and Teaching Implementation and Research Centre was founded in 2024. Since then, it has supported our university’s learning and teaching processes, prepared new training programs, and participated in national and international projects. At the end of each academic year, after making the analysis, the Unit compiles an annual activity report that encapsulates all the activities from the past year and outlines plans for the upcoming year. This report is concisely presented in a meeting attended by the Rectorate and all Unit members. Subsequently, these reports are shared with the public on our website and social media platforms.



Various activities have been organized throughout the university to raise awareness about “Sustainability and the Environment”:

1. As part of Zero Waste Week, a week-long series of events was organized at our university to promote a more sustainable way of living. Students and stakeholders were invited to participate in this collective movement toward a cleaner, more conscious, and more sustainable future. Activities included the Zero Waste Painting Competition for İSTEK Primary and Secondary School students, held from June 1 to 5, 2026, and the "No Longer or Leftover" Exhibition, which took place from June 1 to 7, 2026.

2. As part of the Graduate Project (GRA 519), the Circular Economy Glossary Card Design activity was conducted in the Visual Communication Design Studio on June 1, 2026. On the same date, the Sustainable Design Yarn Workshop was held in the Textile and Fashion Design Studio.

3. On June 2, 2026, a clean-up event was organized at the Bostancı seafront, and a Science Café talk titled “The Relationship Between Waste Management and the Marine Ecosystem” was held on the same day.

 1-5 Haziran 1-5 June 2026 İSTEK İLKOKUL VE ORTAOKUL ÖĞRENCİLERİ ARASI "SIFIR ATIK" KONULU REŞİM YARIŞMASI 1-5 Haziran 2026 10.00-14.00 Ödül Töreni: 5 Haziran 2026 14.00 Yeditepe Üniversitesi Rektörlük Binası Sergi Alanı "ZERO WASTE" PAINTING CONTEST FOR İSTEK PRIMARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS June 1-5, 2026 10:00-14:00 Award Ceremony: June 5, 2026 14:00 Yeditepe University Rectorate Building Exhibition Area 1-7 Haziran 1-7 June 2026 "ARTIK - NO LONGER OR LEFTOVER" SERGİSİ Sergi Açılış Saati: 1 Haziran 2026 14.00 Sanat ve Tasarım Fakültesi 5. Kat Sergi Alanı "ARTIK - NO LONGER OR LEFTOVER" EXHIBITION Exhibition Opening Time: June 1, 2026 14:00 Faculty of Art and Design 5th Floor Exhibition Area Halka Açıktır Open to the Public  1	 1 Haziran 1 June 2026 LİSANSÜSTÜ PROJE (GRA 519): Circular Economy Glossary Cards Design (25 Terms / 25 Cards) 1 Haziran 2026 10.00-12.00 Görsel İletişim Tasarım Stüdyosu GRADUATE PROJECT (GRA 519): Circular Economy Glossary Cards Design (25 Terms / 25 Cards) June 1, 2026 10:00-12:00 Visual Communication Design Studio 1 Haziran 1 June 2026 SÜRDÜRÜLEBİLİR TASARIM İPLİK ATÖLYESİ 1 Haziran 2026 13.00-16.00 Tekstil ve Moda Tasarım Atölyesi SUSTAINABLE DESIGN YARN WORKSHOP June 1, 2026 13:00-16:00 Textile and Fashion Design Studio Halka Açıktır Open to the Public  2	 2 Haziran 2 June 2026 BOSTANCI SAHİLİ ÇÖP TOPLAMA ETKİNLİĞİ 2 Haziran 2026 09:00 Küçükyalı / Bostancı Sahil Hatı WASTE COLLECTION TREES AND UPCYCLING WORKSHOP June 2, 2026 09:00 Küçükyalı / Bostancı Sahil Hatı 2 Haziran 2 June 2026 BİLİM KAFE SÖYLEŞİSİ: ATIK YÖNETİMİ VE DENİZ EKOSİSTEMİ İLİŞKİSİ 2 Haziran 2026 10.30 Suadiye Penguin Kitabevi SCIENCE CAFE TALK: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WASTE MANAGEMENT AND THE MARINE ECOSYSTEM June 2, 2026 10:30 Suadiye Penguin Kitabevi Halka Açıktır Open to the Public  3
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4. On June 2, 2026, the Waste Collection Trees and Upcycling Workshop was held. On June 3, 2026, a workshop on upcycling food waste and composting was held.

5. Within the scope of the Science Café events, a session titled “Food Waste and Composting” was conducted on June 3, 2026. On June 4, 2026, a campus and forest clean-up activity was organized as part of Zero Waste Week.

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6. On June 4, 2026, an event titled “Circular Economy and Sustainability” was organized at the Faculty of Art and Design Conference Hall. On June 5, 2026, a technical training event titled “Climate Diplomacy and the Türkiye Model” was held at Yeditepe University Blue Hall.

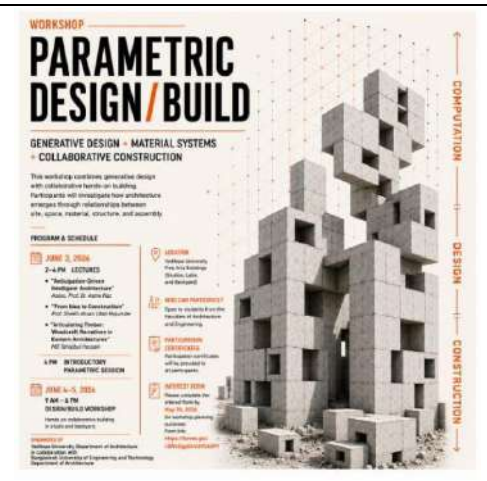
7. On June 6, 2026, a Marmara awareness dive was carried out around the Princes’ Islands. On June 7, 2026, the Don’t Waste It, Transform It, Trade It event was organized at the Yeditepe University campus.

	
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8. The “ARTIK / NO LONGER or LEFTOVER” exhibition, prepared by students and researchers from the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department of Yeditepe University, was held at the Faculty of Art and Design between May 13 and June 8, 2026.

9. This workshop combined generative design with collaborative hands-on building. Participants investigated how architecture emerged through the relationship between site, space, material, structure, and assembly.

10. As part of the United Nations-declared International Year of Women Farmers 2026, a webinar was held on May 14, 2026, focusing on innovative approaches in agriculture, sustainable production systems, and the future of farming.

		
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11. On April 16, 2026, a presentation titled “Sustainable Architecture, Artificial Intelligence, and Wooden Structures” was delivered, addressing topics including sustainability, timber structures, next-generation architectural technologies, artificial intelligence, solar energy, and smart energy solutions.

12. As the 10th event of the “Routes to Take After Graduation” seminar series organized by the Department of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture, the session was held on April 30, 2026.

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13. Organized by the Department of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture, the seminar titled “From Earth to the Future: A Landscape Architect’s Journey” was held on April 22, 2026, with Nesrin Karaoğlu Otuzoğlu, co-founder of Karaoğlu Peyzaj, as the invited speaker.

14. The 9th event of the “Routes to Take After Graduation” seminar series, organized by the Department of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture at Yeditepe University, was held on May 16, 2026.

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15. Technical Trip - Within the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) course, students from the Department of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture visited the EIA Branch Directorate and received information on EIA studies and environmental management processes.

16. Technical Trip- On May 13, 2026, students from the Department of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture at Yeditepe University participated in a technical field trip.



17. Aydos Forest Cleanup Event: As part of the Social Responsibility Projects course offered by the Department of Public Administration at Yeditepe University, a cleanup event was held in Aydos Forest on April 26, 2026, with the participation of 35 students. The primary objective of the event was to raise students' awareness of environmental issues, strengthen their environmental conservation consciousness, and develop their understanding of social responsibility through a hands-on activity. During the event, students contributed to the protection of the natural environment by collecting plastic, glass, metal, and other waste found in the forested area. Information sessions were held during the cleanup efforts regarding the importance of forest ecosystems and the impacts of human activities on nature. Aydos Forest is an important natural habitat that is home to many plant and animal species. For this reason, the importance of protecting biodiversity was particularly emphasized during the event. Students were made aware that waste left in the environment not only causes visual pollution but also poses serious threats to living species.

18. Within the scope of the İZ 2026 Career Festival, Yeditepe University graduate Mehmet Ziya Alpertong, who graduated from Landscape Architecture and Architecture, shared his career journey and nature-oriented design approach with students.



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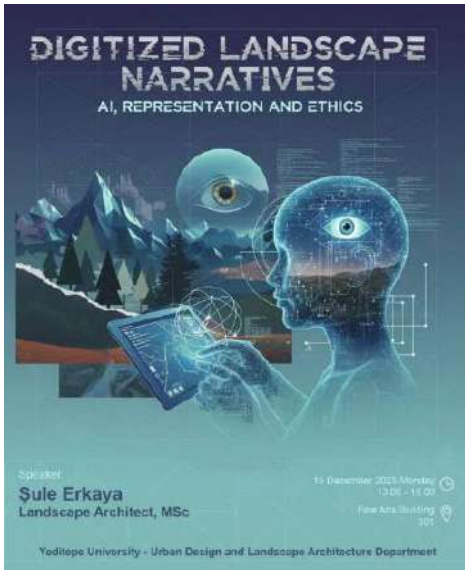


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19. On December 15, 2025, the Department of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture held a seminar exploring the role of artificial intelligence in digital design practices, forms of representation, and related ethical debates.

20. On Monday, December 22, 2025, we gathered for the “Unite Blue and Green” Ecological City Design Game. Developed by the Kadıköy Municipality Climate Ambassadors, this three-dimensional educational module provided participants with the opportunity to experience how an ecologically based and climate-adaptive city could be designed. Under the guidance of project leader Işık Baştuğ, participants evaluated the impacts of climate change on urban life and explored feasible solutions by considering topics such as energy efficiency, waste management, biodiversity, and green space planning. They then collaboratively completed a three-dimensional city design on a blank map.



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21. This one-day workshop introduces architecture students to deep learning with PyTorch and its application in sustainable design. Students will train a façade segmentation model using Berkeley’s Facade Dataset (Pix2Pix dataset from UC Berkeley), extract measurable architectural data such as window-to-wall ratio (WWR) and vertical rhythm, and use these insights to inform optimization of tile placement on a hyperbolic paraboloid (HyPar) surface. The session connects data-driven reasoning with architectural form, emphasizing how AI-based analysis can support resource efficiency, reduce waste, and enhance design sustainability.

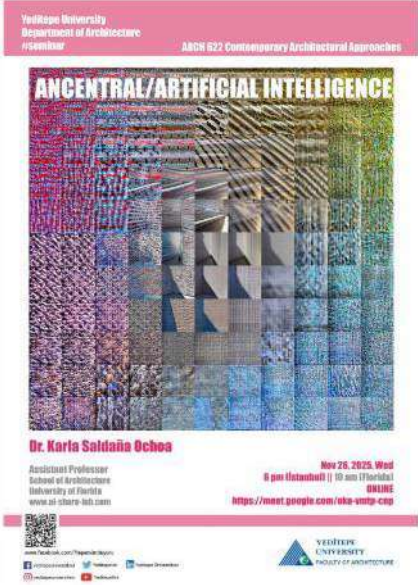
22. On November 6, 2025, the Department of Architecture at Yeditepe University held an event titled “Circular Economy for a Digitalized Built Environment” as part of the Lunchtime Lecture series.

	
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23. Technical Trip- Within the scope of the CULA 418 Culinary Herbs course, students from the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department at Yeditepe University participated in a technical visit to the Istanbul Indoor Vertical Farming Application Center.

24. On November 11, 2025, the Department of Architecture at Yeditepe University held an online seminar titled “Ancentral / Artificial Intelligence.”

25. In the online event organized in collaboration with the Yeditepe University Architecture Club, the topic of “Sustainability and Architecture” was discussed with Senior Architect Gizem Erol. The future of sustainable architecture, post-2030 design approaches, and the integration of smart technologies into architectural practice were examined in depth. Within the framework of topics such as artificial intelligence, IoT, digital twins, and energy efficiency, the discussion explored how environmentally conscious, smart, and resilient buildings could be achieved.

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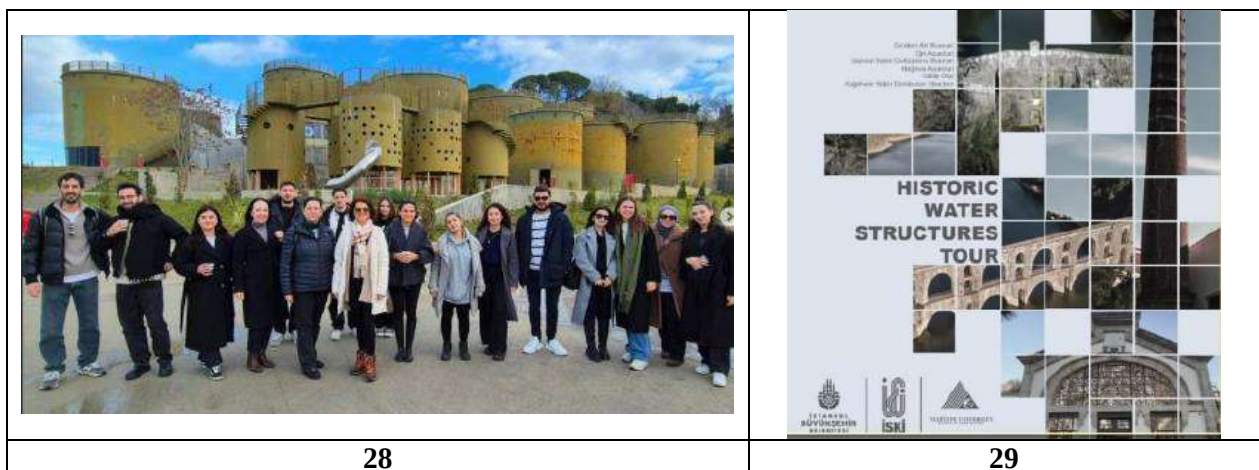
26. Technical Trip – Akasya Acıbadem Project Urban Phase: As part of the LAUD 309 Techniques of Landscape Construction course, a technical trip was organized to the Akasya Acıbadem Project Urban Phase. Participants were informed about roof gardens, vertical gardens, landscape maintenance, and sustainability.

27. Technical Trip – Rami Library: Within the scope of the LAUD 309 Techniques of Landscape Construction course, a technical trip was organized to the Rami Library. The site, designed as an urban park, includes diverse spaces such as a 51 m² green area rich in plant species, resting and children's play areas, working and picnic areas, a biological pond, green amphitheater, and green roof. Detailed information about these spaces was provided.



28. Technical Trip – Çubuklu Silos: As part of the LAUD 309 Techniques of Landscape Construction and LAUD 305 Urban and Ecology courses, a technical trip was organized to the Çubuklu Silos. After losing its function and being abandoned, the silos were revitalized through comprehensive restoration and adaptive reuse, becoming a renewed space integrated with the Bosphorus landscape and urban memory.

29. Technical Trip / Collaboration – “Historic Water Routes” (İSKİ Collaboration): In collaboration with İSKİ and our department, a technical trip titled “Historic Water Routes” was organized. The trip introduced Istanbul’s historic water structures, emphasizing their cultural and engineering significance, and examined the city’s rich heritage of water civilization.



30. Seminar – "Environmental Law and Public Procurement Legislation": At the event attended by the Director of the Directorate of Technical Works and the Director of Parks and Gardens of Ataşehir Municipality as speakers, topics such as the Environmental Law and Public Procurement Legislation were discussed.

31. Technical Trip – İSTON A.Ş. Tuzla Factory: As part of the LAUD 421 Urban Furniture course, a technical trip was organized to the İSTON A.Ş. Tuzla Factory. Participants received detailed information about the design and implementation processes of sustainable and innovative production technologies in urban furniture.

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32. Seminar – “From Object through Industrial Design”: In the event titled “From Object through Industrial Design”, attended by Dr. Berrak Karaca Şalgamcıoğlu, Head of the Industrial Design Department at Istanbul University, the topic of re-evaluating urban furniture from the perspective of user experience and industrial design was discussed.

33. Seminar – "Routes to Take After Graduation Series VIII": Within the scope of the Routes to Take After Graduation Series VIII, sessions were held on “Biological Pond Design Applications” and “Designing Emotions in Landscape Spaces Perceived by Heart Rather than the Eye.”

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34. Within the scope of the ELT209 Brand with Siemens course, a seminar was held for the students by Siemens A.Ş. employees to raise awareness of OHS and Environmental Management.



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35. The KYDD 2025 Workshop, hosted by Yeditepe University, brought together academics and industry representatives in the field of carbon capture, utilization, and storage technologies. The event strengthened opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration, with our distinguished academics making significant contributions through their presentations.

36. As part of World Food Day and the 80th anniversary of FAO, an event was organized on “Sustainable Agriculture–Food Systems and Policies.”

37. The United Nations (UN) organized a special webinar on “Agriculture and Production” as part of the International Year of Cooperatives and World Farmers’ Day.



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38. As part of World Food Day on October 16th, Yeditepe Environment and Ecology Club, in collaboration with the Department of Agricultural Trade and Management, organized a Wheat Planting Workshop event aimed at promoting a healthy and sustainable future.

39. On May 20, 2024, an Advanced Transformation Design Sewing Workshop was held at the festival area of Yeditepe University.



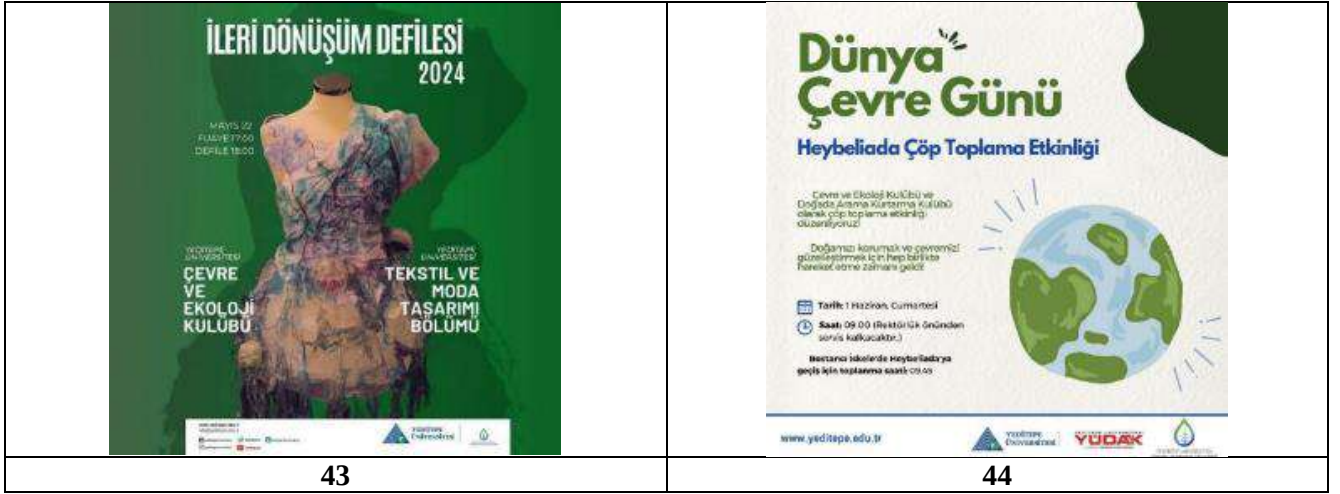
40. On March 28, 2024, the Sustainable Development Summit was held at Yeditepe University to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Republic.



41. The “International Migration Conference in the 21st Century,” organized by the Yeditepe University Center for Global Education and Cultural Studies (KEKAM), was held at the Yeditepe University campus on October 10-11, 2024.

42. On October 8, 2024, a Sustainability Workshop was conducted in collaboration with IKHAL as part of the EU Erasmus project, focusing on our university's sustainability efforts.





43. On May 22, 2024, the Yeditepe University Environment and Ecology Club, in collaboration with the Department of Textile and Fashion Design, organized an Advanced Recycling Fashion Show, showcasing how old and waste fabrics could be creatively reused to find new life in the fashion world.

44. On World Environment Day, a trash collection event was organized on Heybeliada, Istanbul.



45. On May 23, 2024, as part of the Cula 418 Culinary Herbs course, Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students organized a sustainability workshop for Vefa High School students. This workshop aimed to raise awareness about sustainability.



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46. Technical Visit and Workshop: As part of the LAUD 220 Indoor Plants and Design course, the "Indoor Plants Workshop & Technical Visit to Kasaba Peyzaj" was conducted.



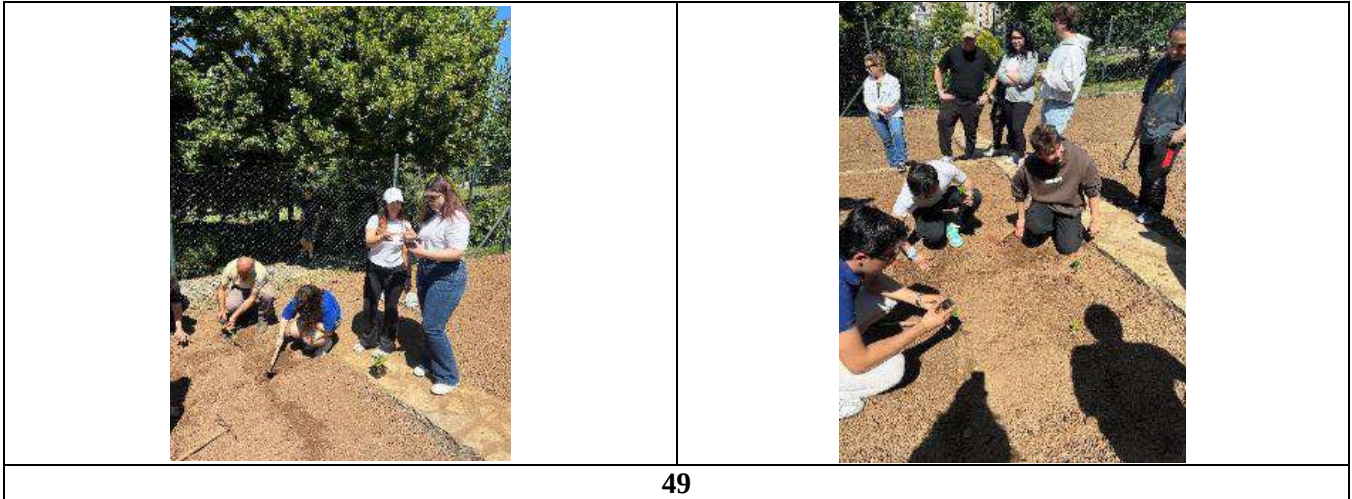
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47. On April 29, 2024, a tree planting event was held in the Yeditepe University forest area with the participation of primary, middle, and high school students. The event aimed to raise awareness about sustainability among children from various age groups.

48. As part of the CULA 418 Culinary Herbs course, students from the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts program engaged in a microgreens cultivation activity in the greenhouse.



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49. As part of the CULA 102 Agricultural Production course, students from the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts program participated in a vegetable seedling planting activity in the garden area.



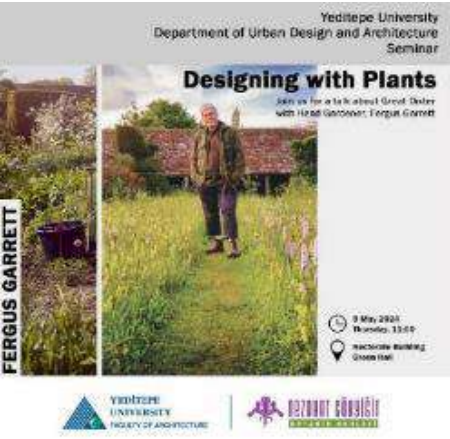
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50. Design Project & Presentation: The Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Prof. Dr. Ece Ceylan Baba, Vice Dean and Head of the Department of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture, Dr. Bengi Korgavuş, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhan Ada from Bilgi University's Department of Arts and Cultural Management, and students visited Ataşehir Mayor Onursal Adıgüzel to present their project titled "Ataşehir Havası." Third-year Urban Design and Landscape Architecture students identified issues with parks in Ataşehir's Atatürk neighborhood and shared their projects and proposed solutions for a selected park. They also discussed how to enhance culture and arts in Ataşehir.

	
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51. Our university became an academic partner for the "Student Charrette" event, held as part of the IFLA 60th World Congress titled "Code Red for Earth." International students participating in the Student Charrette stayed in our university dormitories during the event. Additionally, Dr. Bengi Korgavuş, Head of the Department of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture, was a member of the organizing and executive committee for the Student Charrette. Urban Design and Landscape Architecture students also volunteered in the organization throughout the congress.

52. Workshop: The "Hands-on Bonsai Workshop" was held with the participation of professional bonsai artist Aykut Erken.

	
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53. International Seminar: The seminar titled "Designing with Plants" featured Fergus Garrett, who has been the CEO and Head Gardener of the renowned Great Dixter House & Garden in England since 1993. Garrett, recognized as one of the best "garden designers and horticultural educators" living in the UK, shared his insights as the keynote speaker.

54. Workshop: At the "Practical Planting Design Workshop" held at Nezakat Göküğü Botanik Garden under the leadership of Landscape Architect Nihan Sevinç Muşdal, participants were informed about the principles, key points, and elements of planting design, followed by hands-on practice with plants and design outputs.

Our University established Student Clubs/Societies for students to be actively involved in democratic, social, cultural, artistic, and sportive activities to equally and regularly benefit from the opportunities provided by the University. Many activities were organized by Yeditepe University Student Organizations related to sustainability. Some of them are explained below with the visual materials provided.

1. Organized by the Business Club (YUMAC), this event gathered 250 students to analyze institutional and corporate sustainability reports. The session focused on the metrics used in tracking environmental impacts, carbon footprints, and the implementation of circular business models in contemporary commerce.

2. A hands-on environmental restoration drive organized by the Wish Volunteers Club at Aydos Forest. Student volunteers collected solid waste, raised ecological awareness among local forest visitors, and emphasized the role of preserving regional terrestrial ecosystems.



1. Sustainability Report Presentation



2. Aydos Forest Cleanup Event

3. Fidanfest was organized by the Social Support and Solidarity Club (YUSODES) in active partnership with the Genç TEMA Community. The festival blended student social engagement with climate action, highlighting the importance of reforestation, environmental stewardship, and biodiversity protection.

4. During the Yeditepe University Festival on May 21, 2025, we organized an upcycling workshop titled "Every T-Shirt Deserves a Second Chance," inviting participants to bring their old T-shirts and transform them into new wearable designs.



3. Fidanfest (In Collaboration with Genç TEMA)



4. Every T-Shirt Deserves a Second Chance

5. An interactive, large-scale sustainability awareness seminar and educational quiz event organized by the Genç TEMA Community. Attended by 150 participants, the initiative motivated students to critical climate thinking and individual lifestyle changes in line with global ecological goals.

6. In observance of World Water Day, the Environment and Ecology Club alongside Genç TEMA organized a specialized screening of the documentary '25 Liters'. The screening was followed by an analytical discussion concerning imminent urban water scarcity, clean water sanitation, and responsible consumption strategies.



5. Who Wants to Save the World?



6. Documentary Screening for World Water Day: 25 Liters

7. A comprehensive, multi-disciplinary symposium evaluating sustainability within medical practices, specifically focusing on healthcare systems, green healthcare technology, resource optimization in surgical environments, and reducing ecological waste in professional nursing workflows.

8. An educational outdoor event conducted by the Environment and Ecology Club paired with Genç TEMA to promote ecological literacy, active forestry preservation, and field studies on regional biodiversity conservation methods.

	
7. Safe Surgery Starts with Us: Symposium on Technology, Sustainability, and Professional Empowerment	8. Forest Awareness Event

9. Organized by the International Trade and Business Club (YUTRADE), this campaign emphasized the direct links between eco-friendly manufacturing, corporate social responsibility, and maintaining green open campus spaces through collective active waste sorting.

10. A significant community outreach initiative at Büyükada where student volunteers targeted plastic and glass pollution accumulation in natural habitats, directly supporting life on land and reducing ecological deterioration on the islands.

11. A structured conference inviting students and expert speakers to map out industrial green growth, zero-carbon transitions, renewable energy applications, and sustainable lifestyle practices necessary for modern sustainable development frameworks.

12. A festive, educational campus gathering focusing on climate change mitigation. The event featured eco-friendly interactive games, carbon footprint calculations, and open peer discussions aimed at motivating collective action against global warming.



9. Environmental Cleanup Campaign

10. Büyükada Forest Cleanup Drive



11. Green Transformation Conference



12. Climate Fest

13. An academic exhibition where students from the Economics and Finance Club mapped out innovative sustainable financial models, green bonds, resource efficiency metrics, and the industrial feasibility of circular supply chains.

14. Organized in celebration of World Environment Day, this large-scale running event brought together 120 participants to promote healthy lifestyles and physical well-being alongside advocating for green, low-carbon urban transit options and active ecosystem preservation.



13. Poster Presentation on Circular Economy and Sustainability



14. Yeditepe Runners Environment Day Run

15. A highly specialized underwater ecological initiative organized by YÜDAK to survey pollution levels within the Marmara Sea marine ecosystem. The dive focused on bringing attention to the conservation of marine biodiversity and marine waste management.

16. An interactive upcycling and swap workshop that allowed students to exchange pre-loved goods and learn texturing and reconstruction techniques, actively curbing individual consumer waste and supporting zero-waste campus objectives.

	
15. Marmara Awareness Dive	16. Don't Throw Away, Swap, Transform Atölyesi

17. An environmental conservation dive aimed at monitoring marine habitats, collecting seafloor debris, and preparing photographic records of solid waste impact on aquatic flora and fauna to advocate for stronger marine protection measures.

18. In coordination with COP31 outreach efforts, the SDG Student Community organized a comprehensive 'Zero Waste Week' educational initiative on campus. 4th-grade primary school students from İSTEK Acıbadem, Belde, and Bilge Kağan campuses were hosted for specialized peer-to-peer workshops, resource circulation activities, and interactive sustainability modules designed to cultivate future young climate leaders.

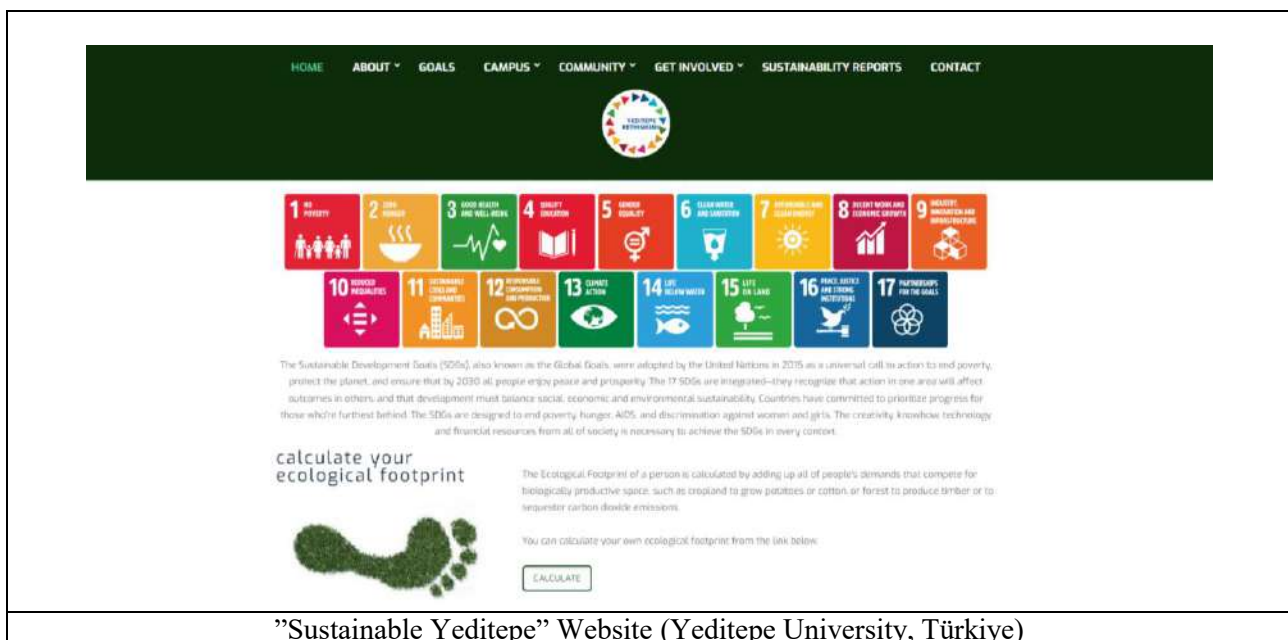
	
17. Diving for Sustainability	18. UN SDSN SDG Student Hub Yeditepe COP31 Zero Waste Week Collaboration with İSTEK Schools

Governance and Digitalization

Yeditepe University recognizes effective governance and digital transformation as key enablers of sustainable institutional development. The University promotes transparent, accountable, and inclusive governance through clearly defined policies, ethical principles, and participatory decision-making mechanisms, while fostering equity, diversity, and integrity across all areas of the institution. At the same time, Yeditepe University continues to strengthen its digital capabilities by investing in artificial intelligence, digital learning, information literacy, and secure information management systems. Through these integrated governance and digitalization initiatives, the University enhances institutional resilience, supports innovation, and creates a sustainable, inclusive, and future-ready academic environment.

Yeditepe University is committed to fostering a culture of environmental responsibility and sustainability by encouraging, guiding, and supporting initiatives led by academic and administrative staff, as well as student organizations. To ensure a coordinated and institution-wide approach, the Sustainability Study Group, consisting of specialized academic and administrative staff, was established to oversee and coordinate sustainability initiatives across the university.

To improve transparency and stakeholder engagement, Yeditepe University provides up-to-date information on its sustainability initiatives, policies, projects, and performance through the Sustainable Yeditepe website.

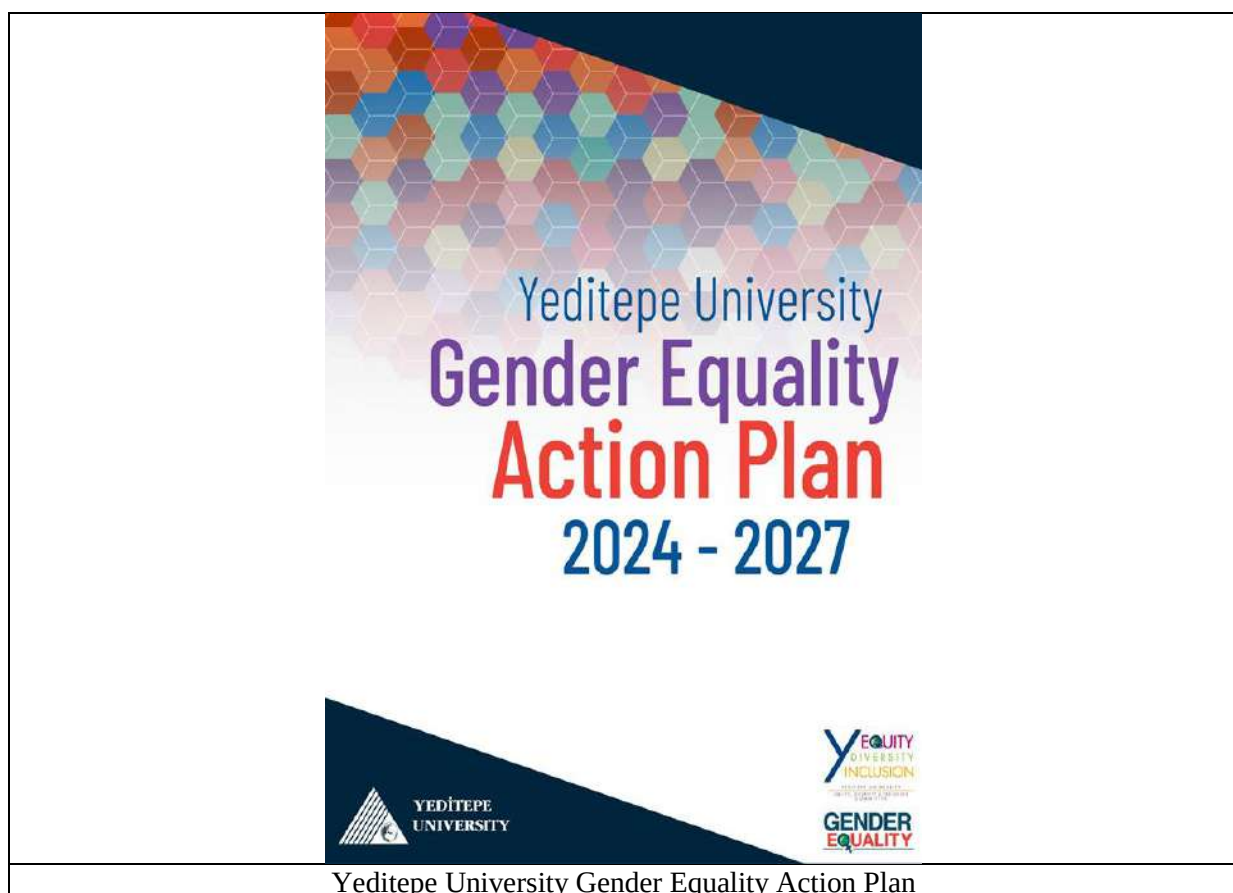


Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Yeditepe University is committed to providing an equitable, diverse, and inclusive environment for its students, staff, and the wider university community. We recognize and value the unique backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences of every individual, and strive to ensure that all members of our community feel respected, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

The University's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Policy defines the roles, responsibilities, and accountability for promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion across all areas of the institution. To support the implementation of this policy, Yeditepe University has established the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (YEDI). The Committee is responsible for developing institutional policies and procedures, preparing strategic and action plans, overseeing their implementation, and monitoring progress toward the University's equity, diversity, and inclusion objectives. All members of the university community are expected to contribute to an inclusive campus culture by supporting the Committee's initiatives and adhering to the principles and actions outlined in the policy. As part of its commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, Yeditepe University implements a Gender Equality Action Plan to promote equal opportunities, eliminate discrimination, and monitor institutional progress in gender equality.

Yeditepe University Gender Equality Action Plan, which was initially prepared by YEDI, Yeditepe University Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Core Group Members for the 2022-2023 period, is being updated based on continuous data collection and regular analyses under the coordination of YEDI in alignment with national and international values, legal frameworks, and institutional policies. The present action plan featuring the tentative activities and necessary actions for 2024-2027 is an updated version of the university initial action plan. This plan at hand is a result of the efforts by a group of researchers in the Gender Equality Subcommittee of YEDI. It is prepared as part of the university-funded project YAP-AP-SOB-22034 (The Yeditepe University Research Projects and Scientific Activities Support Committee).



Ethics and Code of Conduct

Yeditepe University has established a comprehensive written Code of Ethics that defines the ethical principles and expected standards of conduct for all members of the university community. The Code of Ethics promotes integrity, accountability, transparency, fairness, and mutual respect while guiding ethical decision-making across the institution. To ensure transparency and accessibility, the University's written Code of Ethics is publicly available on the official Yeditepe University website, where it can be accessed by students, staff, and all other stakeholders.

Student Ethical Principles, Responsibilities, and Code of Conduct

In addition to the institutional Code of Ethics, Yeditepe University has established the Student Ethical Principles, Responsibilities, and Code of Conduct, which sets out the ethical standards and behavioural expectations for all students. As members of the academic community, students are expected to uphold the highest standards of personal integrity, honesty, and ethical conduct. They are expected to comply with university regulations, honor their commitments, and treat others with respect and fairness. These principles apply to all students enrolled at Yeditepe University, including students from other higher education institutions who are temporarily studying at the University through exchange or mobility programmes. Any disciplinary matters are addressed in accordance with the Higher Education Institutions Student Discipline Regulation. To support the implementation of these ethical principles, Yeditepe University provides transparent, accessible, and confidential reporting, complaint, and whistle-blowing mechanisms for students. These mechanisms enable concerns, complaints, and misconduct to be reported in a secure and responsible manner, reinforcing accountability while contributing to a safe, ethical, respectful, and sustainable campus environment.

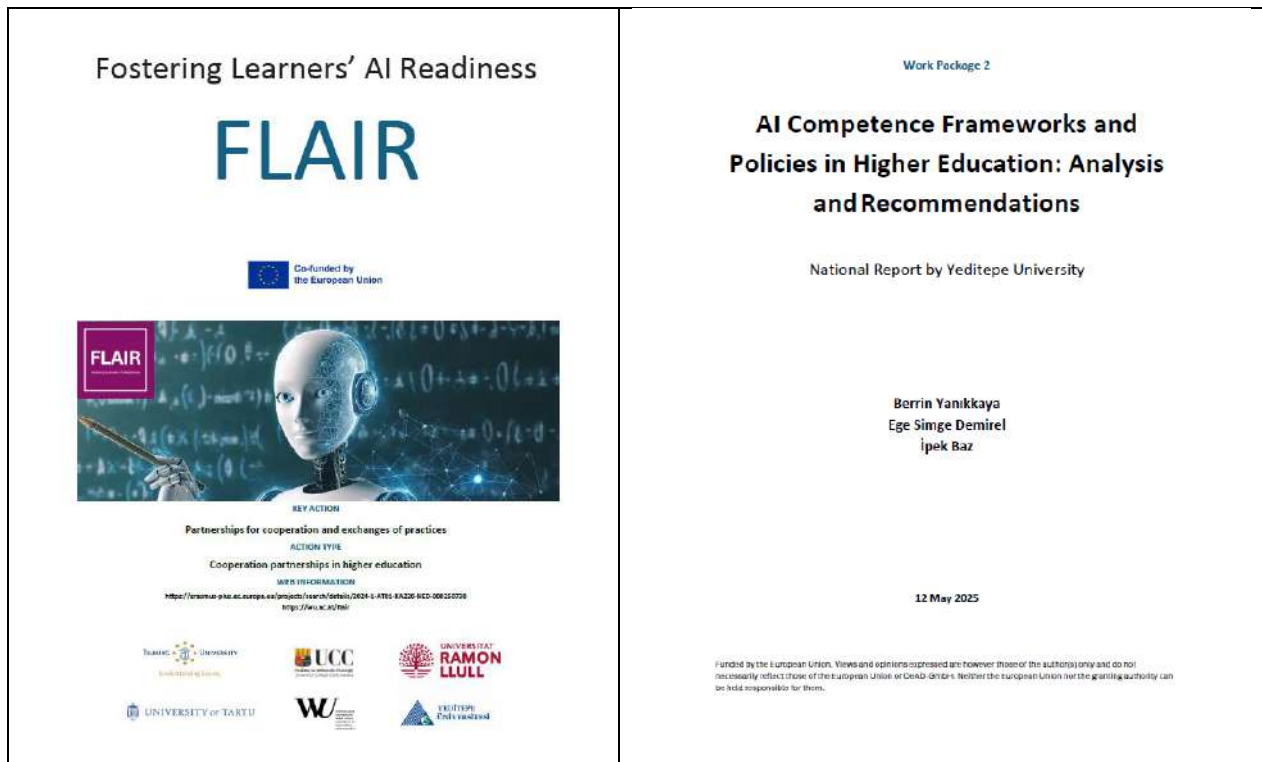
Artificial Intelligence, Research and Digital Transformation

The Research and Innovation Artificial Intelligence (AI) Cluster was established in May 2026 by the Vice Rectorate for Research & Development and Innovation in collaboration with the Project Management Office (PMO) through an institution-wide call to academic staff. The initiative brings together 33 academics from diverse disciplines, including engineering, health sciences, social sciences, communication, education, dentistry, and other academic units, to foster interdisciplinary collaboration. The cluster aims to strengthen research capacity by promoting joint artificial intelligence research, developing collaborative projects, and preparing competitive national and international research proposals.

The Coursera – Yeditepe University Partnership is an institutional online education and digital capacity-building initiative implemented through the YU-LEARNT and Coursera collaboration. The programme provides students and academic staff with access to online courses in artificial intelligence, big data, deep learning, and other emerging technologies. According to the

YU-LEARNT 2025 Annual Report, the initiative recorded 3,487 course enrolments, 6,345 learning hours, and a total of 4,254 completed courses during the reporting year. In addition, AI-focused courses have been integrated into the curricula of several faculties, particularly the Faculty of Engineering, supporting the development of digital competencies and AI-related expertise across the university.

The Erasmus+ KA220 FLAIR Project (Fostering Learners' AI Readiness) is an Erasmus+ KA220-HED Cooperation Partnership (Project No. 2024-1-AT01-KA220-HED-000250730) coordinated by WU Vienna, with Yeditepe University serving as a consortium partner. As the co-leader of Work Package 2, Yeditepe University prepared the Türkiye National Report on AI competence frameworks and higher education policies, while also contributing to the Consortium Synthesis Report. The project outputs have been published as open-access resources to support higher education institutions in strengthening AI readiness, informing policy development, and enhancing AI competencies across the sector.



Digital Literacy

To strengthen digital competencies and ensure equitable access to knowledge resources, Yeditepe University implements a range of digital literacy initiatives and online learning support services.

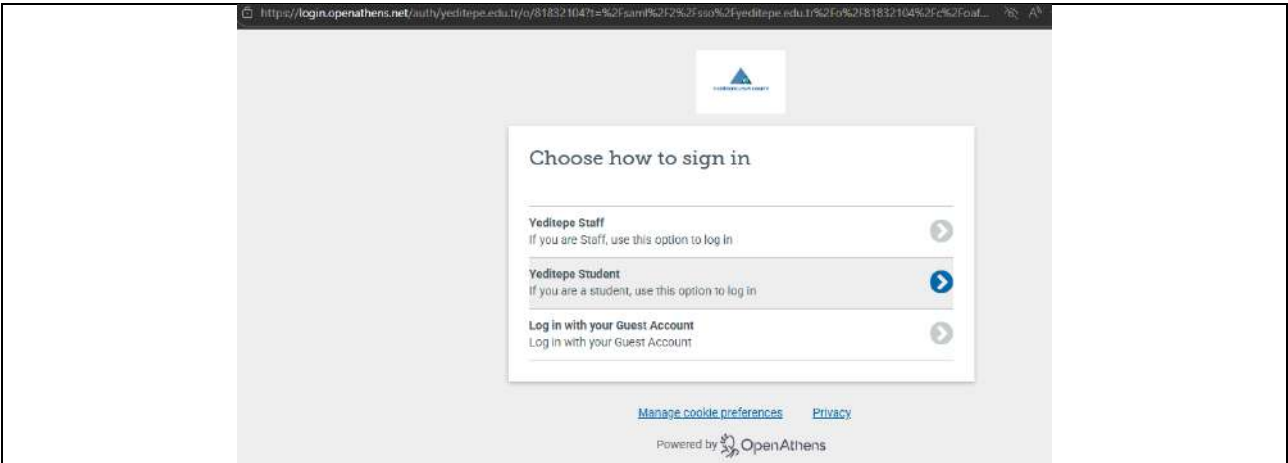
Institutional Digital Literacy Program

Yeditepe University Information Center organizes training sessions each academic semester for students, academic staff, and users working at university-affiliated hospitals on the use of electronic resources. Training sessions are organized in both face-to-face and online formats in

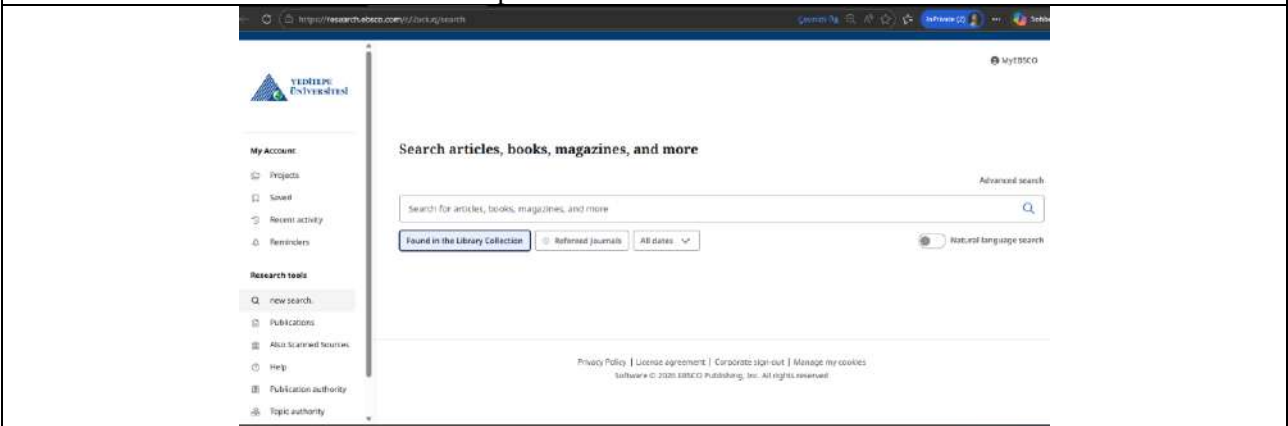
response to requests from faculties and departments. All educational programs aim to increase the effective use of electronic resources, improve information literacy, ensure access to accurate information through appropriate methods, and strengthen academic digital skills.

LMS Integration

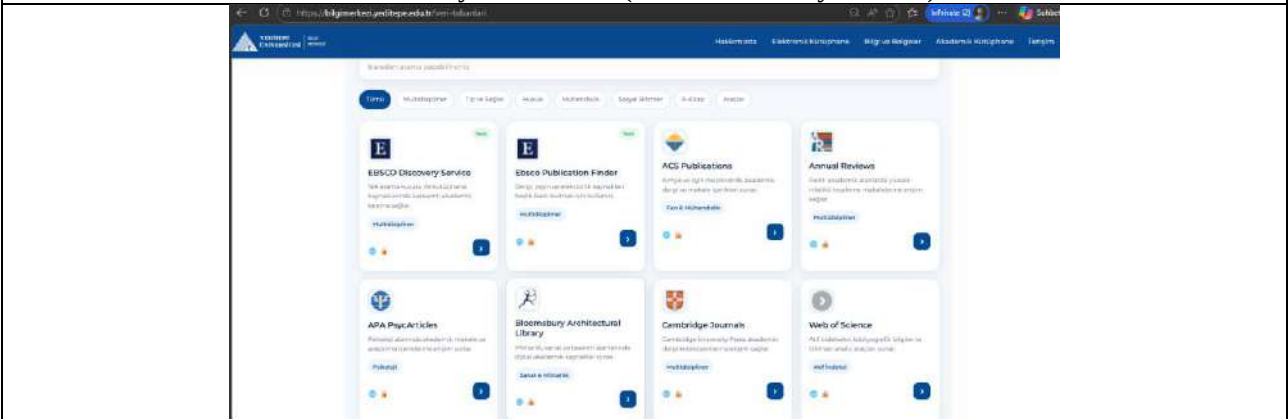
Educational materials, presentations, and user guides prepared by the library are provided to academic staff following online or face-to-face training sessions and are subsequently shared with students through the Learning Management System (LMS). This integration ensures continuous access to digital literacy resources throughout the learning process while supporting the effective use of the University's library services.



OpenAthens Remote Access



Discovery Tool - EDS (Ebsco Discovery Service)



Database Page

Information Security and Digital Governance

ISO 27001 Information Security Management System

Yeditepe University is committed to maintaining a robust Information Security Management System (ISMS) in accordance with the ISO/IEC 27001 standard. As part of this commitment, all ISMS-related policies and procedures have been integrated into the University's Integrated Management System Software (QDMS), ensuring that they are readily accessible to all relevant stakeholders.

To strengthen information security awareness across the institution, mandatory Information Security Awareness training is assigned annually to all personnel through the University's online training platform. These training programmes highlight the principles of information security, organizational responsibilities, and best practices for safeguarding information assets. Annual refresher courses further reinforce awareness, promote compliance, and support a culture of continuous improvement.

Yeditepe University was awarded ISO/IEC 27001 certification on 22 December 2023. During the reporting period, preparations for the recertification process were initiated to ensure continued compliance with the standard. Through regular surveillance audits, periodic risk assessments, and continuous improvement activities, the University remains committed to maintaining the effectiveness, resilience, and ongoing enhancement of its Information Security Management System.

CERTIFICATE



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has established Information Security Management System in accordance with international standard.

Declaration of applicability: 12 July 2024

Certificate No	: M 12017
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