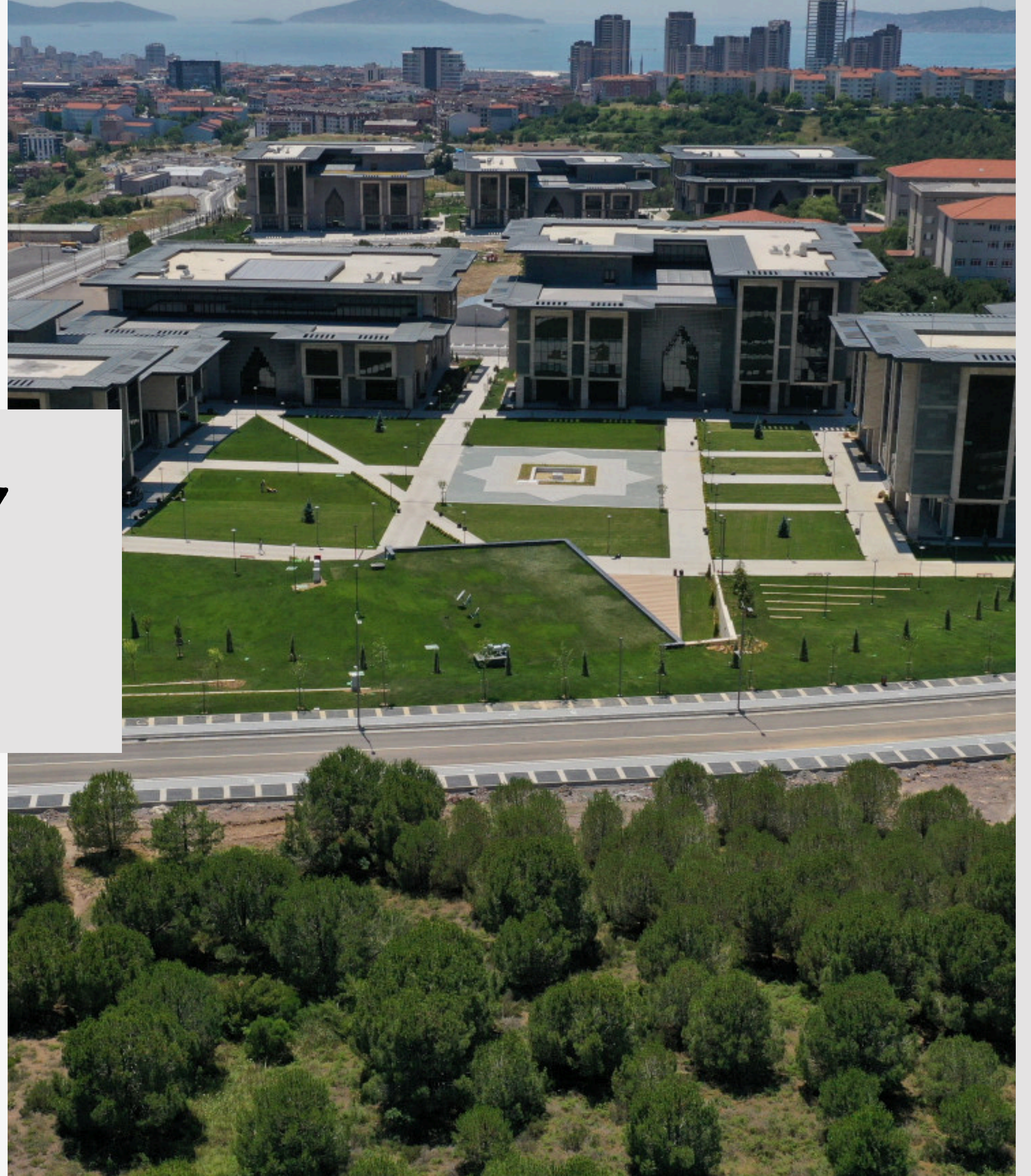




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Introduction



THE GLOBAL GOALS



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by the United Nations in 2015, consist of 17 integrated goals aimed at ending global poverty, protecting the planet's natural resources, and ensuring peace and prosperity for all by 2030. These goals provide a comprehensive framework that encompasses environmental, social, and economic dimensions and encourage global cooperation. The SDGs represent a shared responsibility not only for governments, but also for universities, civil society organizations, and the private sector.

Marmara University embraces the transformative role of higher education institutions in advancing sustainable development and aligns its education, research, and community engagement activities with the SDGs. The university regularly monitors, analyzes, and reports its sustainability practices. These reports reflect the university's commitment to contributing to the global goals and serve as a tool to inform the public in line with principles of transparency, accountability, and institutional responsibility.

Furthermore, SDG-focused reporting contributes to increasing internal awareness, fostering a culture of sustainability throughout the university, and supporting the development of long-term strategic planning. This process reinforces Marmara University's vision of being a leading higher education institution not only in academic excellence, but also in its social and environmental impact.

Mission

The mission of the Marmara University Sustainability Office is to raise awareness within the university community, promote sustainable practices, and support the implementation of eco-friendly policies across the campus in line with environmental, social, and economic sustainability principles.

Vision

The Sustainability Office envisions transforming Marmara University into a leading and exemplary higher education institution in the field of sustainability, both in Turkey and globally, by producing lasting solutions for a more livable future with the participation of all stakeholders.

Goals

The Sustainability Office aims to continuously improve Marmara University's sustainability performance through concrete actions such as enhancing energy efficiency, improving waste management, encouraging eco-friendly transportation systems, conducting collaborative sustainability projects with academic and administrative units, and increasing awareness activities for students.



LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

As Marmara University, we continue to lead not only through academic excellence, but also through our unwavering commitment to social responsibility, environmental awareness, and future-oriented values. We are proud to present our Sustainability Report, which reflects our university's progress in the areas of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) practices.

The growing global challenges of environmental degradation, social inequality, and the climate crisis demand that higher education institutions not only produce knowledge, but also contribute actively to solving these issues. With this awareness, Marmara University embraces the principles of sustainable development as an integral part of its education, research, and community engagement efforts.

Significant strides have been made in areas such as energy efficiency, waste management, carbon footprint reduction, digital transformation, accessibility, and inclusivity. With the active participation of our students and academic community, these efforts continue to evolve and deepen. Our sustainable campus initiatives, green space policies, and social responsibility projects all reflect a vision that prioritizes not just today, but future generations as well.

This report is a reflection of our commitment to transparency and accountability in our sustainability journey. We promise to continue our efforts to create a more livable and equitable world with the collective dedication of all our university members. I extend my sincere thanks to our academic and administrative staff, our students, and all external stakeholders who have contributed to these efforts.

With love and respect...

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt

Rector

LETTER FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE



Marmara University Sustainability Office was established to support the university in achieving its environmental, social and economic sustainability goals. This office carries out various projects and programs in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Sustainability Office is responsible for regularly monitoring, evaluating and reporting Marmara University's sustainability performance. In light of its one and a half century-old history, Marmara University has aimed to take on a leading role in education, research and social service, and to always progress by keeping up with changing world conditions during this period. One of the most important progress goals of our university in today's conditions is the "Sustainability Goals". Sustainability is a fundamental and deep-rooted principle in fulfilling our responsibilities for the future, both environmentally and socially, for our university as well as for our world.

As the Sustainability Office, we have tried to achieve our goals by creating environmental and social awareness through education, research and social studies in line with our sustainability principle. We, as all Marmara members, have been involved in the sustainability process together with our students, academic and administrative staff and have always worked together. We have organized many projects and events aimed at sustainability goals, and in addition to such dissemination and awareness-raising activities, we have carried out collaborations with various institutions. We analyzed our sustainability data, identified our weaknesses, and strived to improve our work on our deficiencies and implement them more accurately. We have taken important steps in many areas, from energy efficiency to waste management, from green campus practices to social responsibility projects.

With the power of the experience and knowledge offered by our deep-rooted history, we have tried to contribute to the sustainable development of both our university and our society with our work, and we continue to do so. As Marmara University, we act not only by considering today, but also tomorrow. By presenting a strong vision in the field of sustainable development until 2030, we aim to continue to increase our positive changes both on campus and in the social context with the strategies we have determined. In terms of environmental sustainability, we strive to integrate our sensitivities regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy, waste management, recycling and water management into the life cycle of all our campuses. In terms of social sustainability; we are strengthening our education and research activities, collaborating with local and national communities to increase incentives for the development of social entrepreneurship projects at our university. We value diversity and inclusiveness, and we carry out studies that prioritize issues such as eliminating inequalities and supporting disabled rights and cultural diversity. In terms of economic sustainability; we use financial resources effectively and take care to manage our university's commercial activities and investments in accordance with sustainability principles. We prioritize studies that enable the development of innovative projects by creating an entrepreneurship ecosystem within our university.

As Marmara University, we will continue our studies based on our comprehensive and holistic strategies to achieve sustainable development goals by 2030. I believe that we will carry our university to much better points in every aspect and that we will be an exemplary higher education institution in this regard both in the academic world and in the social context.

Assoc. Prof. Savas Evran
Coordinator of Sustainability Office

Institutional Support for Sustainable Development Goals

Academic Development Unit Coordination		Occupational Health and Safety Coordination Unit	 
Digital Transformation and Data Management Coordination	  	Career Center Coordination	
Volunteering Activities Unit Coordination	   	Institutional Coordinator of the Faculty Development Program	
Campus Card Coordination		Scholarship Office Coordination	   
Alumni Office Coordination	 	Farabi Program Coordination	 
Office of International Relations and Academic Cooperation		Quality Coordination	 
Scientific Research Projects Unit Coordinator	 	Corporate Communications Coordination	 
Disabled Student Unit Coordinator	 	Sustainability Office	   

SUSTAINABILITY RANKINGS



UI Greenmetric Rankings 2024

Based on 2024 data, Marmara University has demonstrated a rapid rise over the past five years in the "World Green Campus" rankings with its "Sustainable and Eco-Friendly" campuses, reaching a score of 6,460 and ranking 569th globally.



THE Impact Rankings 2024

Marmara University ranked among the top institutions in the THE Impact Rankings 2025 for the significant impact it has created in support of the Sustainable Development Goals.

SUSTAINABILITY RANKINGS



THE Awards Asia 2024

Marmara University received an Honourable Mention Award in the “Technological or Digital Innovation of the Year” category for its focus on developing green life skills through Virtual Reality (VR) technologies and for leading a collaborative project in VR that brought together Turkish and British scientists to work jointly in a virtual environment.

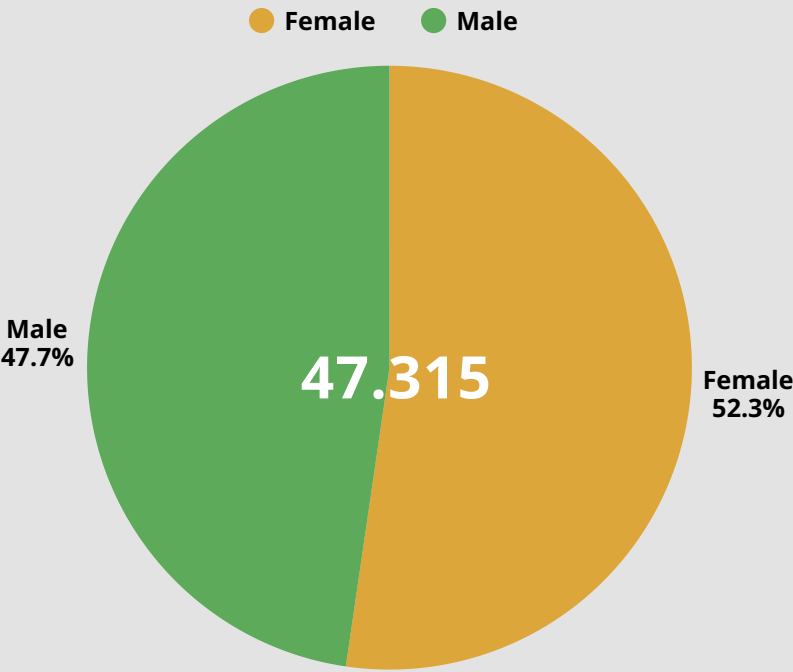


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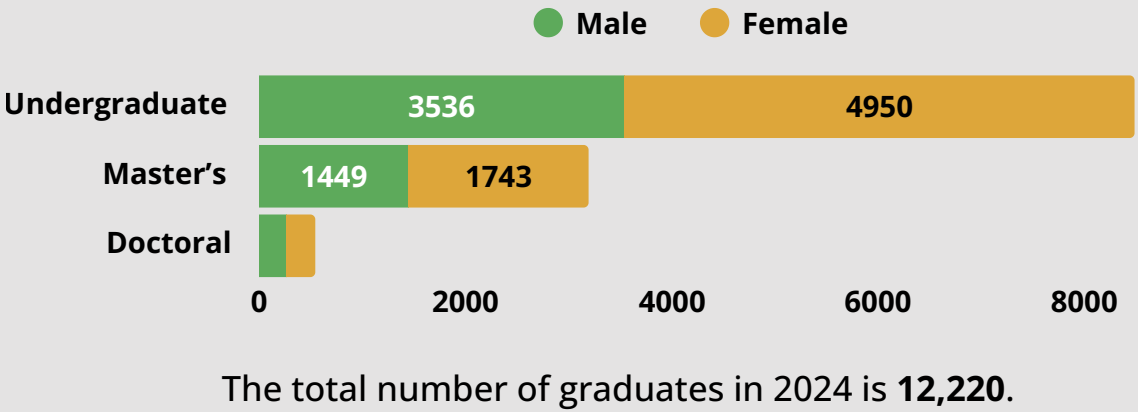
Marmara University received an Honourable Mention Award in the “International Strategy of the Year” category for its commitment to modern education and digital transformation in teaching, its response to the British Council’s 2022 Innovation Challenge focusing on climate change, green universities, and green careers, and its efforts to enhance the employability of its graduates in alignment with United Nations priorities.

Marmara in Numbers

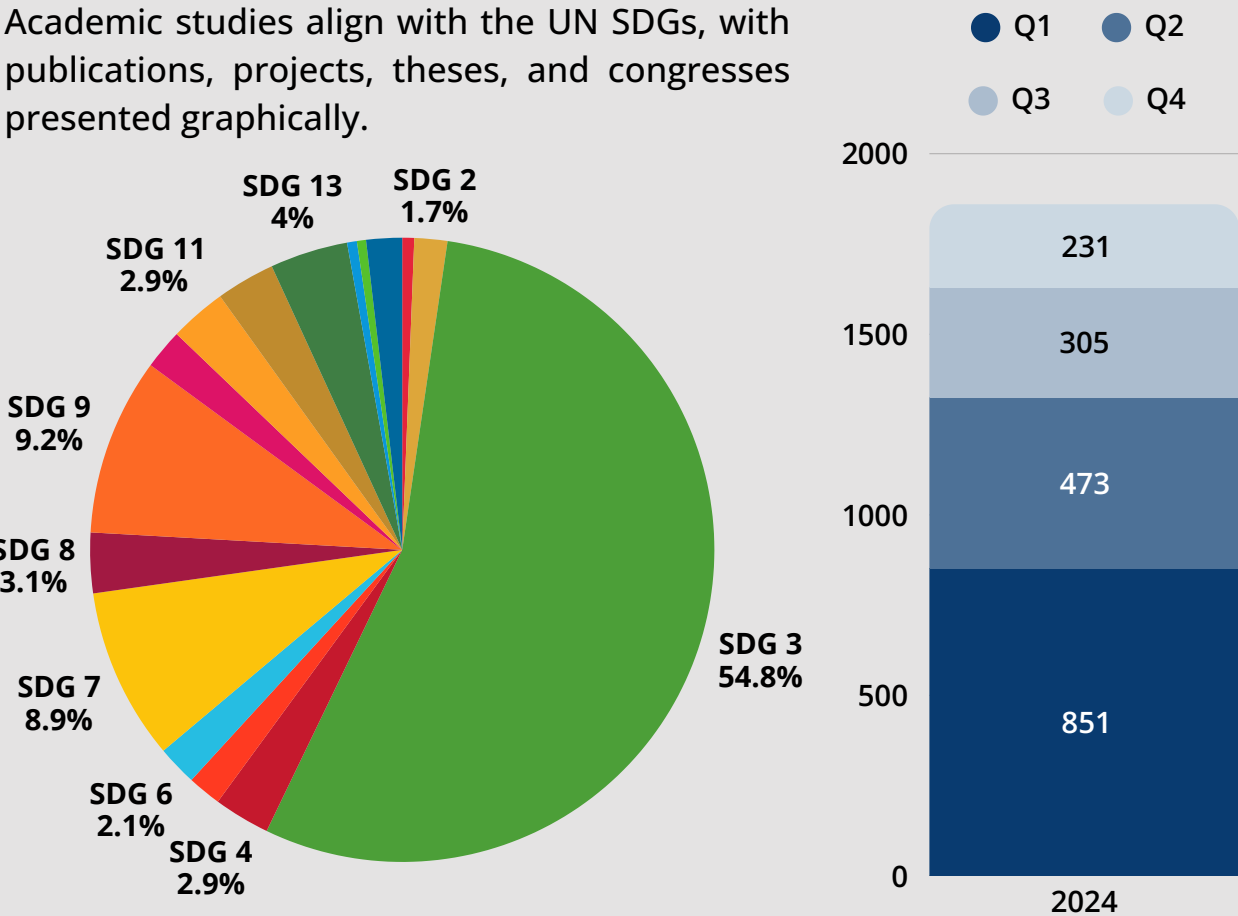
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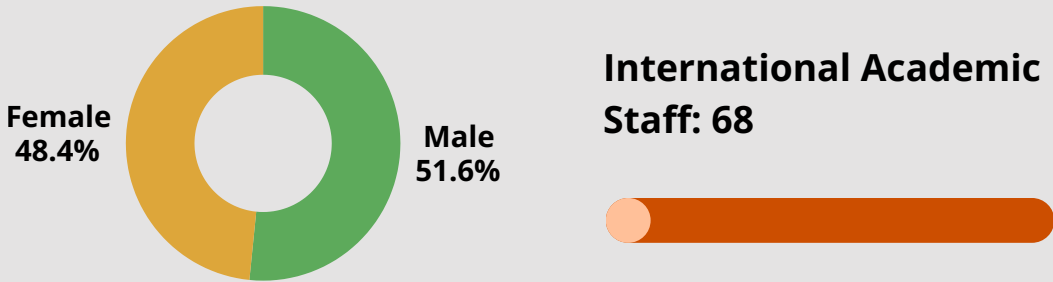
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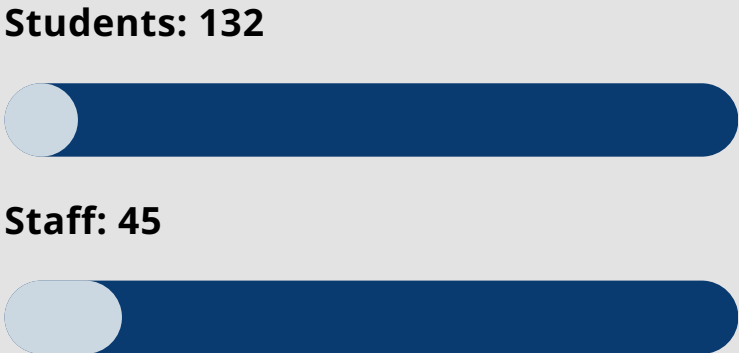
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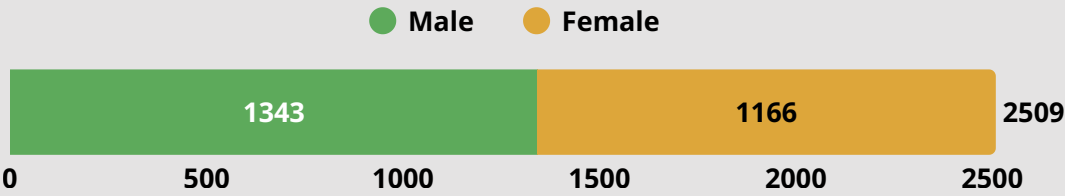
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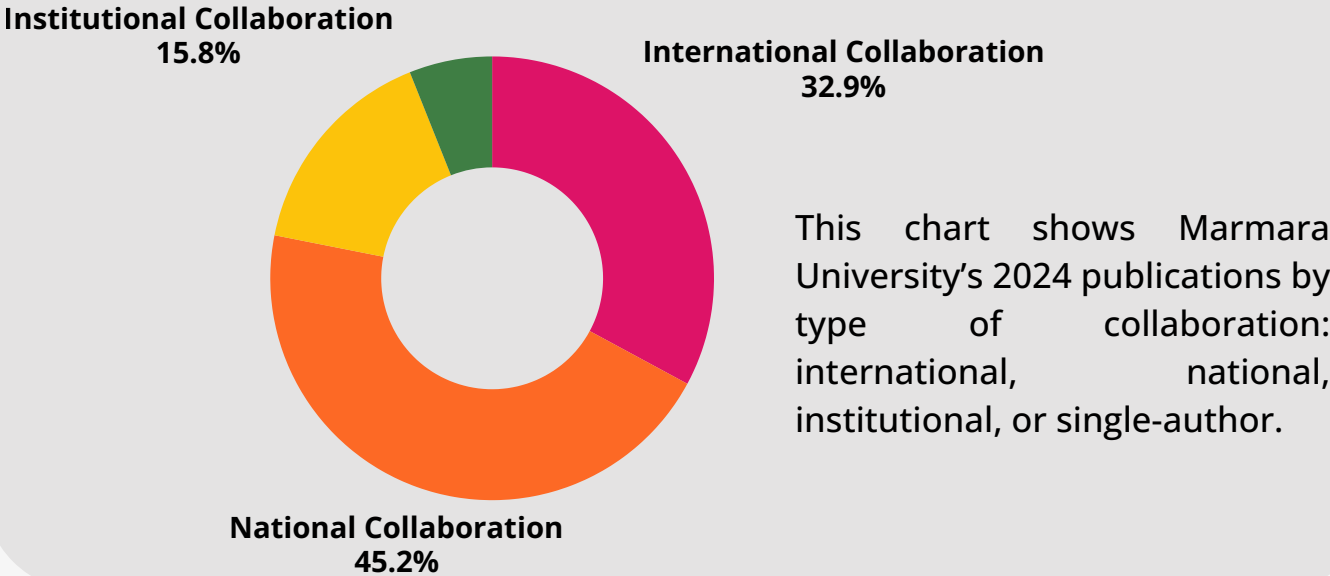
Number of disabled persons



International Students



Collaborations

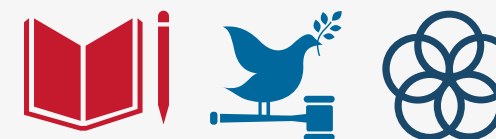


Number of university spin-offs: 37





Governance



Governance

Marmara University, which has a deep-rooted history of 141 years, acts with the vision of contributing to the development and progress of science and adding value to society with the qualified people it graduates. Marmara University, which is a state university, has a rightful and privileged reputation with its achievements in the fields of culture-art, health and sports, as well as education and scientific research. Our university, where education is effectively provided in four different foreign languages other than Turkish, is also a pioneer and unique with this feature.

There are 21 faculties, 1 college, 4 vocational colleges and 13 institutes within Marmara University, and it provides education with 3 Education Centers and 39 Research and Application Centers. In addition, the Department of Atatürk's Principles and History of Revolution and the Department of Turkish Language, which are affiliated to the Rectorate, ensure that compulsory common courses are given. 2,986 academic personnel and 1,099 administrative personnel are assigned in the execution of our university's activities.



Marmara University, Baglarbasi Campus



Marmara University, RTE Campus



Marmara University, Sultanahmet Rectorate Building

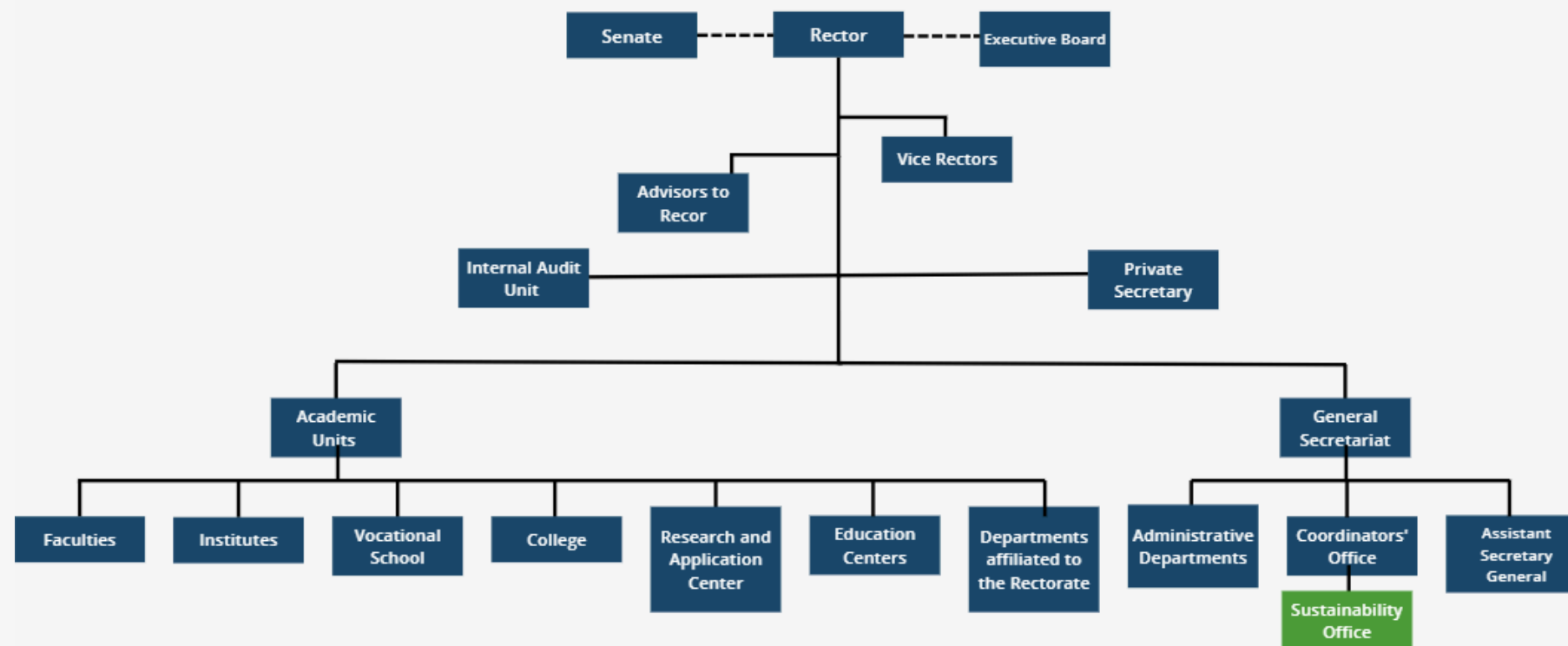


Marmara University, Goztepe Campus



Marmara University, Mehmet Genc Campus

Governance Structure



The governance structure of Marmara University is organized to ensure that institutional decision-making and implementation processes are carried out with transparency, participation, and efficiency. The university’s highest governing bodies consist of the Rectorate, the University Senate, and the University Executive Board. These structures form the foundation of the academic and administrative governance system and are supported by faculty boards, department councils, and various academic and administrative commissions across the institution.

The University Senate is the highest academic body and is chaired by the Rector. It is composed of vice-rectors, faculty deans, one elected academic member from each faculty, and the directors of institutes and schools affiliated with the university. The Senate is responsible for shaping academic policies, approving academic calendars and curricula, and drafting university-wide regulations. It ensures consistency in academic standards and coordination across faculties.

The University Executive Board is chaired by the Rector and includes the deans and three professors elected by the Senate for a four-year term. This board is responsible for administrative planning and implementation, monitoring the execution of Senate decisions, and ensuring alignment with national higher education policies. It also evaluates faculty and institutional proposals related to investment programs and budget planning.

The Rector is appointed by the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye in accordance with national legislation and serves as the head of the university's executive branch, officially representing the institution. Vice-rectors assist the Rector in overseeing specific domains such as research, student affairs, institutional development, and administrative operations.

All faculties and departments operate under similar governance structures, contributing to institutional coherence, governance continuity, and operational effectiveness across the university.



Good Governance and Institutional Accountability

Marmara University prioritizes transparency, accountability, participation, and the rule of law in its academic and administrative operations by adopting the principles of good governance. Its institutional structure, grounded in ethical values, supports a fair, inclusive, and effective management approach. By regularly sharing strategic plans, performance reports, and internal audit results with the public, the university institutionalizes accountability and strengthens a culture of transparent governance. Faculty members, administrative staff, and students actively participate in decision-making processes through mechanisms such as the senate, faculty boards, and representative bodies, making democratic participation a fundamental component of university governance.

Through structures such as the Ethics Committee, Internal Audit Unit, and the Directive on Combating Sexual Harassment and Assault, the university ensures a working environment aligned with ethical principles and legal standards. Units such as the Gender Equality Commission, the Office for Students with Disabilities, and the Center for Women's Studies in Economic and Social Areas (ESKAR) contribute to a governance approach that promotes inclusivity and equal representation. The university adopts a data-driven management approach in its decision-making processes and develops effective and transparent practices based on performance indicators and academic data.



Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions



Equity in Participation and Representation

Marmara University adopts a governance model that encourages the active participation of students and staff in decision-making processes. Through student clubs, student representation in the senate, faculty boards, and various academic and administrative committees, students and personnel are directly involved in shaping institutional decisions.

Inclusive governance is further supported by specialized units aimed at increasing the representation of disadvantaged groups (such as persons with disabilities, women, and minorities), including the Disabled Student Unit, ESKAR (Women's Studies Research and Application Center), and the Gender Equality Commission. A pluralistic and fair representation system, where all individuals have equal voice and participation rights, is a cornerstone of the university's institutional structure.

Ethical and Transparent Governance

Marmara University adopts a governance model based on ethical values to ensure that all academic and administrative processes are conducted in an open and auditable manner. Merit-based principles guide academic promotions, appointments, and performance evaluations, which are carried out with transparent and measurable criteria. Strategic plans, performance reports, internal control system information, and budget tables are publicly shared via the university's official website, transforming accountability into a core institutional culture.

Additionally, institutional practices are carried out in accordance with ethical standards through the internal audit unit, ethics committee, and quality assurance systems. This approach ensures the protection of internal stakeholders' rights while maintaining a transparent management style towards external stakeholders.

Human Rights and Peace Education

Marmara University aims to educate students not only with professional knowledge but also as peaceful, democratic, and human rights-conscious individuals. To this end, the curriculum includes courses on ethics, human rights, gender equality, democracy, and the rule of law. Particularly in the Faculty of Law and other departments, courses such as Human Rights Law, Society and Ethics, and Gender and Law help raise awareness on these critical issues.

Furthermore, the academic environment is enriched with human rights-oriented events such as the Workshop on the Social Participation and Employment of Women with Disabilities, Gender Equality Training Programs, and Seminars on Combating Violence Against Women, all of which contribute to a socially responsible and rights-based institutional culture.

Student Union

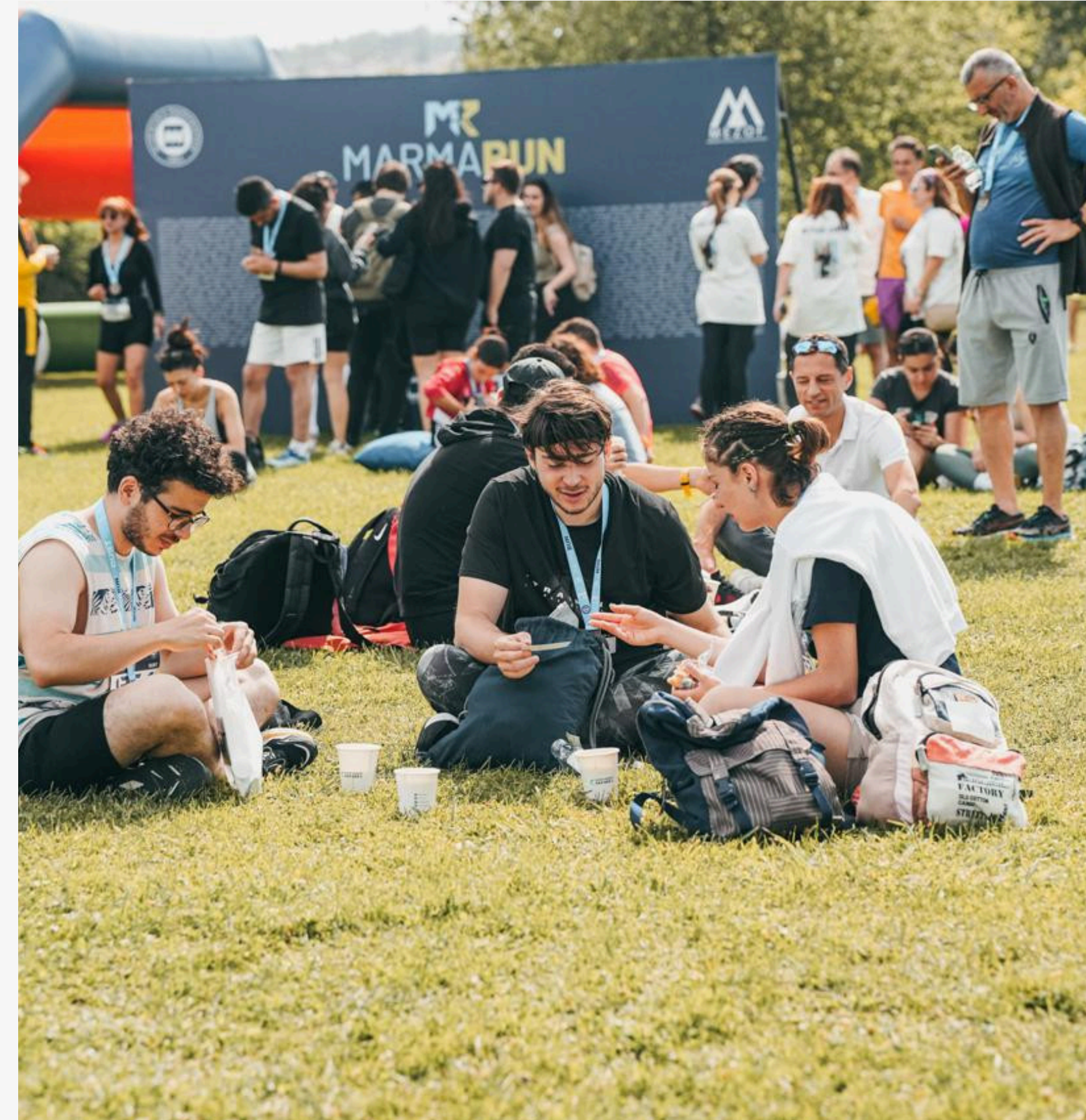
Marmara University fully supports student rights. In this context, a student council has been established. The council aims to impartially evaluate opinions, requests, and suggestions in all areas concerning students—especially education—to communicate them to administrative bodies, to follow up on proposed solutions, and to permanently enhance the quality of education and campus life through projects and initiatives that increase youth participation. It also strives to make students an active part of realizing the university's vision of becoming a developing and successful academic and social institution.

Student representatives are elected through democratic elections. These representatives come together to form the Faculty Student Representative Boards and the Marmara University Student Council General Assembly. The purpose of the faculty-level units is to identify and examine problems within the university, conduct research and assessments related to education, research, and student services, and submit their findings to the Student Council Executive Board. The Executive Board serves as the main executive body and carries out all executive duties during the election term.

Justice for Foreign Students

Marmara University offers education in five different languages: Turkish, English, German, French, and Arabic, aiming to create a multilingual and multicultural academic environment. In this context, the university continues to increase its international student admissions, welcoming students from various parts of the world. This approach reflects the university's commitment not only to academic excellence but also to promoting peace, justice, and inclusivity on a societal level.

By bringing together diverse cultures, the university seeks to foster an educational atmosphere based on tolerance, understanding, and mutual respect. To support this goal, Marmara University provides scholarship opportunities, academic guidance services, and social activities that ease cultural integration for international students. Through its commitment to providing an equal, fair, and supportive learning environment free from discrimination, the university encourages individual development and contributes to the building of peaceful and inclusive societies.



Peace and Justice

Justice on Campus

Marmara University aims to create a safe and inclusive campus environment where all students, academic, and administrative staff are supported based on the principles of justice, equality, and fairness. The university is committed to ensuring that academic and administrative decision-making processes are conducted impartially, transparently, and in accordance with due process. Establishing a campus climate in which every individual has equal rights is one of the fundamental principles of its governance processes.

In this context, various structures and mechanisms have been established within the university to promote justice. The Directive on Combating Sexual Harassment and Assault provides a framework for handling cases with a transparent, sensitive, and preventive approach. The Ethics Committee ensures adherence to ethical standards by addressing violations related to academic integrity, discrimination, and unethical behavior. The Internal Audit Unit monitors the university's institutional functioning for compliance with legal and ethical principles.

To protect student rights and strengthen participatory governance, students actively take part in university decision-making through the Student Council and faculty-level representatives, elected through democratic processes. These representation mechanisms allow students to directly communicate their views, suggestions, and complaints to the relevant bodies, thereby reinforcing principles of participation and institutional justice.

Moreover, courses on human rights, ethics, and constitutional law, along with various seminars, workshops, and panels, help raise legal awareness and foster justice-based thinking among individuals across the university. All these practices contribute to building an inclusive, just, and safe academic environment at Marmara University.



Jean Monnet Centers of Excellence

Marmara University European Union Institute is one of the distinguished Jean Monnet Centers of Excellence across Europe, dedicated to promoting “European integration” within universities and higher education institutions. Awarded the prestigious Center of Excellence status by the European Commission in 2005, the Institute continues to actively contribute to this mission.

The Institute aims to foster education and research on European integration through academic programs, expert workshops, and the publication of various scholarly works. Additionally, it seeks to enhance awareness and understanding of current developments in Europe within Turkey, serving as a vital bridge between Turkish academia and European Union studies.

Peace, Justice, and Historical Awareness Initiatives

Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the Cyprus Peace Operation

On December 13, 2024, Marmara University hosted the "50th Anniversary of the Cyprus Peace Operation" symposium at the Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall, with online participation from the President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Ersin Tatar. Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt and President Tatar highlighted the historical significance of the Cyprus Peace Operation, Turkey's role in ensuring the security and rights of the Turkish Cypriot community, and the operation's lasting impact on regional stability. The symposium included three sessions chaired by Prof. Dr. Ali Satan, Doç. Dr. Abdulkadir Akıl, and Prof. Dr. Ulvi Keser, featuring presentations from academics on the historical, political, and social aspects of the Cyprus issue.

Free Palestine March

On May 7, 2024, Marmara University students organized the "Free Palestine March" at the Göztepe Campus to condemn the genocide in Palestine and express solidarity with the Palestinian resistance.

The march, which began at the open-air amphitheater and concluded at the main entrance gate with a student declaration of support, was attended by Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt, vice rectors, the secretary general, senate members, and numerous academics.

February 28: Postmodern Coup Program

On February 29, 2024, Marmara University hosted the event "February 28: Postmodern Coup" at the Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall, organized in collaboration with the Turkish Youth Foundation (TÜGVA) Istanbul Universities Coordination and the New Generation Student Club. Held on the anniversary of the February 28 coup, the program featured guest speaker Minister of Justice Yılmaz Tunç and was moderated by TÜGVA President İbrahim Beşinci, with high participation from the university's leadership, academics, and students.

Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt emphasized the historical and democratic lessons of the February 28 process, calling it a unique "postmodern" coup that targeted both the government and fundamental freedoms of society. Following his speech, the documentary "Witness" was screened, portraying testimonies from that period. Minister Tunç addressed the deep wounds caused by the coup, its economic and social costs, and stressed the importance of ensuring such undemocratic interventions never occur again through constitutional reforms and youth awareness.

Support for Palestinian Resistance by Marmara University Students

On May 3, 2024, Marmara University students gathered to raise awareness about the genocide in Palestine and express their support for the Palestinian resistance. Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt met with the students, commending their moral stance and noting that Türkiye has been one of the strongest supporters of the Palestinian cause in the international arena.



National Commemoration and Civic Awareness Events



Marmara University Commemorates Atatürk on November 10

On November 10, 2024, Marmara University held a ceremony at the Atatürk Monument in Göztepe Campus to mark the 86th anniversary of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's passing.

The event began with a wreath-laying by Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt and a moment of silence at 09:05, followed by the national anthem performed under the direction of Prof. Dr. Mustafa Uslu. Prof. Dr. Bülent Bakar delivered a speech on "November 10, Atatürk, and Leadership," highlighting Atatürk's enduring legacy as a national and global leader.



15 July Democracy and National Unity Day Program at Marmara University

On July 16, 2024, Marmara University commemorated 15 July with a program at Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall. Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt highlighted the nation's commitment to democracy and unity.

The event included a lecture by Asst. Prof. Dr. Furkan Kaya on Turkey's historical coup attempts, followed by a screening of the 15 July documentary and a concert by the university music ensemble under Prof. Dr. Mustafa Uslu.



Marmara University Celebrates the 101st Anniversary of the Republic

On October 28, 2024, Marmara University commemorated the 101st anniversary of the Republic at Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall. Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt emphasized the significance of the Republic, honoring Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and the nation's heroes, and underlined the role of youth in safeguarding and advancing the Republic. The program included the screening of the special documentary "Cumhuriyet'in Kuruluş Hikayesini Kazım Özalp Anlatıyor: İstanbul Valiliği 29 Ekim Özel Filmi" followed by a conference by Prof. Dr. Sevtap Demirci from Boğaziçi University, detailing the historical context, struggles, and achievements in the founding of the Republic.

Decent Work and Inclusive Employment Policies

Employment Policies and Equal Opportunity

Marmara University has adopted policies to provide a discrimination-free, fair, and inclusive working environment for all its employees. Established in 2017, the Center for Women's Studies in Economic and Social Fields (ESKAR) leads efforts to raise awareness on gender equality, strengthen women's leadership and entrepreneurship skills, and promote these values within the university.

- [The Gender Equality Policy](#)

Living Wage and Social Benefits

The university pays all academic and administrative staff at least the living wage determined by the Civil Servants Law of 1965. Additionally, it provides supplementary benefits and services such as meals, transportation, and healthcare to enhance the social welfare of its personnel.

- [Civil Servants Law](#)

Occupational Health and Safety

Marmara University rigorously implements occupational health and safety principles across all its units. Regular inspections, risk assessments, emergency drills, and staff training programs aim to ensure a safe working environment.

Academic Freedom, Integrity, Inclusion and Equality

The policy guarantees equality in employment practices

- [Academic Freedom Policy](#)

Student Employment and Entrepreneurship

Marmara University provides students with opportunities for part-time work on campus, offering both financial support and practical work experience. The Entrepreneurship Club, Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR), and Career Center offer guidance in entrepreneurship, internships, and career planning.

Professional Development and Career Support

Through the Continuing Education Center (SEM) and Academic Development Unit, the university offers training to enhance the professional competencies of academic and administrative staff. Erasmus+ Staff Mobility and in-service training programs further support employees in gaining international experience.

Support for Women and Youth

Policies to increase the ratio of female employees, projects supporting female graduates' participation in the workforce, and career guidance services targeting young graduates strengthen social inclusiveness at Marmara University.

Education and Research



Sustainable Education

Distance Learning

Marmara University has been providing distance education services since 2011. With approximately 10,000 students registered in 4 associate degrees, 2 master's degrees, and 3 common main course programs, it is the leading position in Turkey in this regard and continues to grow every passing year. By incorporating developments over time, today we have been provided with unlimited course opportunities, and we have reached the software and hardware power to conduct live lessons with 1000 people at the same time. With the academic LMS software, our faculty members provide our students with more functional and interactive sharing than what is offered in the classical classroom.



Sustainable Digital Education

In line with sustainable development goals, the campus has chosen to reduce paper use, time and costs, and has transitioned to sustainable digital transformation with an environmentally friendly approach. In addition, in order to increase the quality of education and training, a transition to digital smart systems has been made in the classrooms. In this context, "Digital Transformation and Data Management Coordination" was launched.

Quality

Marmara University Accredited by Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK)

"2024 YÖKAK International Quality Assurance and Accreditation Conference", organized by the Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK), was hosted by Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University on Thursday, April 25, with a certificate presentation ceremony to the universities that were entitled to receive an accreditation certificate. The conference was attended by the President of the Council of Higher Education (CoHE) Prof. Dr. Erol Özvar, YÖKAK President Prof. Dr. Ümit Kocabiçak, university rectors, deans and many academics.

Courses

Our school offers undergraduate, graduate and doctoral courses on sustainability. Some of these:

- Sustainability
- Environmental Engineering Ecology and Sustainability
- Sustainable Development Law
- Principles of Wastewater Engineering Design



Open Access Education

Marmara University is committed to promoting inclusive and equitable access to education. It provides a range of academic and professional opportunities that extend beyond its enrolled student body, thereby supporting lifelong learning, community outreach, and the broader dissemination of knowledge.



Library Services

Marmara University's central library welcomes external visitors interested in academic research and study. While borrowing privileges are typically reserved for current students and staff, external users may obtain a visitor's card that grants access to on-site resources and selected digital collections. This initiative contributes to the university's mission of public engagement and knowledge sharing with the wider community.

Online and Lifelong Learning Programs

Marmara University periodically hosts public lectures, seminars, and conferences that are open to non-students. These events often cover topics of general interest or current research and are sometimes streamed online or made available for later viewing. By doing so, the university fosters community engagement, encourages dialogue on important issues, and ensures that its educational mission reaches a wider and more diverse audience.

Open Access Courses and Digital Content

Marmara University leverages its official YouTube channel as a dynamic tool for making educational content publicly available. The channel hosts recordings of university lectures, academic events, and conferences, and also features outreach videos prepared by faculty members. Additionally, videos prepared by the Disabled Student Unit Coordinatorship are published to raise awareness and share knowledge. These efforts reflect the university's dedication to creating educational value for society at large.

Public Events and Seminars

The university also offers vocational training opportunities that are open to individuals who are not enrolled as students. These practical and career-oriented programs aim to equip participants with specific skills and qualifications that are applicable in the job market. Such offerings demonstrate the university's role in contributing to workforce development and lifelong learning on a national level.

Vocational Training Programs

Through the Marmara University Lifelong Learning Center (MÜSEM), the university designs and implements various courses aimed at enhancing the professional and personal development of individuals from all walks of life. These programs include skills-based trainings, certification courses, and awareness-raising seminars. MÜSEM collaborates with public institutions, NGOs, and the private sector to diversify its offerings and reach a broader audience. The center also conducts research into lifelong education methods, monitors the effectiveness of its programs, and offers both online and face-to-face training options to support different learning needs.

Academic and Professional Development Events



“International Football and Science Congress Launched at Marmara University”

The International Football and Science Congress, organized by Marmara University’s Faculty of Sport Sciences, began on May 28, 2024, at the National Teams Training Center in Riva. Opening the event with a concert by the Turkish Music Ensemble, the program welcomed prominent participants including TFF Honorary President Şenes Erzik, TFF Vice President Mustafa Eröğüt, Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt, and top coaches and academics.

Focusing on “Individual Technical and Tactical Training Approaches,” the congress addressed sports science, performance-preserving training models, and the application of scientific methods in football. Speakers emphasized the importance of integrating scientific research into sports for athlete development, injury prevention, and performance enhancement. The congress also highlighted Turkey’s upcoming major international sports events, including the 2032 European Football Championship, and the crucial role universities play in supporting sports science and national athletic excellence.

Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt Attends Interuniversity Board (ÜAK) Executive Meeting

Marmara University Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt participated in the Interuniversity Board (ÜAK) Executive Meeting hosted by Trakya University. Chaired by ÜAK President Prof. Dr. Veysel Eren, the meeting covered topics including associate professorship application results, reports from the associate professorship, ethics, and equivalence commissions, and other agenda items requested for review by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK). As a key academic coordination body, ÜAK ensures collaboration among universities, addresses faculty needs, and prepares laws and regulations affecting higher education. Rector Kurt contributed to the meeting with his insights and recommendations.

Marmara University Represented at NAFSA 2024

Marmara University participated in the NAFSA 2024 Conference, held from May 28–31 in New Orleans, USA, one of the world’s largest international higher education conferences. The event gathered over 3,000 academics and professionals from more than 100 countries, providing workshops, seminars, and networking opportunities in international education.

Represented by General Secretary Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murat Arisal, Director of the International Relations and Academic Cooperation Office Prof. Dr. Nuri Tinaz, and their team, Marmara University hosted a stand and conducted bilateral meetings with over 100 institutions. The discussions focused on establishing and expanding academic partnerships, supporting newly opened departments, enhancing international visibility, promoting research university objectives, and increasing cultural diversity in student and academic exchanges.

‘TÖDEB Fintech Apprentice Program’ Graduates Its First Cohort

The TÖDEB Fintech Apprentice Program, a collaboration between the Turkish Payment and Electronic Money Institutions Association (TÖDEB) and Marmara University, held its 2023–2024 Certificate Ceremony on July 3 at the Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Talat İnan emphasized the program’s success in its first year, highlighting the master-apprentice model and the combination of academic knowledge with practical industry experience. Speakers, including Ozan Çağrı Gazitürk and TÖDEB Chairman Ufuk Bilgetekin, underlined the program’s role in fostering public-private collaboration, continuous learning, and professional growth. The ceremony concluded with certificate presentations and a panel featuring graduates and their mentors sharing their experiences.



Educational and Cultural Workshops and Symposiums

Turkish Easy Language Project Workshop

On December 17, 2024, Marmara University hosted a workshop as part of TÜBİTAK's "Institutional Framework for Turkish Easy Language" project. The workshop focused on developing methods to make language more inclusive and communication more understandable for all. Discussions emphasized reducing linguistic barriers for diverse groups, including individuals with hearing impairments, learning difficulties, the elderly, and non-native Turkish speakers. Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt highlighted the importance of easy language in promoting social participation and accessibility. During the sessions, TÜBİTAK Project Manager Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sine Demirkıvran presented "Foundations of Easy Language," Dr. Fayika Göktepe discussed "Turkish Easy Language as Intra-Language Translation," and officials from the Ministry of National Education and Ministry of Family and Social Services shared initiatives supporting social engagement and accessibility. The event underscored the significance of scientifically grounded easy language applications in improving societal inclusion and communication.

History Teachers Workshop

On June 25–26, 2024, Marmara University's Atatürk Faculty of Education, in collaboration with the Istanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education and Istanbul Teacher Academies, hosted the History Teachers Workshop at the Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall. The two-day event began with an opening speech by Dean Prof. Dr. Seyfi Kenan, who highlighted history as the greatest teacher of life and emphasized that ideology and history should remain separate. Deputy Minister of National Education Dr. Ömer Faruk Yelkenci noted that the workshop aligned with the Turkey Century Maarif Model, providing a valuable platform for interdisciplinary discussion and integrating national, moral, and universal values.

2nd International Symposium on Social Sciences and Turkish Culture (SOBİTÜRK)

Marmara University's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences organized the 2nd International Symposium on Social Sciences and Turkish Culture from October 23–25, 2024, at the Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall and Dolmabahçe Palace.

The symposium, themed "Disasters", focused on the social, psychological, demographic, and cultural impacts of disasters, including effects on wildlife, cultural heritage, literature, and arts, and strategies for disaster preparedness and post-disaster solutions.

Opening remarks were delivered by Prof. Dr. Sebahat Deniz (Dean) and Prof. Dr. Erhan Afyoncu (Rector of the National Defense University). Key presentations included Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kemal Tunçer on the predictability of earthquakes. Over three days, sessions explored disasters from historical, sociological, psychological, economic, and administrative perspectives.

Panel on Mehmet Âkif Ersoy and the Turkish National Anthem

On March 22, 2024, Marmara University organized a panel titled "Mehmet Âkif Ersoy and the Turkish National Anthem" at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Conference Hall.

Speakers highlighted Ersoy's life, worldview, role in Turkish literature and the Turkic World, and the writing process of the National Anthem. The panel concluded with Ersoy's remark: "May God never let this nation write another National Anthem", underscoring the lasting significance of his work.

Educational, Inclusive, and Community-Focused Activities

Council of Higher Education (YÖK) Iftar Program Hosted by Marmara University

On March 27, 2024, Marmara University hosted the iftar program organized by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK). The event was attended by YÖK President Prof. Dr. Erol Özvar, university rectors in Istanbul, YÖK Executive Board Member Prof. Dr. Naci Gündoğan, and YÖK Secretary General Batıkan Aksoy. Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt opened the program, wishing everyone a healthy Ramadan and an early celebration of the upcoming Eid. In his speech, YÖK President Prof. Dr. Erol Özvar emphasized ongoing reforms to modernize academic programs, gradually phasing out those with limited relevance to employment and introducing more career-focused programs. He highlighted the inclusion of new fields such as artificial intelligence, digitalization, and big data as part of this transformation.

Marmara University Rectorate Iftar Invitation

Marmara University hosted an iftar program at its Göztepe Campus, attended by Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Mustafa Çelen, Prof. Dr. Ömer Akgiray, Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut, Secretary General Dr. Murat Arisal, and members of the University Senate. Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt welcomed the guests and delivered a speech, after which he engaged in conversations with faculty, staff, and students during the iftar dinner.

“Arı Dünyanın Çocukları” Autism Family Seminars Continue

On January 30, 2024, Marmara University hosted the 4th seminar of the second term of the “Arı Dünyanın Çocukları” Autism Family Seminars at the Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall. Organized with the Disabled Students Unit and TODEV, the seminar focused on crisis management, first aid, and autism-safe homes. Speakers shared insights and answered questions from participants, while hands-on first aid training was provided.

“Empowering Through Narratives: Inclusive Representation in Media” Event for International Day of Persons with Disabilities

On December 2, 2024, Marmara University organized the event “Empowering Through Narratives: Inclusive Representation in Media” in celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at the Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall, Göztepe Campus. The event, hosted by the Disabled Students Unit Coordination, the New Media Club, and the Engelsiz Marmara Club, was attended by Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt. The opening speech emphasized the university’s commitment to equal opportunity, inclusive education, and societal contribution. Rector Kurt highlighted efforts to enhance accessibility, inclusive practices in education, and socio-cultural activities, noting that Marmara University has received 46 awards in the Accessible Universities Flag and Emblem Competition and the BİLTEV Accessible Education Awards. The event featured an award ceremony and panel discussion celebrating individuals who overcame barriers, including notable figures such as disabled MP Serkan Bayram, the first disabled mayor Turan Hançerli, media professionals, athletes, and pioneers in their fields, showcasing the impact of inclusive representation and inspiring society at large.

Rector Meets Students for Suhoor

On April 3, 2024, Marmara University Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt joined students at the Göztepe Campus Girls’ Dormitory for suhoor. The event was attended by Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut, Director of the Continuous Education Center Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Talat İnan, Director of Health, Culture and Sports İshak Aslan, and Dormitory Branch Manager Nazire İpek. Following the meal, Rector Kurt engaged in conversations with the students, fostering community and dialogue during the early morning gathering.

Education, Research, and Community Engagement

Minister of Family and Social Services Mahinur Özdemir Göktaş Meets Marmara University Students

On February 18, 2024, Marmara University's Young Vision Club hosted Minister Mahinur Özdemir Göktaş at the Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall, Göztepe Campus. She shared her personal journey overcoming challenges as the child of a Turkish immigrant in Belgium, her path in politics, and her work promoting women's empowerment, social welfare, and equality. The event included a Q&A session, insights into ongoing projects for families, youth, and vulnerable groups, and informal interactions with students, highlighting the impact of mentorship, inclusion, and social responsibility.

Marmara University Participates in DRUPA Printing Technologies Fair

From May 28 to June 7, 2024, Marmara University participated in DRUPA, the world's largest printing and packaging technologies fair, held in Düsseldorf, Germany. A total of 12 faculty members and 20 students from the Faculty of Applied Sciences' Printing Technologies Department and the Vocational School of Technical Sciences' Printing and Publishing Technologies Program represented the university.

At the fair, participants engaged with international educators, industry professionals, and entrepreneurs, attended seminars, and explored emerging technologies. Supported financially by industry partners including BASEV, MEMDER, MATDER, Konica Minolta Turkey, AEK Pay Senedi Consultancy, and alumni Beyazıt Bestami Gülkan, students gained hands-on exposure to the latest printing innovations and discussed potential future collaborations.

16th Traditional Global Communication Association Conference Launched at Marmara University

Marmara University's Faculty of Communication hosted the 16th Traditional Global Communication Association Conference titled "The Future of Communication: Promises and Challenges" from May 15-17, 2024, at the İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall. The opening ceremony was attended by Presidential Communications Director Fahrettin Altun, who emphasized the opportunities and risks of digitalization, the rapid spread of misinformation, and the importance of defending truth in communication for the future of society.

The conference brought together academics and communication experts from 30 universities across 15 countries, fostering international dialogue on digital media, artificial intelligence, social media, media literacy, and sustainability in communication. Speakers highlighted the responsibility of academia and media professionals to address ethical, philosophical, and societal challenges in the evolving communication landscape. The event included panels, workshops, and discussions aimed at promoting global collaboration, innovation, and critical engagement in communication studies.

5th International Applied Statistics Congress Held at Marmara University

On May 21, 2024, Marmara University hosted the 5th International Applied Statistics Congress in collaboration with Selçuk University and Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University. The event gathered academics, statisticians, and industry experts to honor the late Alev Alatlı and support young researchers. Key discussions focused on the role of statistical research in understanding real-world phenomena, promoting science and technology, emerging technologies such as blockchain and crypto assets, and strengthening academia-industry collaborations to foster innovation.

Community Engagement and Social Responsibility Initiatives



“Future with the Touch of Healthcare Students” Social Responsibility Project

On April 23, National Sovereignty and Children’s Day, students from Marmara University’s Medical Imaging Techniques Program organized a volunteer project to celebrate the day. Under the guidance of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nuran Akyurt, the “Future with the Touch of Healthcare Students” project was implemented simultaneously across five regions of Turkey. The project provided extracurricular resource books, toys and coloring materials for preschool children, stationery sets (erasers, notebooks, colored pencils), educational games, storybooks, novels, and sports equipment (shoes, tracksuits) to children attending state preschools and primary schools affiliated with the Ministry of National Education, particularly those affected by earthquakes or with limited resources, in Eastern Anatolia, Southeastern Anatolia, Central Anatolia, Mediterranean, Black Sea, and Marmara regions. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nuran Akyurt, Project Coordinator, expressed pride in having the students support today’s children, who represent the future of the Turkish nation.

“Qualified Technician Employment Solution Project” BASPÖ Workshop

On May 15, 2024, Marmara University’s Faculty of Applied Sciences organized the BASPÖ Workshop as part of the “Qualified Technician Employment Solution Project.” The event aimed to promote vocational and technical high schools, enhance their reputation, and communicate the career opportunities they provide to students. The workshop was conducted in collaboration with key stakeholders, including the Istanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education, BASEV, ISO 27 Professional Committee, MEMDER, KASAD, ESD, MATDER, and other NGOs. During the sessions, university faculty, education authorities, and industry representatives presented project details and shared insights on employment and industry collaborations.

Environmental Awareness Training at Marmara University

On May 29, Marmara University’s Administrative and Financial Affairs Department Zero Waste Coordination Unit organized an Environmental Awareness Training at the Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall, Göztepe Campus. Held in collaboration with the Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Environment and Marmara University Personnel Department, the training aimed to raise staff awareness on sustainability and environmental consciousness. Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt highlighted the importance of small daily actions like recycling and energy saving, noting Marmara University’s participation in the Zero Waste Movement since 2019. Environmental Engineer Aslıhan Hıdıroğlu Öncel presented on zero-waste management, carbon footprint, and the waste management hierarchy.

Traditional Mentor-Marmara Breakfast Meeting Held

On February 18, 2024, Marmara University’s Alumni Office organized the annual Mentor-Marmara Breakfast Meeting, bringing together over 180 mentors and mentees. The event featured presentations by Prof. Dr. Bülent Yılmaz, Alumni Office Coordinator, and participation from faculty deans and project coordinators from Business, Medicine, Atatürk Education, and Health Sciences faculties.

Launched in 2018, the Mentor-Marmara project has grown into one of Turkey’s most comprehensive mentorship programs, currently supporting over 1,100 students through a network of 630 volunteer alumni and academics, including 60 based abroad. Discussions highlighted professional and peer mentorship practices, program development, and the role of mentorship in today’s technological era. The event concluded with feedback sessions, networking opportunities, and suggestions for sectoral collaborations among mentors.



Digital Transformation, Industry, and Educational Collaborations



SABIOTEK Digital Transformation in Healthcare Workshop Held

The “Digital Transformation in Healthcare Workshop,” organized by SABIOTEK—a joint initiative of Marmara University, Yıldız Technical University, and Istanbul University-Cerrahpaşa—was hosted by Marmara University on April 3 at Mehmet Genç Campus.

In opening remarks, Acting Vice President of Turkey Health Institutes Prof. Dr. Rabia Çakır highlighted universities’ pioneering role, while Rectors Prof. Dr. Tamer Yılmaz and Prof. Dr. Nuri Aydın emphasized leadership and the importance of digitalization in healthcare. Marmara University Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt noted that the workshop would guide impactful and innovative scientific research in health.

Participants also explored virtual laboratory environments, enabling access to the same labs as Marmara University and University College London students in a digital format.

Marmara University Participates in EURIE 2024 Summit

Marmara University attended the EURIE Eurasia Higher Education Summit, held in Istanbul from February 27–29, 2024, one of the region’s leading higher education events. The university was represented by Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut, Director of the International Relations and Academic Cooperation Office Prof. Dr. Nuri Tınaz, and Assistant Directors Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Gökçen Öcal Özkaya and Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Mert Denizci.

During the event, the university’s stand, also visited by YÖK President Prof. Dr. Erol Özvar, attracted significant interest from international university representatives. Marmara University engaged with representatives from Indonesia, Malaysia, Russia, Romania, Hungary, the Philippines, Uzbekistan, and other countries to explore collaborations under Erasmus+, KA1, and KA2 programs.

Marmara University MX Creative Industries Workshop

The MX Creative Industries Workshop was held on April 24 at Marmara University’s Mehmet Genç Campus, organized by MITTO, TOBB Young Entrepreneurs Board, and the Creative Industries Council Association. The workshop focused on “Creative Industries in the Age of AI: Opportunities, Challenges, and Preparing for the Future.”

Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt highlighted the economic and innovative impact of creative industries. Sessions covered academic and industry perspectives on AI’s role in creativity, innovation, and production. Poster presentations and project showcases were well-received, and a roadmap for AI integration into creative industries was planned.

Key Sessions: Industrial Design, Architecture, Fashion, Music, Game Design, Creative Entrepreneurship, Intellectual Property, and AI in Society & Culture.

Industry Panels: Sector Impact, Legal & Ethical Solutions, Urban & Cultural Spaces, Cinema & AI, and Development Directions.

Industry Talks – AI in Healthcare Seminar at Marmara University

Marmara University’s Academic Development Unit organized the second edition of its “Industry Talks” seminar on April 24, in collaboration with the Electrical-Electronics Engineering Club (EEMK). The event featured Sebahattin Babur, AI & Machine Learning Team Lead at Figes A.Ş., and Abdülkadir Kayıklı, General Manager at Vestel Hayriya, as speakers.

Held at the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Campus, Technology Faculty T2 Conference Hall, the seminar focused on AI applications in healthcare. Babur presented AI and MATLAB solutions and their practical applications, while Kayıklı discussed Vestel’s healthcare initiatives and the evolution of AI in the sector. The interactive session included active student participation and Q&A.



Conferences, Panels, and Seminars

Sector Talks Seminar

On March 6, 2024, Marmara University's Academic Development Unit and the Electrical-Electronics Engineering Club organized the first "Sector Talks" seminar at the Faculty of Technology, Maltepe Campus. The event featured Necati Ersen Siseci from Turkcell and Sebahattin Babur from Figes A.Ş., who shared insights on cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and model-based design applications. With active student participation, the seminar fostered an interactive exchange between academia and industry.

Panel on Technology, Informatics, and Accessibility

On March 25, 2024, Marmara University's Faculty of Engineering and the Disabled Student Unit organized a panel titled "Technology, Informatics, and Accessibility." Speakers, including Dr. Mustafa Özhan Kalaç (Celal Bayar University), Dr. Engin Yılmaz (Boğaziçi University & Marmara University), and Duygu Kayaman (Microsoft), discussed digital accessibility, assistive technologies such as smart canes and AI-based applications, and inclusive education and employment practices. The event highlighted the role of technology in fostering independence and sustainability in accessibility.

Future at Work Seminars

The "Future at Work Personal Competence Program," organized annually since 2019 by Marmara University's Disabled Student Unit in collaboration with EngelsizKariyer.com, began on April 22, 2024. Covering ten modules, the program includes topics such as stress management, motivation, communication, CV preparation, interview techniques, and employment rights for persons with disabilities. Upon completion, participants' CVs will be shared with employers to enhance inclusive employment opportunities in the private sector.

Quota System Panel

On April 29, 2024, Marmara University's Disabled Student Unit and the Economics Faculty's Labor Economics Club organized a panel on the "Quota System." Speakers Mehmet Kızıldaş (engelsizkariyer.com) and Ümran Çoker (İŞKUR) discussed workplace equality, diversity management, and the importance of inclusive practices such as job coaches, providing guidance to students as future HR professionals.

Teaching is Devotion: What Every Teacher Should Know Panel

On April 26, 2024, Marmara University's Disabled Student Unit organized a panel focusing on addiction awareness. Moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nermin Özcan Özer, the session featured psychologist Afra Sevide Çelebi from Yeşilay, who informed future teachers about identifying and preventing addiction risks among students.

Seminar Days at the Faculty of Pharmacy

On April 24, 2024, Marmara University Faculty of Pharmacy held "Seminar Days" with the participation of Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt. The event opened with Dean Prof. Dr. Hatice Kübra Elçioğlu's speech and featured a presentation on "Chronic Diseases and Lovelessness" by Prof. Dr. Derya Özsavcı. The program concluded with a concert performed by Dr. Burçak Gürbüz and her team.

Marmara Europe Week Opening Conference

On May 9, 2024, Marmara University's Institute of European Studies held the opening conference of Marmara Europe Week. Supported by partner institutions, the event featured Ambassador Mehmet Kemal Bozay and Prof. Dr. Haluk Kabaalioglu, addressing the current state of Turkey-EU relations and the importance of mutual cooperation in global challenges.



Conferences, Panels, and Seminars

24th National Marmara University Medical Student Congress

The 24th MaSCo Student Congress began on May 23, 2024, at Marmara University Faculty of Medicine. The event provides students a platform to present research, attend expert-led workshops, and develop practical and organizational skills. Keynote speaker Prof. Dr. Serdar Baki Albayrak discussed “Innovation in Medicine: Surgical Advances.” The congress runs until May 25, with top student projects awarded by independent juries.

2024 Career and Development Summit

Marmara University’s Academic Development Unit and the Electrical-Electronics Engineering Club (EEMK) hosted the 3rd Career and Development Summit on May 22–23, 2024, at the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Campus, Faculty of Technology. The summit featured expert speakers from leading companies, including Trendyol, Ion Academy, Hopi, Vestel Hayriya, Berta Automation, İso Etp, and Dasal, providing students with insights into career paths, professional growth, and industry trends.

Panel on Turkey and World Economy Entering the Second Quarter of the 21st Century

On November 13, 2024, Marmara University hosted a panel on Turkey and the world economy at the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Campus. Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt and Faculty of Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Sadullah Çelik highlighted the importance of economic literacy.

CBRT President Dr. Fatih Karahan presented on monetary policy, inflation, and economic growth, focusing on Turkey and global trends. The panel concluded with a Q&A session, allowing participants to engage with expert insights.

3rd Intelligent Transportation Systems Workshop

Marmara University hosted the 3rd “From Connected to Autonomous Vehicles: Intelligent Transportation Systems Workshop” on May 14–15, 2024, at the Mehmet Genç Campus. The workshop covered V2X communication technologies, current and future autonomous/semiautonomous vehicles, legal implications of future accidents, and the state of smart transportation in Turkey and Istanbul.

Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt highlighted VeNIT Lab’s leading role in developing innovative solutions and managing six EU projects integrating AI and computer vision with intelligent transportation systems. Assistant Prof. Dr. Müjdat Soytürk discussed V2X communication and services, while Murat Mustafa Harman from the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure presented the National Intelligent Transportation Systems 2024–2030 action plan.

International ‘NanoTalks’ Event

Marmara University’s Nanotechnology and Biomaterials Application and Research Center (NBUAM) hosted the NanoTalks event under the ERASMUS+ KA107 program, bringing together students and faculty from Uzbekistan, Cuba, and Marmara University. Presentations included “From Sand to Glass – Silk Road from Ceramics” by Prof. Dr. Dilshat Tulyaganov (Turin Polytechnic University, Uzbekistan) and “Alginates from Seaweed: Smart Drug Delivery Devices” by Dr. Lissette Agüero Luztonó (BIOMAT, University of Havana, Cuba). The event concluded with a laboratory visit and discussions for joint scientific projects.

My Student’s Patient Rights Panel

Organized by Marmara University’s Disabled Student Unit Coordination on May 16, 2024, the panel aimed to raise awareness among teacher candidates about patient rights and issues affecting disadvantaged groups. Prof. Dr. Gürkan Sert, Chair of the Department of Medical Ethics at Marmara University Faculty of Medicine, highlighted the importance of patient rights through legal examples. The panel was attended by a large number of teacher candidates.



Innovation

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Collaborations



Collaboration Protocol for the 2024 Turkey Demographic and Health Survey

On 31 May 2024, Marmara University signed a cooperation protocol with the Presidency of Strategy and Budget, TÜBİTAK, and Hacettepe University for the 2024 Turkey Demographic and Health Survey. Conducted for the first time in five years, the survey will collect data from approximately 20,000 households, providing vital demographic, social, and maternal-child health indicators. The findings will inform evidence-based policies in areas such as fertility, healthy and active ageing, early childhood development, and migration management. Marmara University contributes through its Population and Social Policies Research and Application Centre, supporting the development of strategies that address demographic challenges and promote sustainable development.

Collaboration with the Turkish Football Federation Referee Academy

Marmara University signed a cooperation protocol with the Turkish Football Federation (TFF) Referee Academy, along with four other universities, during a ceremony held at the Hasan Doğan National Teams Camp and Training Facilities. The partnership aims to contribute to the development of Turkish football through joint training and development programs for referees. The initiative reflects Marmara University's commitment to advancing sports education and fostering professional excellence in sports officiating.

Sustainability Cooperation Protocol with the Development and Investment Bank of Turkey

Marmara University signed a Sustainability Cooperation Protocol with the Development and Investment Bank of Turkey (TKYB) on 17 May 2024 at the Rectorate Building. The protocol aims to foster collaboration on sustainability research topics, creating opportunities for joint projects, academic development, and sectoral engagement. This partnership strengthens the connection between academia and the finance sector, supporting knowledge exchange and capacity building in sustainability-focused initiatives.

Collaboration Protocol with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security and İŞKUR

On 24 May 2024, Marmara University signed a vocational training cooperation protocol with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security and the Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR) at the Rectorate. The protocol aims to organize vocational training courses within the scope of İŞKUR's workforce services, addressing the need for qualified labor in targeted sectors and workplaces. This collaboration strengthens the link between education and employment, supporting skill development and workforce participation.



Collaborations

Collaboration Protocol with the Turkish Automobile Sports Federation (TOSFED)

On 2 August 2024, Marmara University's Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, signed a cooperation protocol with the Turkish Automobile Sports Federation (TOSFED) to conduct research on the "Relationship Between Hydration and Performance in Motor Sports." Led by Assoc. Prof. Ayşe Hümeysra İslamoğlu, the project investigates athletes' hydration status and its link to race performance through anthropometric measurements, surveys, and performance analyses. Initially piloted at the first stage of the AVIS Turkey Track Championship, the project will continue throughout the season, with the aim of expanding its findings to other sports disciplines in the future.

Collaboration Protocol for the "Muhtarlar Academy"

On 29 July 2024, Marmara University, Istanbul University, and the Governorship of Istanbul signed a cooperation protocol to establish the "Muhtarlar (Village and Neighborhood Heads) Academy." The program aims to provide training to 961 muhtars in Istanbul, equipping them with up-to-date knowledge on public services, legal frameworks, communication skills, and community problem-solving. Trainings will be delivered by academic staff—Marmara University on the Anatolian side and Istanbul University on the European side—covering topics from social and legal issues to health and digital transformation. Upon completion, participants will receive certificates, enhancing their capacity to serve their communities effectively.

Collaboration Protocol with the International Organization of Turkic Culture (TÜRKSOY)

On 19 December 2024, Marmara University and the International Organization of Turkic Culture (TÜRKSOY) signed a cooperation protocol aimed at strengthening sustainable partnerships in education, culture, arts, and research. The agreement, based on principles of equality and mutual benefit, fosters joint initiatives and reciprocal understanding between both institutions and their affiliated units. The signing ceremony took place at Marmara University Rectorate, attended by senior representatives including the Director of the Institute of Turkic Studies.





Research and Academic Contributions

European Union Projects



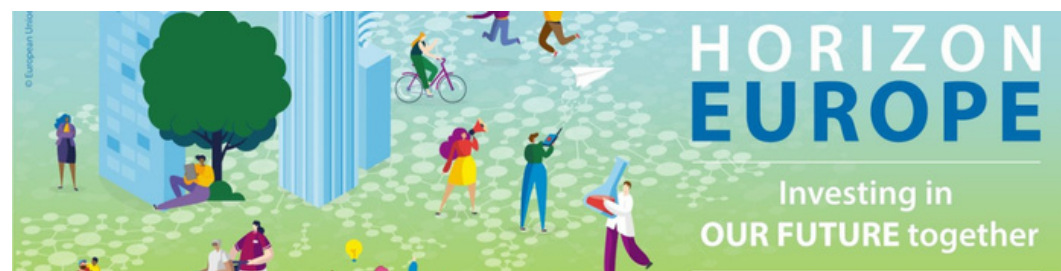
LoLiPoP-IoT: Long-Life Power Platforms for IoT

This project aims to develop innovative long-life power platforms to enhance wireless sensor networks in IoT applications. It includes developing algorithms for asset tracking and predictive maintenance. Applications target Industry 4.0, smart mobility, and energy-efficient buildings. Marmara University will focus on AI and machine learning for predictive maintenance, low-power IoT communication, and image processing for quality control, conducting tests and integration in real industrial environments.

BRIGHTER: Breakthrough in micro-bolometer imaging

Infrared imaging is expanding rapidly with innovative solutions. Micro-bolometer sensors—compact, lightweight, low-power, reliable, and affordable—will be enhanced to narrow the performance gap with cooled sensors.

Marmara University will contribute expertise in Artificial Intelligence, Communication, Image Processing, and Edge Computing to the "Intelligent Intersection/VRU Safety" use case. Additionally, it will support Arcelik's use case on "Electronic Card Reliability and Fault Detection." This project aims to boost Europe's market share in the infrared imaging sector.



DECICE (Device-Edge-Cloud Intelligent Collaboration Framework)

This project develops an open, portable cloud management framework to optimize performance and energy efficiency in heterogeneous systems combining cloud and edge computing. By using holistic monitoring and AI-based scheduling, DECICE maps jobs and data to the most suitable resources, adapts to system changes, and integrates with Kubernetes. It is validated through real-world use cases in smart cities, industrial automation, and data analytics.

MARS: Understanding Migration Towards Non-Western Destinations

Funded by MSCA, the MARS project addresses a gap in migration studies by focusing on non-Western migration destinations, which accounted for 12 of the top 20 international migrant destinations in 2020. Through research and staff exchanges, the project aims to improve understanding of migration governance at global, regional, and national levels. It seeks to generate empirical data, contribute to theoretical debates, develop innovative methods, and translate findings into policy recommendations to enhance migration governance practices.

CARSI Project Explores EU's Unique Approach to Caucasus and Central Asian Regions

Supported by Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, the CARSI project investigates the EU's distinct strategy in engaging with the resource-rich and strategically located Caucasus and Central Asian regions. Unlike other global powers such as China and India, the EU focuses not only on technical innovation and market access but also on social and human development. The project fosters collaboration between institutions across two continents to train researchers and generate new empirical insights on these regions.

Active Citizenship in the New Homeland (Act-New Home) Erasmus+ Project

This project develops an e-learning module to educate asylum seekers and refugees about their rights and duties. It also enhances educators' skills in universities, public institutions, and NGOs to provide effective active citizenship training. Funded by the European Commission, it involves partners from Turkey and several EU countries.





Research and Academic Contributions

European Union Projects



Multilevel Orders of Corruption in Central Asia

Supported by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions programme, MOCCA aims to enhance global and national anti-corruption efforts. The project examines multilevel corruption structures in five post-Soviet Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan), providing insights to inform EU political and economic engagement in the region.

Tackling informal employment in Asia: building post-COV19 solutions to precariousness through case-study based evidence on Bhutan, Laos, Maldives, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam

Supported by the EU, the LABOUR project focuses on tackling informal and precarious employment in Southeast Asia, a region where the issue is particularly severe. With over 60% of the world's workforce engaged in the informal economy, the project aims to train regional specialists, enhance research capacity, and develop effective strategies to address labour vulnerability and improve working conditions.

Eu's Sustainability in Global Governance

The Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, named "EU's Sustainability in Global Governance", supported by the European Commission between 2022 and 2025 under the Erasmus+ Program, basically aims to examine and evaluate the contribution of the EU's sustainability to global governance in a holistic manner on a theoretical and empirical level.

Regenerated Cotton for Electronic Textiles (RETEX)

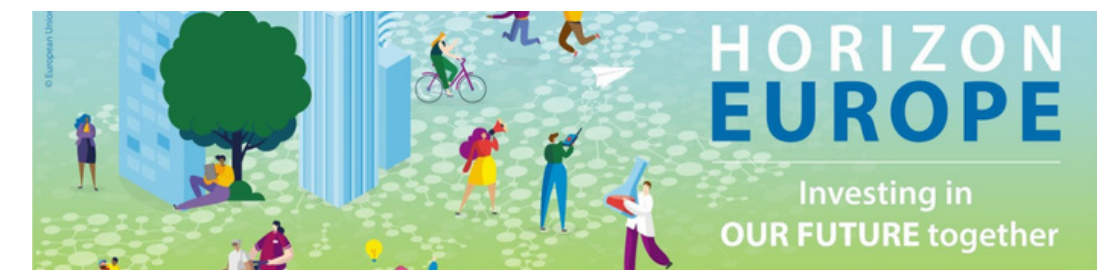
Funded by Horizon Europe (MSCA SE-2021), RETEX aims to develop sustainable electronic textile materials by replacing conventional textiles with regenerated fibers from cotton fabrics. The project unites international experts in materials science, polymers, chemistry, environmental studies, and design to advance eco-friendly innovations. Through cross-sector collaboration, RETEX will train the next generation of researchers, promote knowledge exchange, and explore commercial applications for sustainable textiles.

Smart Textiles made from Agriculture and Natural Waste Materials

Supported by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions programme, SMARTWASTE focuses on developing sustainable smart textiles using agricultural and natural waste materials, such as cellulose fibers from tomato stems and nonwovens from poplar seed fibers. The project brings together experts across materials science, chemistry, environmental studies, and design to create eco-friendly, cost-effective textile alternatives, fostering an international, cross-sector research network.

Central Asian Law Project

Funded by the EU, this project examines the links between legal cultures, business ethics, and governance in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. It seeks to address challenges such as legal uncertainty and informality faced by EU businesses in the region, and to provide insights for improving the business climate, rule of law, and governance.



Research and Academic Contributions



TÜBİTAK TEYDEB 1505 University-Industry Collaboration Project Approved for NBUAM

The Nanotechnology and Biomaterials Application and Research Center (NBUAM) at Marmara University received TÜBİTAK TEYDEB 1505 funding for a university-industry collaboration project with Deriworks. The project aims to develop an artificial environment capable of sustaining human hair follicles. This project represents the highest budget award received by the university under the TÜBİTAK TEYDEB 1505 calls, marking a significant advancement in applied biomaterials research.

TÜSEB Project Success from the Faculty of Pharmacy

Research Assistant Dr. Damla Damar Çelik from Marmara University's Faculty of Pharmacy, along with Dr. Erkan Rayaman from the Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology, received support from TÜSEB for their project titled "Cloning, Purification of MazG, ORF1, and ORF2 Proteins of Pseudomonas 56 Phage and Investigation of Their Antibacterial and Antibiofilm Activities Against Multidrug-Resistant P. Aeruginosa Isolates." This research contributes to combating antibiotic resistance and advancing healthcare innovation.

Hydrogen Energy Systems Research Laboratory Project Approved

The project titled "Establishment of a Hydrogen Energy Systems Research Laboratory", led by faculty members from the Department of Chemical Engineering at Marmara University's Faculty of Engineering, has been included in Türkiye's 2024 investment program by the Presidency of Strategy and Budget. The laboratory will focus on R&D and product development for green hydrogen production, contributing to advancements in sustainable energy technologies.

TÜBİTAK 1001 Project Success in Environmental Engineering

Prof. Dr. Bilge Alpaslan Kocamemi from Marmara University's Department of Environmental Engineering leads a TÜBİTAK 1001-funded project titled "Optimization of the A (High-Speed Activated Sludge) – B (Anammox) Process for Maximum Resource Recovery through Integrated Use of Process Control, Modeling, and Molecular Measurement Tools." The project involves interdisciplinary collaboration with researchers from Marmara University, Istanbul Technical University, and Health Sciences University, aiming to enhance sustainable wastewater treatment technologies.

Discovery of "LTβR Deficiency" Causing Primary Immunodeficiency

Marmara University's Işıl Berat Barlan Translational Medicine Research Center, in collaboration with St. Anna Children's Cancer Research Institute (Vienna) and Can Sucak Translational Immunology Laboratory, identified a new disease, LTβR deficiency, which impairs the development of lymph nodes and tonsils. The findings were published in Science Immunology and have drawn international attention.

LTβR deficiency disrupts lymphoid tissue formation, weakening the immune system and leading to severe infections, particularly in the respiratory system. This research highlights how genetic defects can affect not only immune cells but also the structural organization required for effective immune defense.

Led by Prof. Dr. Safa Barış, in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Kaan Boztuğ and Doç. Dr. Baran Erman, the team also developed therapeutic approaches that controlled infections and improved patient outcomes, providing new insights into primary immunodeficiency treatment.



Research and Academic Contributions



Managing Artificial Intelligence in Archaeology Project by Marmara University's Faculty of Business Administration Receives COST Support

The "Managing Artificial Intelligence in Archaeology - MAIA" project, led by Assoc. Prof. Tutku Tuncalı Yaman from Marmara University, was selected for support by the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) among 25 countries. The project unites international researchers to advance AI applications in archaeology through interdisciplinary collaboration.

TÜBİTAK Project Success from the Institute of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies

The project titled "The Transformation of Higher Education in Turkey: Organizational Change, Growth Policies, and Institutionalization (1923-2023)," led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alim Arlı, Head of the Department of Middle Eastern Sociology and Anthropology at the Institute of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, has been awarded support under the TÜBİTAK 1001 Scientific and Technological Research Projects Support Program.

TÜBİTAK 2218 Project Success from the Faculty of Technology

The project titled "Development of pH-Sensitive Drug Delivery Systems for the Treatment of Brain Tumors," involving Prof. Dr. Mehmet Sayıp Eroğlu and Dr. Murat Ünal from Marmara University's Faculty of Technology, received support under the TÜBİTAK 2218 Domestic Postdoctoral Research Program.

TÜSEB Project Success by Pharmacy Faculty Student

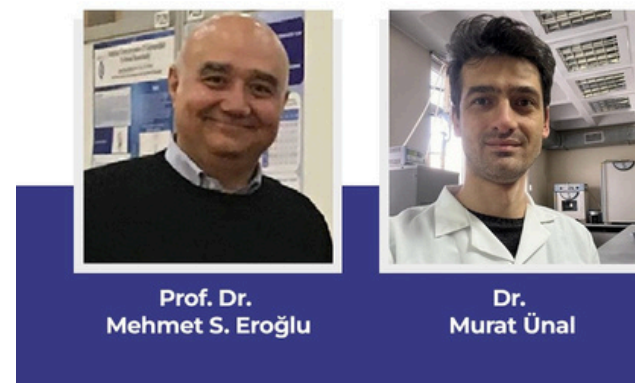
Pharmacy Faculty student Beyzanur Akduman, as project lead, with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sevil Şenkardeş as advisor, received funding through the TÜSEB A1 Project Support Program for Undergraduate Students. Their project titled "Effects of New 1,3,4-Thiadiazole Derivatives on Lentivirus-Induced Alzheimer's Disease Model in Human Neuroblastoma Cell Culture and Multi-Target Activity Studies" contributes to innovative research in neurodegenerative diseases.

TÜBİTAK Project Success from the Faculty of Engineering

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elif Soyer and her team received funding from the TÜBİTAK 1001 program for their project titled "Optimization of Organic Matter Removal Mechanisms, Design Recommendations, and Development of Decision-Making Mechanisms in Upflow Sludge Blanket Clarifiers at Drinking Water Treatment Plants." The project involves experts from Marmara University, Istanbul Medeniyet University, and Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ).

Research on Microstructure Evolution in Peritectic Systems Supported by the U.S. Air Force

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Melis Şerefoğlu Kaya and her team from Marmara University's Faculty of Engineering have secured funding from the U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research for the project titled "Microstructure Evolution in Peritectic Systems." This pioneering project for the university investigates fundamental mechanisms of coupled growth in peritectic systems, contributing to advanced materials science research.



TEBRİKLER

2509 TÜBİTAK-FRANSA DIŞİŞLERİ
BAKANLIĞI BOSPHORUS IKILI İŞBİRLİĞİ
PROGRAMI

Proje Adı:

Ftalozimler: konkomitant fotokatalitik hidrojen üret
ve CO2 indirgemesi için yeni yapay metalloenziml

Proje Ekibi:

Prof. Dr. Fabienne Dumoulin (Araştırmacı, Acıbad
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TEBRİKLER

TÜBİTAK 1001 - Bilimsel ve Teknolojik Araştırma Projelerini Destekleme Programı



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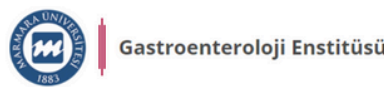


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Doç. Dr.
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Araştırmacı
Dr. Öğr. Üyesi
ERKAN TORTU

Proje Adı:
Mısabık Yüzücülerde Su İçerisinde Oksijen Tüketim Değerinin Ölçülmesine Yönelik
Bir Alternatif Yöntem Modellemesi



TEBRİKLER

TÜSEB A grubu Acil
Ar-Ge Proje Destek Programı
Proje Adı

IL-17A Serum Seviyesi ve IL-17A
rs2275913 Gen Polimorfizminin
Non-Alkolik Yağlı Karaciğer
Hastalığı ile İlişkisi

Proje Ekibi

- Doç. Dr. Coşkun Özer Demirtaş
- M.Sc. Demet Yılmaz Karadağ
- Tıp Lisans Öğr. Zeynep Cıdık



Proje Yürütücüsü
Prof. Dr. Fatih EREN

Research and Academic Contributions

TÜBİTAK 1001 Project Grant Achievement

The project titled “An Alternative Method Model for Measuring In-Water Maximal Oxygen Consumption in Competitive Swimmers,” led by Prof. Dr. Ani Agopyan and academic staff from the Department of Coaching Education at Marmara University's Faculty of Sport Sciences, received funding under the TÜBİTAK 1001 Scientific and Technological Research Projects Support Program. This project advances innovative and practice-oriented research contributing to the development of sports science.

TÜBİTAK-France Bilateral Cooperation Project Support for Faculty of Technology

Prof. Dr. Ümit İşci from Marmara University's Faculty of Technology, Department of Metallurgy and Materials Engineering, was awarded support for his project titled “Phthalocyanines: novel artificial metalloenzymes for concomitant photocatalytic hydrogen production and CO2 reduction” under the TÜBİTAK-France Ministry of Foreign Affairs Bosphorus Bilateral Cooperation Program (2509). This international collaboration promotes innovation in sustainable energy and environmental technologies.

TÜBİTAK 1001 Project Achievement from the Faculty of Medicine

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Erdi Sözen from the Department of Medical Biochemistry at Marmara University's Faculty of Medicine has been awarded funding under the TÜBİTAK 1001 Scientific and Technological Research Projects Support Program for his project titled “Investigation of the Efficacy of Alpha-13-COOH-Loaded Macrophage-Targeted Nanoparticles in Fatty Liver Disease.” This research aims to contribute to innovative therapeutic approaches for liver-related health issues.



Collaboration with the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure – Intelligent Transportation Systems Project

Marmara University successfully completed a project under a protocol signed with the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, aimed at developing domestic and national products in the field of Intelligent Transportation Systems and Connected and Autonomous Vehicles. The project produced three separate reports detailing the technical requirements of Connected Vehicles, V2X communication, and Cooperative Intelligent Transportation Systems, which were made publicly available. VeNIT Lab, which carried out Turkey's first field applications in this area, was recognized among the best practice examples.

The Relationship Between IL-17A Serum Level and IL-17A rs2275913 Gene Polymorphism and Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

The research project, led by Prof. Dr. Fatih Eren, Director of the Gastroenterology Institute at Marmara University, with contributions from Medical Faculty undergraduate student Zeynep Cıdık, has been awarded support under the TÜSEB Group A Emergency R&D Project Support Program.

TÜBİTAK 1001 Project Success from MEYÜB

The Marmara Pharmaceutical Drug and Innovative Product Development Unit (MEYÜB), in collaboration with the Department of Chemistry at the Faculty of Science, has been awarded funding under the TÜBİTAK 1001 Scientific and Technological Research Projects Support Program. Coordinated by Prof. Dr. Hatice Kübra Elçioğlu, the project titled “Development of a Fully Bio-Based Carbon Quantum Dot/Nanofiber-Based Wound Dressing for Diabetic Wounds” aims to advance innovative biomaterials for healthcare applications.



2023

ARAÇ İÇİ BİLGİ VE HABERLEŞME SİSTEMİNİN (ABHS)
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TEBRİKLER

TÜBİTAK 1001- Bilimsel ve Teknolojik Araştırma Projelerini Destekleme Programı



Proje Adı:
Diyabetik Yaralar İçin Tamamen Biyobazlı Karbon Kuantum Nokta/Nanofiber Esaslı Doku Ortamı
Geliştirilmesi



TEBRİKLER

TÜBİTAK 1001- Bilimsel ve Teknolojik
Araştırma Projelerini Destekleme
Programı

Proje Adı:

Alfa-13-COOH Yüklü Makrofaj Hedefli
Nanopartikül Etkinliğinin Yağlı Karaciğer
Hastalığında İncelenmesi

Proje Ekibi:
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Awards



Marmara University Receives TÜBA and TÜBİTAK Science Award

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Erken from Marmara University's Institute of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies was honored with the Encouragement Award in the Social and Human Sciences category at the TÜBA and TÜBİTAK Science Awards Ceremony, held at the Presidential Complex with the participation of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

The award recognizes Dr. Erken's outstanding contributions to social and human sciences, highlighting the university's commitment to excellence in research.

Marmara University Receives Institutional Accreditation Certificate from YÖKAK

Marmara University successfully met the quality standards set by the Turkish Higher Education Quality Council (YÖKAK) and was awarded the Institutional Accreditation Certificate. This accreditation confirms the University's success in quality assurance, academic excellence, and compliance with international standards in higher education. Marmara University continues to pursue its goals of enhancing educational quality, promoting diversity and learning mobility, and building a higher education system that is responsive to national and global challenges.



2023-2024 Overall Sports Medal Ranking

In the inter-university sports competitions organized by the Turkish University Sports Federation (TÜSF) during the 2023-2024 academic year, Marmara University ranked first in Türkiye, winning a total of 83 medals, including 25 gold, 39 silver, and 19 bronze, among 161 participating universities. This outstanding result reflects both the university's commitment to sports and the exceptional performance of its student-athletes.



Awards

Marmara Üniversitesi Erasmus+ KA171 Projesinde En Yüksek Hibeyi Kazandı



Marmara University Receives Highest Grant in Erasmus+ KA171 Project

Marmara University secured the highest grant among Turkish higher education institutions under the KA171 Erasmus+ Mobility for Learners and Staff program. Covering over 50 countries, the project positioned the university first in both the number of funded partner countries and total grant amount. This achievement strengthens Marmara University's mission as a research university while providing students and academic staff with expanded international education and research opportunities.

Austrian Academy of Sciences Joint Excellence Award

Our university's Asst. Prof. Selim Güngörürler was awarded the Joint Excellence Award by the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

Award from Istanbul Governorship to Marmara University Students

Marmara University students who achieved distinction at TEKNOFEST, the world's largest aviation and space technology festival, were recognized by the Istanbul Governorship. Governor Davut Gül presented certificates of appreciation to Furkan Kurel, Umutcan Sürücü, Betül Demirci, Sinan Okur, Ece Güler, and Özlem Salehi Köken, congratulating them on their achievements.

Prof. Dr. Oğuzhan Gündüz Selected as Foreign Member of the Romanian Academy of Scientists

Marmara University Faculty of Technology faculty member Prof. Dr. Oğuzhan Gündüz was elected as a foreign member of the Romanian Academy of Scientists in the field of chemistry, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and pioneering work in the field.

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Oğuzhan Özen Receives Prestigious International Award

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Oğuzhan Özen, from Marmara University's Faculty of Medicine, received the 2024 Eastern Star Award from the European Federation of Immunological Societies (EFIS) for his pioneering research on monogenic inflammatory bowel disease. His work has advanced disease understanding, contributed to new diagnoses and treatments, and gained international recognition in leading journals such as NEJM, Lancet, and Nature Immunology. The award honors innovative and impactful contributions in immunology.

Prof. Dr. Erdi Ata Bleda's Invention Patented in the U.S.

Marmara University Faculty of Science member Prof. Dr. Erdi Ata Bleda's invention, "Methods and Systems for Interactive Data Management", which introduces an innovative approach at the intersection of physics, computer science, and finance, has been officially patented in the United States.

Prof. Dr. Emrah Çakmakçı Wins First Prize in International Chemistry Competition

Marmara University Faculty of Science member Prof. Dr. Emrah Çakmakçı won first prize in Evonik's international competition, "Innovative Applications for POLYVEST® in E-Mobility", aimed at discovering new liquid polybutadiene applications and shaping the future of mobility.

Awards



Turkey's Top University in Erasmus+ Funding

Marmara University was once again awarded the highest grant among higher education institutions in Türkiye for the 2024 contract period within the scope of the Erasmus+ KA131 Learning Mobility of Individuals programme, implemented by the European Union and the Turkish National Agency.

Maintaining this achievement since 2015, the university offers hundreds of students, as well as academic and administrative staff, the opportunity to gain education and work experience abroad each year, ranking among the leading institutions in Türkiye in both outgoing and incoming participant numbers.

8 Awards for VR-Based Breast Cancer Early Detection Project

The project "Development of a Breast Cancer Early Diagnosis and Screening Prototype Using Virtual Reality (VR) Technology", led by Assoc. Prof. Nuran Akyurt of Marmara University, won a total of 8 awards in oral and poster presentation categories at the competition organized by the Turkish Medical Radiotechnology Association (TMRT-DER). The ceremony highlighted the project team's innovative contributions to the field of healthcare technologies.

International Awards for MU-UCL VR Education Project

The "Turkey-UK: 3DI 3D Printing & Digital Innovation" project, led by Marmara University in collaboration with University College London (UCL) and supported by the British Council, received the 2024 Royal Society of Chemistry Horizon Prize for Education. Developed by Marmara University's Nanotechnology and Biomaterials Research and Application Center (NBUAM), the project uses innovative virtual reality (VR) software to promote equality and accessibility in education.

It also won Digital Innovation of the Year at the 2024 ACEEU Asia-Pacific Triple E Awards, placed third in the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Community Engagement Initiative category at the Triple E Europe-Africa Forum, and was a finalist in the Technological or Digital Innovation of the Year category at the Times Higher Education Asia Awards 2024. The project's multi-user VR platforms and AI avatars, enabling 24/7 global access to education, have been widely recognized for removing barriers to learning.



Environmental Impact



Energy Efficiency in Marmara University

The campus has been designed with various features that support the concept of a “GREEN” building. Special attention was given to maximizing energy efficiency through the use of centrally controlled heating and cooling systems, alongside the selection of high-efficiency equipment. To further improve energy conservation, thermal insulation was incorporated into the building structures. Energy-efficient LED bulbs and lighting systems are utilized throughout the campus to minimize electricity consumption while effectively meeting lighting requirements. Architectural planning also prioritized the use of natural daylight to reduce the need for artificial lighting. Additionally, approximately 1.763 kWp of photovoltaic solar panels have been installed on rooftops, enabling the campus to generate a significant portion of its energy needs from renewable solar power.





Zero Waste Initiatives

In March 2019, Marmara University signed a Zero Waste Protocol with the Istanbul Governorship. The protocol has two implementation phases: the first phase involves transitioning the university to zero waste practices, while the second phase requires faculty and students to participate in zero waste training and inspections at national education institutions and public agencies. Marmara University collects waste in accordance with the Waste Management Guide prepared by the Occupational Health and Safety Coordination Unit. Also, Marmara University has met the criteria for the Basic Level Zero Waste Certificate.

Green Energy Certificate

Marmara University Administrative and Financial Affairs Directorate has been awarded the Green Energy Certificate in order to strengthen its support for environmentally friendly energy sources. This certificate shows that some of the energy used at our University is provided by renewable energy sources. This step not only reduces negative impacts on the environment, but also ensures greater commitment to our sustainability values. This transition to green energy demonstrates our commitment to reducing environmental impacts. We have taken another step towards a greener future and we hope to achieve more success with your support in this process.



Renewable Energy

Solar Energy System

Marmara University Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Complex is situated in the Başibüyük neighborhood of Istanbul's Maltepe district, covering a total area of 245 hectares. The campus plans to generate energy through approximately 1.763 kWp of photovoltaic solar panels installed on the rooftops of its buildings. By utilizing solar power, a renewable energy source, the campus aims to meet the majority of its own energy demand. Additionally, it adopts an environmentally conscious and resource-friendly approach with the goal of preserving the natural ecosystem and safeguarding local natural resources.

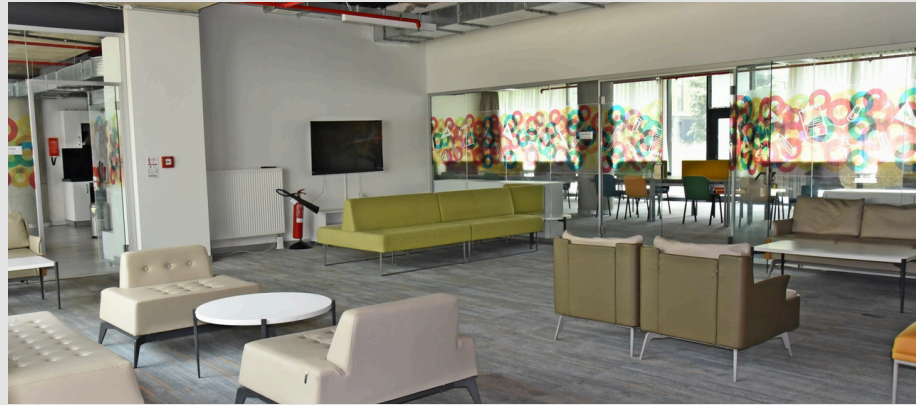
Wind Energy and Virtual Experience Center

The laboratory has been created to offer students hands-on learning opportunities in wind energy technologies. It features a wind turbine prototype that supports a wide range of practical applications, incorporating virtual reality headsets, simulation tools, real-life components, and interactive educational resources to enhance the training experience.

Carbon Footprint

In line with the Sustainable Development Goals, numerous initiatives are being implemented across our campuses with the primary goal of minimizing the carbon footprint. Key objectives include decreasing the number of vehicles within campus areas by promoting eco-friendly transportation alternatives, minimizing waste generation, encouraging recycling practices, avoiding the use of non-biodegradable packaging materials, and repurposing organic waste from plants and animals into compost or fertilizer rather than discarding it.





Sustainable Housing

Student Dormitories

As Marmara University, we attach importance to the accommodation of our students in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. In order to meet the accommodation needs of our university students, 3 Girls' Dormitories in Göztepe Campus, 1 Girls' and 1 Boys' dormitory in Mehmet Genç Complex provide services. Click for detailed [information](#).

Academic and Administrative Guest House

Marmara University has been providing service primarily for university members and public employees for many years. In addition, our cafe, which was opened in November 2015, provides service to our members within the campus. The guest house is located in a safe environment within the M.Ü. Göztepe Campus, which is located in Kuyubaşı location on the Kadıköy-Bostancı main line on the Anatolian Side, 10 minutes away from Kadıköy.

Sustainable Transportation

Sustainable Vehicles

Personal vehicle use has been reduced to provide more sustainable transportation for staff. Electric scooters are available for rent around the campus. There are also electric vehicles available for use on campus. This provides both sustainable transportation and a reduction in carbon emissions.

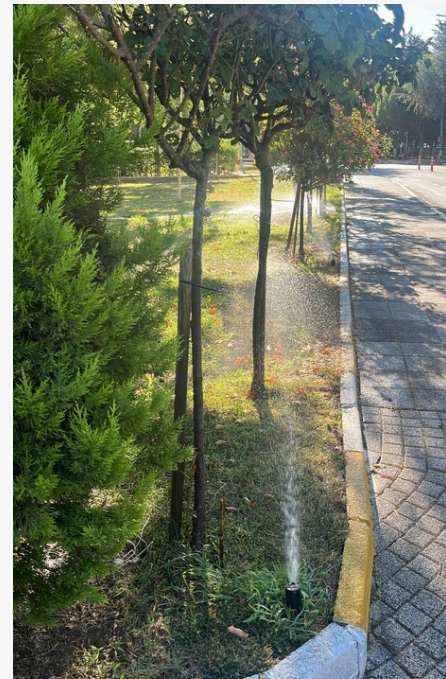


Bicycle-Sharing System

Within the scope of the protocol signed between the Istanbul Provincial Health Directorate of the Ministry of Health and Marmara University for the purpose of "Developing Physical Activity Opportunities", a "Shared Bicycle Area" was created. In the project developed within the scope of this protocol, bicycles were offered to the service of students, faculty members and administrative staff. Bicycles can be purchased with a university ID and a filled form. The bicycles, which can be used on campus after being purchased, will be used both for healthy living and transportation.



Water Management and Underwater Ecosystem Protection



Sustainable Water Use and Infrastructure

Marmara University employs various green campus design strategies with a strong emphasis on water efficiency and environmental sustainability. High-efficiency devices and rainwater-supported irrigation systems are widely used throughout campus landscapes to optimize water consumption.

In alignment with sustainable resource management, significant cleaning and restoration efforts have been carried out in Çobanlar Creek, located within the university grounds. These actions aim to protect existing vegetation, preserve aquatic ecosystems, and improve water quality.

To further enhance irrigation efficiency, the university applies advanced watering methods including drip irrigation, micro-irrigation, sprinkler systems, and surface irrigation—each designed to reduce energy usage while maintaining healthy green spaces.

Rainwater Harvesting Systems

Rainwater collected from building rooftops is directed through pipe systems into filtration units and then stored in underground water tanks. The filtered water is reused for non-potable purposes such as landscape irrigation, supporting the university's water conservation goals.

Groundwater Usage and Emergency Preparedness

In addition to rainwater, groundwater is extracted and stored to support agricultural irrigation and serve as a water source in emergency firefighting situations. This system is supported by electronically controlled water transfer infrastructure, ensuring efficient and reliable water management.

Underwater Cleaning and Marine Awareness Initiatives

Marmara University actively contributes to marine ecosystem conservation through collaborations with national and global environmental initiatives. In partnership with the Underwater Cleaning Movement (STH), a global organization focused on removing waste from seas and oceans, a coordinated underwater cleaning event was organized. Experienced divers from Marmara University dived off Ortaköy Beach and collected marine debris.

This initiative aimed not only to clean the underwater environment but also to raise public awareness about pollution along coastal areas. The collaboration with STH, which brings together diving communities, environmentalists, and marine enthusiasts worldwide, enabled the university to contribute to global efforts in reducing the negative impact of marine litter on underwater ecosystems. As part of the university's commitment to sustainability, Marmara University Environmental Science and Sustainability Student Club (MÜSAS) regularly participates in such events to foster a sense of environmental responsibility among students and the broader community.



Biodiversity and Animal Welfare

Animal Life on Campus

Marmara University continues to implement various initiatives aimed at meeting the nutritional, shelter, and healthcare needs of all living beings residing on its campuses, with a focus on improving animal welfare. The Marmara University Animal Rights Protection Club actively works to ensure that cats and dogs living on campus can lead healthier and longer lives.

Animal species observed on campus include crows, parrots, ducks, rabbits, geese, roosters, chickens, cats, and dogs. Feeding stations have been established across the campus to meet the nutritional needs of stray cats and dogs. Additionally, shelters and nests have been constructed to provide safe living spaces for these animals. University students are also actively involved in feeding and caring for the animals housed in these shelters.

Biodiversity on Campus

Marmara University prioritizes biodiversity conservation and the preservation of traditional agricultural knowledge on its campuses. Within the university's greenhouses, a variety of plant species are cultivated, including magnolia and palm trees, as well as Sardinia, Paşa Kılıcı (Sansevieria), and fern species. In addition, ancestral seed production is carried out for various medicinal and aromatic plants such as rosemary, thyme, and bitter melon, along with ancestral varieties of tomatoes and peppers sourced from the Çorum region.

These initiatives contribute to the preservation of genetic diversity and the promotion of traditional agricultural products. The university supports local seed production efforts by not only cultivating plants but also reproducing and distributing traditional seed varieties.



Waste Management and Community Environmental Awareness Projects



Waste Oil Project

The “Waste Oil Project”, initiated and institutionalized by MÜSAS, emphasizes the importance of recycling used vegetable oils, which account for 25% of marine pollution. The primary goal of the project is to raise awareness about the environmental impact of waste oils and to educate especially children on the importance of environmental protection, with the aim of leaving a cleaner world for future generations.

So far, the project has reached approximately 5,000 children, informing them about the environmental hazards caused by waste oils and the significance of recycling. In addition, around 500 liters of waste oil have been recycled through collaborations with local businesses near the university.

This initiative not only seeks to reduce the harmful effects of waste oils but also aims to foster a broader sense of environmental awareness across society. Through this project, MÜSAS contributes to marine conservation and takes a leading role in waste management efforts within the community.



Green World, Blue Future Project

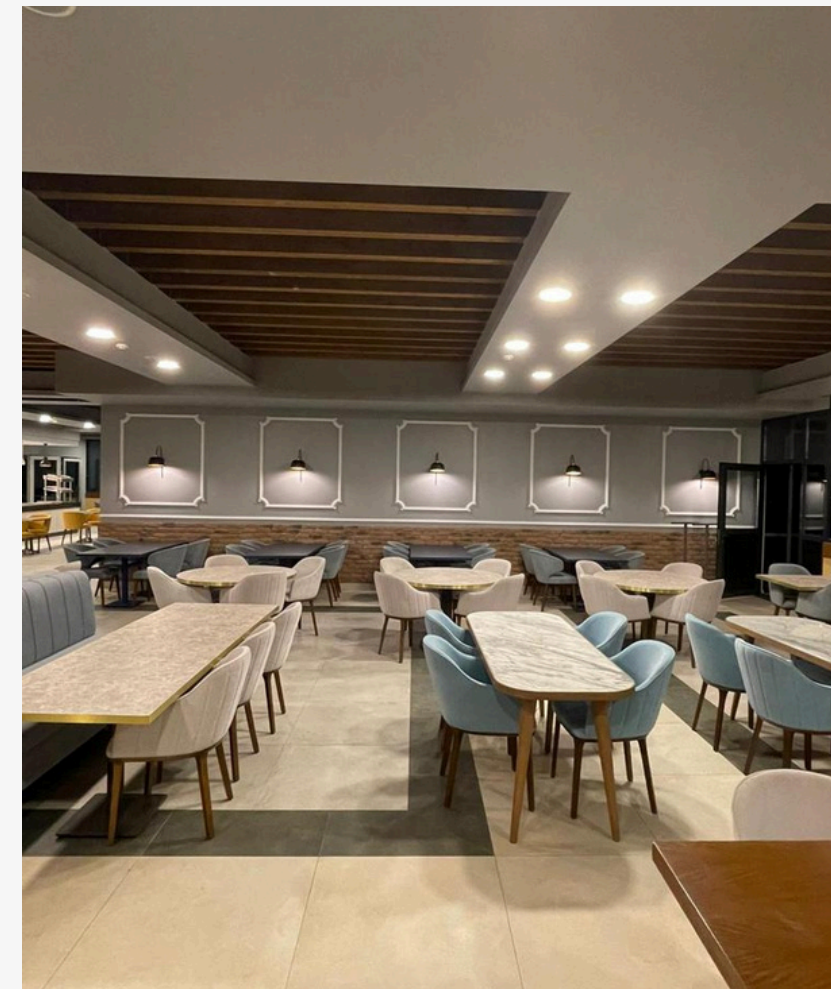
Carried out annually on June 5th – World Environment Day, the “Green World, Blue Future” project aims to highlight the importance of environmental cleanliness and a sustainable future. In this initiative, held in Düşler Bay, Burgazada, MÜSAS volunteers come together to collect waste along the coastline, cleaning up a total of 70 large bags of garbage from the area.

This project goes beyond physical cleanup efforts; it also plays a key role in increasing environmental awareness and advocating for the protection of marine ecosystems. By participating in this event, MÜSAS members emphasize the importance of nature and water, taking collective responsibility for ensuring a cleaner environment for both current and future generations.

The Green World, Blue Future Project represents a commitment to living with environmental consciousness and responsibility not just for one day, but every day.

Social Impact





Sustainable Food and Zero Hunger 🍲♻️

Marmara University supports access to healthy, balanced, and affordable food for its students through various initiatives aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger.

- **Free Meal Support:** In 2024, the Marmara Lunch Scholarship provided free meals to students in financial need, along with accommodation support for some. Meal scholarships continue to be offered by the Department of Health, Culture, and Sports.
- **Cafeteria Services:** Lunch and dinner are served at the Göztepe, RTE, and Bağlarbaşı campuses, while lunch is available at others. Approximately 1.5 million meals are served annually. Meals are supplied via a tender process and are regularly inspected and laboratory-tested for quality and safety.
- **Sustainable and Inclusive Menu Options:** All university cafeterias and cafés offer vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options, provided at the same price as standard meals.
- **Free Access to Drinking Water:** Water dispensers have been installed throughout campuses to ensure students have free and easy access to drinking water.
- **Feedback and Transparency:** Regular satisfaction surveys are conducted, and menus, ingredients, and supplier information are shared publicly on cafeteria boards.

Good Health and Wellbeing

Marmara University Psychological Counseling and Guidance Application and Research Center

Marmara University Psychological Counseling and Guidance Application and Research Center (MARPAM) provides psychological counseling and guidance services to all newly registered and currently enrolled students at associate, undergraduate, and graduate levels, as well as to academic and administrative staff, in line with their needs.

MARPAM aims to support individuals in getting to know themselves, making healthy decisions, developing problem-solving and communication skills, enhancing academic success, adapting to university life, and contributing to their social, emotional, cognitive, and career development.

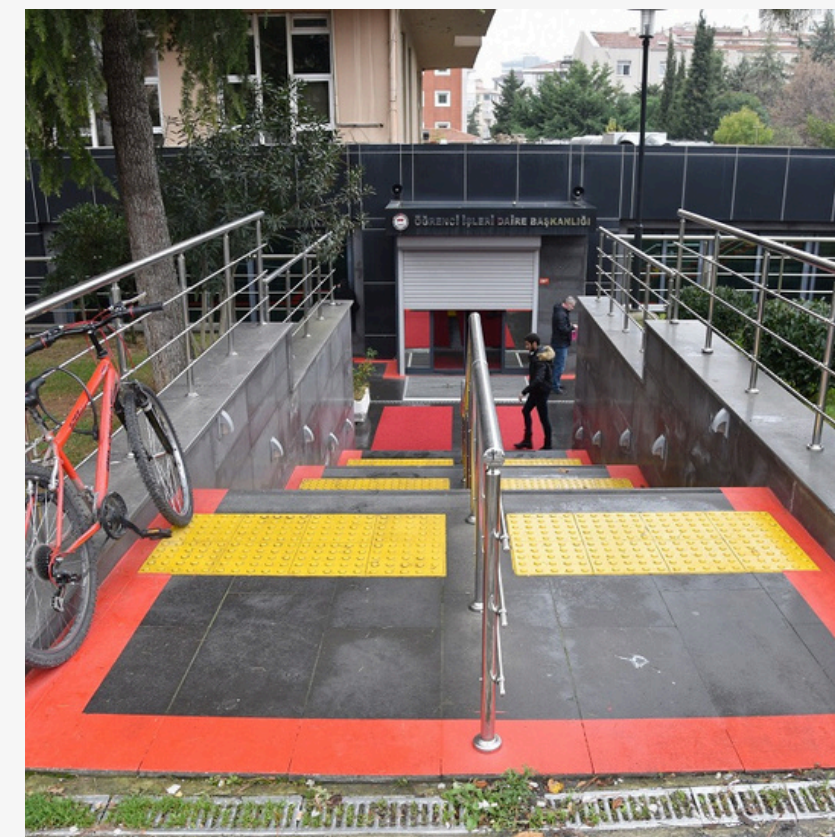
In addition to this primary goal, the Center also carries out research, implements practices, offers consultancy, and organizes trainings in the field of Psychological Counseling and Guidance both in Turkey and abroad. These efforts are carried out in cooperation with relevant academic units of the university, contributing to both individual well-being and institutional sustainability.

With an inclusive and holistic approach, MARPAM strives to improve psychological well-being, enhance the quality of life within the university community, and provide social impact.

Clean Air in Campus

Marmara University adopts a smoke-free air policy to promote healthy living and improve environmental quality on campus. In accordance with the Tobacco Control Law No. 22829 dated November 26, 1996, and the latest circulars from the Ministry of Health, key areas such as the library entrance, student affairs department, sports hall, cafeteria, and faculty entrances have been designated as smoke-free zones.

Our university expects full compliance from academic and administrative staff, as well as students, to support a healthy, clean, and sustainable campus environment.



Accessible Health Services



Marmara University is committed to supporting the physical and mental well-being of its students, academic and administrative staff through comprehensive and accessible health services.

Medico-Social Centers located at the Göztepe and Acıbadem Campuses offer primary healthcare services provided by family physicians, general practitioners, and other healthcare professionals. The Göztepe Medico-Social Center includes units such as biochemistry laboratory, X-ray, dental care, treatment and dressing rooms, psychological counseling, and dietary support. Where necessary, patients are referred to external hospitals via university-operated ambulance services.

As part of its inclusive health initiatives, Marmara University is constructing a Disabled Dentistry Application and Research Center within the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Complex. This center, designed specifically to meet the oral and dental health needs of individuals with disabilities, is expected to be completed by March 2025.

In addition, Marmara University Hospital, located on the Başbüyük Health Campus, is one of the largest and most advanced university hospitals in the region. Operating with over 650 beds and equipped with state-of-the-art medical technologies, the hospital not only provides high-quality healthcare but also serves as a major center for medical education and research.

These investments and services reflect Marmara University's strong commitment to health, well-being, and inclusive access—core elements of its sustainability vision.

Sports Facilities Supporting Wellbeing

Marmara University places great importance on supporting the physical, social, and cultural wellbeing of its students and staff. In line with its commitment to creating a healthy and balanced campus life, the university offers a wide range of cultural and sports facilities across its campuses.

At the Göztepe Campus, there are three dedicated cultural centers: the Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall (224-seat capacity), the Institute Building Conference Hall (142-seat capacity), and the 125th Anniversary Amphitheater (open-air, 483-seat capacity). Additionally, the Sultanahmet Campus is home to the Ord. Prof. Dr. Nihat Sayar Conference Hall with a seating capacity of 200. These venues regularly host academic, cultural, and artistic events, contributing to a vibrant campus environment.

In terms of sports infrastructure, the Şehit Ömer Halisdemir Sports Hall at the Göztepe Campus features a basketball and volleyball court with a 643-seat spectator capacity, a fitness room, and a table tennis room. The campus also includes an outdoor astroturf field and an open basketball-volleyball court. At the Mehmet Genç Complex, there is a well-equipped fitness room available for student use.

On weekends, Marmara University organizes free cultural and sports activities, encouraging students to engage in healthy lifestyles. The sports hall at the Göztepe Campus is open to both students and staff for a variety of physical activities throughout the week.

Marmara University is not only committed to providing high-quality sports facilities but also takes pride in the achievements of its students in the field of sports. Many students have represented the university successfully in national and international competitions, further demonstrating the institution's dedication to promoting athletic excellence alongside academic development.



Safety and Emergency Preparedness at Marmara University



Fire Safety Training at Marmara University

Marmara University's Civil Defense Unit, under the Protection and Security Branch Directorate, organized a fire safety training on June 3-5, 2024, across the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Campus, Göztepe, and Bağlarbaşı campuses in three separate groups. The training for university staff covered topics such as "What is Fire?", "Building Fire Teams and Their Duties," and "Types of Fire Extinguishing Materials and Equipment." The program included both theoretical and practical sessions and was attended by a total of 189 participants.



Marmara University Search and Rescue Team Participates in Earthquake Drill

Marmara University's Search and Rescue Team (MÜSAR) took part in a February 4, 2025 earthquake drill in Kadıköy, Istanbul, marking the anniversary of the 2023 Kahramanmaraş earthquakes. Coordinated with local authorities and disaster teams, the drill simulated a 7.3-magnitude earthquake and included rubble search, dog-assisted operations, and victim rescues. MÜSAR successfully rescued a mock victim during the exercise. Team members highlighted the drill's value for preparedness, experience, and readiness for future disasters.

Collaborations for Health and Wellbeing

Marmara University recognizes the vital importance of collaboration with local, national, and international health institutions to enhance health and well-being outcomes. With its own Faculty of Medicine, the university actively engages in joint studies with various healthcare units, particularly local hospitals. These collaborations often extend to national and international projects that address pressing global health challenges and work toward sustainable solutions.

To this end, Marmara University conducts interdisciplinary research and organizes joint activities in cooperation with its partners. These efforts reflect the university's commitment to promoting healthier and more sustainable lives.

In this context, Marmara University has co-founded the Joint Biotechnology Excellence Application and Research Center (SABIOTEK) in partnership with three other universities. This center aims to support high-impact research and innovation in the field of biotechnology and health sciences.

Thanks to its collaboration with SABIOTEK, Marmara University continues to advance efforts in digital transformation across various health sectors and carries out significant projects in the field of health. Through these activities, the university places strong emphasis on enhancing global health services and takes substantial steps toward this goal.

[Click here for SABIOTEK Sustainability Report.](#)



Inclusive Education and Accessibility for All



Marmara University aims to create an inclusive, equitable, and accessible academic environment by embracing the principle of equal opportunity in education for all students and staff. In this context, the Disabled Student Unit Coordinator plays a key role in advancing accessibility in both physical and digital learning environments. Measures have been taken to facilitate campus mobility for students with visual, auditory, and physical disabilities, while educational materials are provided in accessible formats such as Braille and screen-reader-compatible digital content. Based on student requests, the university provides assistive equipment, assigns part-time student assistants, and makes exam and course arrangements when needed. Even in specialized areas like music education, accessibility is ensured through technologies such as Braille music notation software and screen reader systems. The university's website and library services are also designed to be accessible for all users, offering resources such as Braille printing and thousands of audio books to support diverse learning needs.

Significant physical transformations have been carried out across Marmara University campuses—particularly at Göztepe Campus—to ensure full participation of students with disabilities. New faculty buildings have been constructed based on universal design principles, featuring accessible restrooms, Braille signage, tactile ground surfaces, audio guidance systems, lowered elevator control panels, and non-slip flooring. Faculties of Law, Communication, Business Administration, and Education have all been built or renovated with full accessibility in mind. The RTE Campus buildings, including the Faculties of Engineering and Technology, as well as the Atatürk Faculty of Education, have received accessibility awards within the scope of the Turkish Higher Education Council's “Barrier-Free University” initiative. The campuses also include designated disabled parking areas, ramps, emergency alert systems, and accessible entry platforms. Importantly, Marmara University views accessibility not only as a responsibility toward its students but also as part of its broader social mission. By developing awareness-raising projects and sharing knowledge on disability-related issues, the university aims to contribute to inclusive social transformation while preparing students for a society that values diversity and inclusion.



National Leadership in Accessibility: Marmara University's Success in the 2024 YÖK Awards



As a result of its consistent efforts to foster accessibility and inclusion, Marmara University achieved outstanding success in the 2024 Higher Education Institution Accessible Universities Competition organized by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK). The university received a total of 17 awards, including 6 Flag Awards and 11 Accessible Program Medals, ranking first among Turkish universities that year. To date, Marmara University has received a total of 45 awards in this national initiative. Some of the notable recognitions include the Spatial Accessibility Award granted to the Faculties of Technology, Engineering, and Business Administration; the Accessibility in Education Award received by the Faculties of Engineering and Pharmacy; and the Access in Socio-cultural Activities Award awarded to the Faculty of Medicine. Additionally, several undergraduate programs earned Accessible Program Medals thanks to dedicated efforts by their academic staff, including Social Studies Teaching, History Teaching, Classroom Teaching, Public Relations, Cinema-Radio-Television, Nutrition and Dietetics, German Translation and Interpreting, History, Computer Engineering, and Computer Programming. These achievements demonstrate the university's strong commitment to building a barrier-free, equitable learning environment across disciplines.

Accessible Campuses, Equal Futures

Marmara University has implemented its Disabled Student Directive in line with its commitment to providing equal educational opportunities for all students. This directive aims to ensure that students with special needs can fully participate in academic, social, cultural, and accommodation services without barriers. It is aligned with the regulations of the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and national legislation, and is based on the principles of accessibility, inclusion, and non-discrimination.

Within the scope of the directive:

- Educational adjustments are made to meet the individual needs of students with disabilities and facilitate their access to learning materials,
- Exam modifications, course adaptations, and curriculum flexibility are provided when necessary,
- Based on student requests, assistive equipment, part-time student assistants, and learning support services are offered.

In addition, to ensure full participation in all aspects of university life, physical arrangements are made across campuses so that students with disabilities can access not only education but also student clubs, extracurricular activities, and all facilities equally.

This directive is an integral part of Marmara University's broader efforts to raise awareness about disability, promote a barrier-free living culture, and contribute to inclusive social transformation. By empowering individuals with disabilities, the university actively demonstrates its institutional commitment to sustainability.

Marmara University Disabled Students Unit Directive: [Disabled Student Unit Directive](#)

Planning for the Underrepresented

As a public institution, Marmara University is committed to creating an inclusive and fair environment for all its stakeholders. In this context, comprehensive policies and practices are implemented in areas such as assessing employee needs, business processes, education, career development, performance monitoring, motivation, teamwork, occupational health and safety, and the management of employment and dismissal. These activities are publicly announced through accessible communication channels, such as the university's official website.

The Marmara University Sustainability Office works in close coordination with the Disabled Student Unit and considers accessibility and inclusion as fundamental principles of campus life. The Office places special emphasis on organizing awareness-raising events that support the equal participation and engagement of all individuals on campus. These events aim to highlight the specific challenges faced by underrepresented groups, especially individuals with disabilities, and to promote a culture of empathy, support, and equal opportunity within the university community.

In collaboration with the Disabled Student Unit Coordination, the Sustainability Office also carries out a variety of efforts to support the orientation, promotion, and social integration of students with disabilities into university life. These efforts include accessible campus tours, inclusive orientation activities, and the preparation of informative materials specially designed for students with disabilities. Through these initiatives, Marmara University aims to create a more inclusive, diverse, and supportive learning environment where everyone can participate fully and effectively in both academic and social life.

Gender Equality

Marmara University recognizes gender equality as a fundamental human right and aims to create an inclusive, equitable, and safe environment in all areas of university life. In this context, the Gender Equality Action Plan for 2022–2026 has been developed and put into practice. The plan outlines concrete goals and strategic actions in areas such as education, research, governance, and campus life to promote gender equality. Within the scope of the plan, a variety of initiatives are being carried out, including ensuring balanced gender representation in academic and administrative staff, mainstreaming gender-sensitive decision-making processes, building an academic culture based on gender awareness, and organizing awareness-raising trainings for students. These activities are monitored through specific performance indicators and regularly reported within a transparent monitoring and evaluation framework.

In 2025, the university took a further institutional step by enacting the Directive on the Commission for Combating Sexual Harassment and Discrimination. The Commission evaluates reports from students and staff in strict confidentiality, prioritizes the statements of the complainant, and gives particular attention to preventing secondary victimization. Composed of at least two female experts in fields such as law, psychology, and human rights, the Commission both investigates incidents and conducts preventive and awareness-raising activities across campus.

Additionally, the Center for Economic and Social Women's Studies (ESKAR), operating within Marmara University, is a significant hub supporting academic production on gender equality. ESKAR conducts interdisciplinary research aimed at strengthening the role of women in economic and social life, produces data to inform public policy, and organizes events to raise public awareness. Through applied initiatives such as the Women's Cooperatives Training Project, the center supports women's entrepreneurship and enhances their skills in production, digital marketing, and governance.

Gender Equality

Together for Gender Equality: Awareness and Solidarity Gathering on March 8

The Human Rights and Constitutional Law Research Club of Marmara University, in collaboration with Bahçeşehir University, organized a two-day event for International Women's Day. The program addressed challenges women face in professional life, mansplaining, discrimination in disaster areas, and issues affecting migrant women and queer individuals, aiming to raise awareness on gender equality.

Workshop on "Participation and Employment of Women with Disabilities in Social Life"

On March 28, 2024, the third session of the "Participation and Employment of Women with Disabilities" workshop was held at Göztepe Campus in cooperation with the Disabled Student Unit Coordination Office and ESKAR. The session focused on improving regulations and developing inclusive social policies with input from public institutions and Marmara University faculty.

Award-Winning Achievement in Breast Cancer Awareness with Virtual Reality

The project titled "Development of a Virtual Reality (VR) Prototype for Early Diagnosis and Screening of Breast Cancer", led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nuran Akyurt from Marmara University, achieved significant success in the competition organized by the Turkish Society of Medical Radiotechnology (TMRT-DER) between March 12 and April 30, 2024. The project was awarded a total of 8 prizes in the oral and poster presentation categories.

Breast Health Education with VR on March 8

As part of International Women's Day activities, Marmara University Vocational School of Health Services organized a breast health and self-examination (BSE) training for teachers, students, and parents at Kartal Sabiha Gökçen Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School under the slogan "Be aware, be hopeful about breast health."

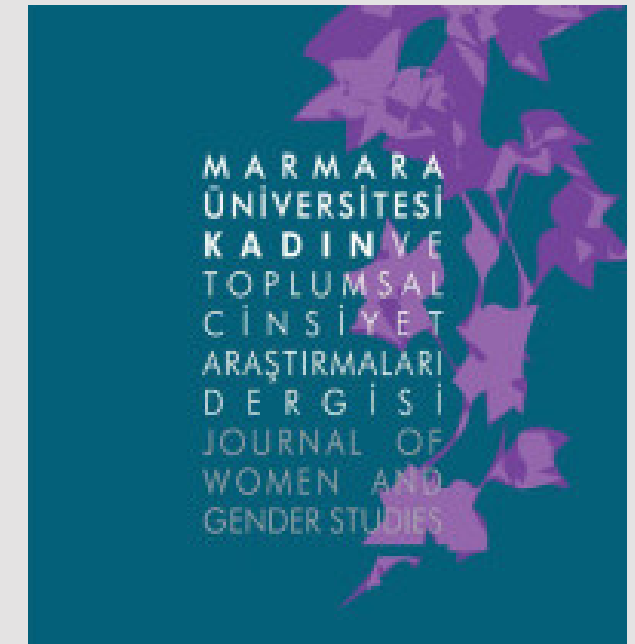
Breast Health Awareness Event for Health Sciences Students

In collaboration with Marmara University, Istanbul Medeniyet University, the Breast Health Association (Memeder), and the Turkish Nurses Association, an event titled "Breast Health, BSE, and Early Diagnosis" was organized for health sciences students. Held on October 31 at Istanbul Medeniyet University's Cevizli Campus, the event was part of the project "Development of a Virtual Reality (VR) Prototype for Early Diagnosis and Screening of Breast Cancer" led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nuran Akyurt. The event emphasized the importance of early diagnosis in breast cancer through BSE workshops and virtual reality applications.

International Journal

Marmara University carries out academic studies as a result of the importance it attaches to gender equality and women's rights. In this context, Marmara University has published a journal under the name of Journal of Women and Gender Studies to expand academic studies.

It is an international peer-reviewed electronic journal published twice a year. The magazine includes articles written in every field on women and gender issues. It aims to encourage academic studies in the field of women and gender, and to contribute to the development of an academic discussion environment that will reveal women's problems and their causes and enable the development of solutions in order to raise the economic and social status of women in society.



Sports Achievements



Marmara University promotes sports for students' physical and social development, supporting teams across disciplines. Our athletes achieve national and international success, representing the university and Türkiye. Backed by the Faculty of Sport Sciences, training is scientifically guided, while collaborations with clubs and institutions help students develop teamwork, leadership, and active citizenship.

Success in Turkish University Swimming Championship

At the Turkish University Swimming Championship held at Middle East Technical University in Ankara between May 6–8, 2024, Marmara University's Men's Swimming Team placed 3rd overall. Our student-athletes also achieved outstanding individual success, winning a total of 18 medals. Notable results include: 2nd place in the 4 × 100 m Freestyle Relay – Men, 1st and 2nd place finishes in the 200 m Freestyle – Women by Ecem Kemer and Nida Eliz Üstündağ respectively, 1st place in the 4 × 50 m Mixed Freestyle Relay, 1st place in the 100 m Butterfly – Women, and 1st place in the 400 m Freestyle – Women.

Team and Individual Achievements in Indoor Athletics

At the Turkish Interuniversity Indoor Athletics Championship held in Bursa on March 6–7, 2024, Marmara University placed 2nd in the men's and 3rd in the women's team rankings. Our student-athletes also achieved outstanding individual results, earning numerous medals across various disciplines. Notable highlights include: Berra Aygün's 1st place in women's high jump, Abdulhalik Çağırın's 1st place in the men's 3000m, and multiple 2nd and 3rd place finishes by athletes such as Elif Aydın, Esmanur Yılmaz, Volkan Erdoğan, Ayetullah Baz, Sevde Ecenur Türkay, Osman Mercimek, and others. In addition, our mixed, men's, and women's relay teams achieved 2nd and 3rd places in their respective categories.



Sports Achievements



International Achievement in Rhythmic Gymnastics Judging

Prof. Dr. Ani Agopyan, a faculty member of the Department of Coaching Education, represented Türkiye at the 15th Intercontinental Rhythmic Gymnastics Judges' Course held in Lausanne, Switzerland, from November 29 to December 2, 2024. She demonstrated outstanding performance in all individual and group exams, becoming the first person in our history to earn the prestigious title of "Category 1 International Rhythmic Gymnastics Group Judge", marking a significant milestone in both national and institutional representation.



Marmara University Sailing Club Wins Third Place at Cumhuriyet Cup

Marmara University Sailing Club (MUSAILING) secured third place in the 5th Presidential International Yacht Races – Cumhuriyet Cup, supported by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Istanbul Governorship, and Turkish Sailing Federation. Competing against 86 teams from 14 countries, MUSAILING's Vice President Ali Yelten led the team to a podium finish in the B Division.



Karate Team Wins Turkish University Championship

Marmara University Karate Team became the overall champion at the Turkish University Karate Championship. The Men's Kumite Team was crowned champion, while Mert Halıcı (-60 kg) and Aysima Karakaya (-61 kg) secured individual championship titles in their respective weight classes. Nisa Sazak (-50 kg) and Eren Adil Yilmazer (-75 kg) placed second, and the Women's Kumite Team finished third overall. Additionally, Serra Nur Çevikdal (-55 kg) and Mustafa Aydemir (-84 kg) earned third place in their categories.



International Success from Our Korfball Team

Between September 27-29, 2024, Marmara University Sports Club's Korfball Team secured third place in the IKF Champions League First Round held in Lisbon, Portugal. With this achievement, the team qualified to participate in the IKF Satellite Final Tournament to be held in January 2025.



Integrating Sports into Campus Life: MarmaraRun and MarmaraCup

MarmaraCup'24 Highlights the Unifying Power of Sports

Organized by the Marmara University Alumni Office Coordination Unit, the “6th International MarmaRun: Running by the Bosphorus” took place on May 26, 2024, with the participation of university members, students, and sports enthusiasts. Over 1,000 runners took part in the 5K and 10K courses, which started at the Küçüksu Pavilion in Anadoluhisarı and looped back from Çubuklu Pier. Notably, 600 of the participants were university students, emphasizing youth involvement in physical activity. The event brought together three generations on the same track, symbolizing intergenerational solidarity through sports. In addition to the race, side activities such as foot tennis, darts, badminton, bowling, and golf were organized to promote active lifestyles. Held in collaboration with Beykoz Municipality, the Provincial Directorate of Youth and Sports, the Provincial Health Directorate, and the Federation for Sport for All (HİS), the event reflects Marmara University's commitment to promoting public health and social cohesion.

6th MarmaRun: Running by the Bosphorus

The traditional “MarmaraCup'24” Rector's Cup Tournament, organized by the Department of Health, Culture, and Sports at Marmara University, was held throughout the 2023–2024 academic year at the Şehit Ömer Halisdemir Sports Hall in the Göztepe Campus. The matches, spanning basketball, volleyball, and football, created an energetic and inclusive atmosphere, promoting teamwork and friendly competition among both students and staff. The tournament kicked off with an opening match between the Faculty of Business and the Faculty of Law, with the ceremonial tip-off performed by Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt. University leadership, faculty members, and administrative staff were present in support.

In total, 56 student teams and 11 staff teams competed, fostering camaraderie, a sense of belonging, and healthy lifestyle habits across the university community. An award ceremony was held following the final matches, during which top-performing teams received their trophies and medals from the Rectorate and senior administrators. This event demonstrates Marmara University's dedication to promoting physical activity, social cohesion, and a vibrant sports culture within campus life.



Marmara University Rising through Culture, Arts, and Sports

Marmara University Culture, Sports and Arts Festival '24 Commences

Organized by Marmara University's Department of Health, Culture, and Sports, the Marmara Culture, Arts and Sports Festival commenced with an opening ceremony on May 27, 2024, at the 125th Year Open Amphitheater in the Göztepe Campus. The festival began with a musical performance by the Turkish Music Ensemble under the direction of Prof. Dr. Mustafa Uslu, followed by a vibrant folk dance show. In his opening remarks, Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt highlighted the festival as an important platform bringing together academics, students, and administrative staff, fostering creativity and collaboration within the university community. Running until May 31, the festival enriches campus life with diverse activities in science, culture, arts, and sports, supporting the holistic development of both students and staff.

International Festival Success of Marmara Flute Orchestra

The Turkish Flute Ensemble, composed of members from Marmara Flute Orchestra and Istanbul Flute Ensemble, delivered a successful concert at the International Grand Flutes Festival held on April 12, 2024, in Washington D.C., USA. Under the baton of Prof. Dr. Ece Karşal, the event featured performances of Turkish compositions together with an orchestra comprising professional musicians from various countries. A new world record was set during the festival as 40 double basses and flutes performed simultaneously. Oya Çınar's piece "Kovalamaca" received great appreciation from the audience. The event concluded with a speech by Cultural Attaché Fatih Öztürk from the Washington Embassy. This achievement reflects Marmara University's commitment to cultural excellence on an international scale and supports the university's mission in arts and culture.



ART & CULTURE

Commemoration of the 109th Anniversary of the Çanakkale Victory

On March 18, 2024, Marmara University held a program at the Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall to commemorate the 109th anniversary of the Çanakkale Victory. The event began with a moment of silence and the national anthem.

In his opening speech, Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt emphasized the importance of striving for the nation's endurance and paid tribute to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, his comrades, and all martyrs. Following a lecture on the historical significance of the Çanakkale Front by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Satan, he received a plaque from the Rector. The program concluded with a screening of a Çanakkale War documentary and a concert, "Calling from Anatolia to Çanakkale," performed by the Marmara University Turkish Music Ensemble and the Atatürk Faculty of Education Turkish Folk Music Choir under Prof. Dr. Mustafa Uslu.

Commemoration of Aşık Veysel Şatıroğlu at Marmara University

On March 26, 2024, Marmara University hosted a program in memory of the renowned Turkish folk poet Aşık Veysel Şatıroğlu at the Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall. Organized by the Disabled Student Unit and the Marmara University Alumni and Academics Association, the event featured Aşık Veysel's grandchildren, Yeliz Şatıroğlu and Ezgi Arıkan, who shared insights into his life, philosophy, and artistic legacy. Moderated by Lecturer Zuhale Özgenç Pek, the program included a Q&A session where attendees explored his poetry and musical contributions.

60th Library Week at Marmara University: "Libraries and Sustainability"

Marmara University celebrated the 60th Library Week (March 25–31, 2024) with the theme "Libraries and Sustainability." The program began at Prof. Dr. Orhan Oğuz Library with an Ebru Workshop and a performance by the Turkish Music Ensemble, conducted by Prof. Dr. Mustafa Uslu. Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut delivered the opening speech.

A panel on "Special Archives and Sustainability," moderated by Dr. Önder Bayır, featured experts from various archives and included plaque presentations by the Vice-Rector. The final panel, "Sustainability in Libraries," moderated by Prof. Dr. Tûba Çavdar Karatepe, covered archival restoration and library lending data insights.



ART & CULTURE

“Folk Music Breeze” Project in Thailand

As part of the academic collaboration between Marmara University and Chulalongkorn University, a project showcasing traditional folk music from Thailand, the UK, and Turkey through orchestra concerts, workshops, and panels was completed.

On November 12, the panel “Folk Music Collection Studies in Turkey from Pre-Republican Era to Present” featured Marmara University Faculty of Fine Arts members Prof. Dr. Sibel Çoban and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özdemir. Following the panel, Assoc. Prof. Özdemir conducted a workshop introducing Turkish folk music and instruments.

The orchestra concert took place on November 14 at Chulalongkorn University Concert Hall, attended by the Turkish Ambassador to Thailand Serap Ersoy, Thai Military Attaché Dz. Alb. Levent Yılmaz, university officials, and guests. Doç. Özdemir’s symphonic composition “March to Freedom” premiered, with Prof. Çoban and Assoc. Prof. Özdemir performing in the orchestra.

The project team included Prof. Dr. Erhan Doğan, Prof. Dr. Sibel Çoban (Marmara University), Yrd. Prof. Boonrut Sirirattanapan (Rangsit University), Dr. Jirayudh Sinthuphan (Chulalongkorn University), and conductor John Tasker.

Odeon Chamber Choir Concert at Marmara University

As part of Disability Week, Marmara University’s Disabled Student Unit and Engelsiz Marmara Club, with support from the Association of the Blind and Volunteers, organized the "Odeon Chamber Choir Concert" on May 13, 2024, at Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall. The concert was performed by the Odeon Chamber Choir under the direction of Conductor Özlem Ertan.



ART & CULTURE



Balkan and Rumeli Cultural Event

Organized by Marmara University's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Turkish Language and Literature, in collaboration with the Turkishology Club, the event "Turkology Talks" and "Melodies from the Turkish World: Balkans and Rumeli" featured Prof. Dr. Emine Gürsoy Naskali. During the session, Prof. Naskali shared insights on Turkology and her publications, and answered audience questions. Following the talk, the group "Grup Marmaralılar" performed songs from the Balkans and Rumeli, with attendees joining in. At the end of the event, Prof. Naskali was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a plaque.



"Rota: Painting and Ceramics" Exhibition at Marmara University

On March 18, 2024, Marmara University's Atatürk Faculty of Education opened the "Rota" student group exhibition, featuring works from the Painting and Ceramics workshops of the Fine Arts Education Department. Curated by Prof. Dr. Fatma Evren Daşdağ and Asst. Prof. Dr. Melik İskender, the exhibition showcases 64 ceramic pieces and 72 paintings, including contemporary installations, box and vase designs. The opening was attended by faculty members, administrative staff, and students, with speeches by Prof. Dr. Daşdağ and Asst. Prof. Dr. İskender.



"Revive Paper Together Again - Letters to a Loved One" Workshop

On February 14, 2024, Marmara University's Technical Sciences Vocational School held the "Revive Paper Together Again - Letters to a Loved One" workshop to raise awareness on paper recycling and sustainability. Led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gülhan Acar Büyükpehlivan, participants transformed waste paper into new sheets using pulp, screens, and natural colorants, creating papers of different colors and textures. The recycled paper was showcased for use in business cards, invitations, greeting cards, and artwork. Participants received aprons and certificates of participation.



Marmara University Celebrates Teachers' Day

On November 26, 2024, Marmara University's Atatürk Faculty of Education held a Teachers' Day event at Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall. Opening speeches highlighted teachers' role in shaping future generations and fostering moral values, emphasizing their evolving responsibilities in a digital world.

The program included a music recital, talks on "The Meaning of Being a Teacher," a performance by the Music Teaching Choral Ensemble, and a Teachers' Day exhibition by the Painting-Work Teaching Department.



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