



MARMARA  
UNIVERSITY

# Sustainability Report 2023



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## THE GLOBAL GOALS



# The 17 Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as Global Goals, are a set of 17 integrated and interrelated goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that humanity enjoys peace and prosperity by 2030.

Reporting on the SDGs is important in communicating to stakeholders the Marmara University's commitment to contributing to the Global Goals; claiming accountability and responsibility to take the necessary actions; and measuring progress over time.

## Mission

As Marmara University, we make sustainability a fundamental part of our education, research, and management processes. We aim to provide social benefit by adopting and applying sustainability principles in the fields of teaching, scientific research, and university management, with an approach nourished by knowledge and innovation, and with the awareness of our responsibilities towards society and the environment.

## Vision

Our vision is to highlight Marmara University as a sustainable model at both the local and global levels. We aim to educate and raise awareness of our students, academic and administrative staff on this important issue by creating a culture that embraces sustainability values throughout the university. We achieve our goal of leaving a more sustainable world to future generations by developing projects in the field of research and innovation and carrying out studies that have social and environmental impacts.

## Targets

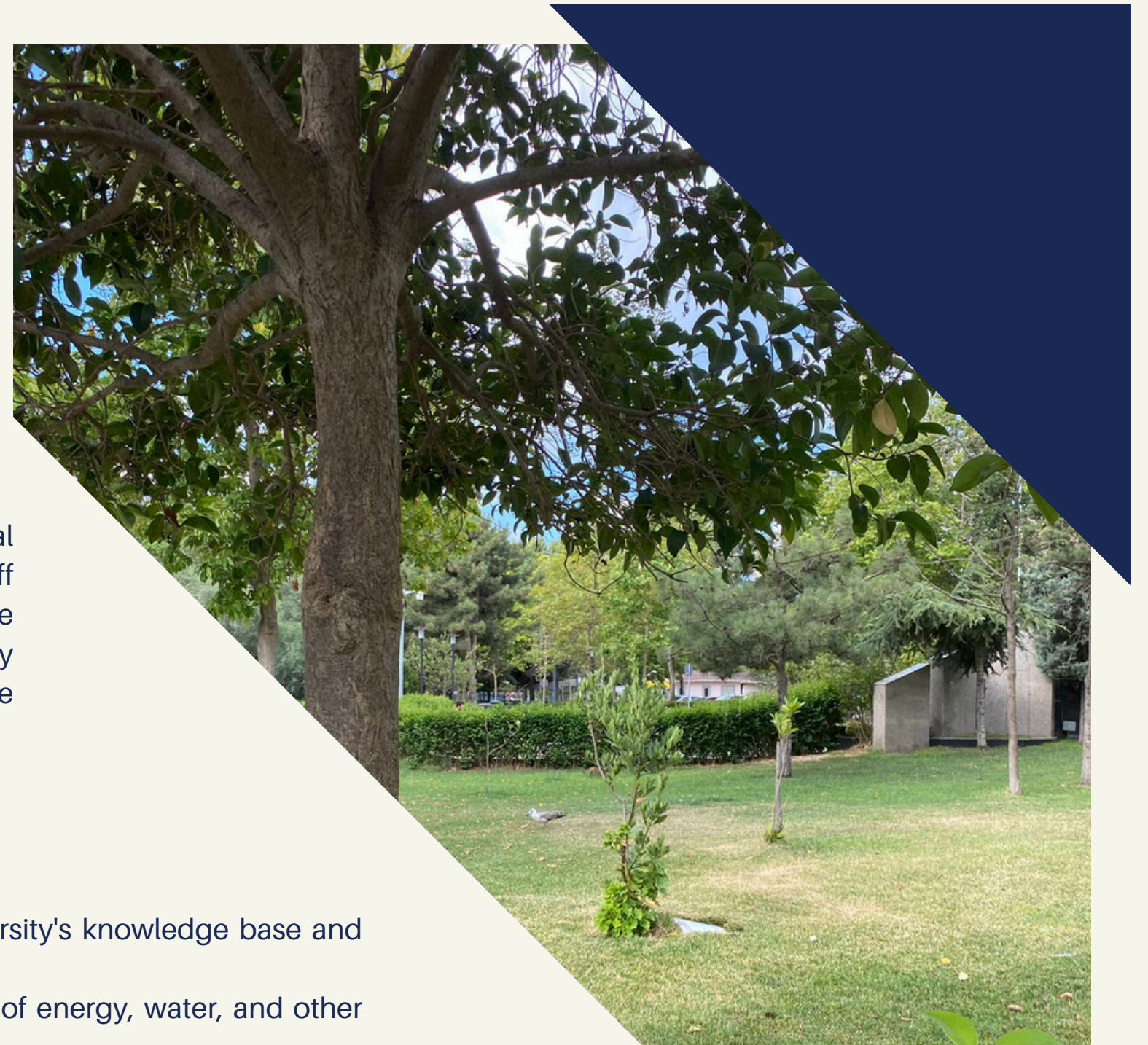
Regularly monitor, evaluate, and report on the university's sustainability performance.

Encourage innovative projects and research in the field of sustainability to enhance the university's knowledge base and develop solutions for societal issues.

Develop and implement sustainability practices across the campus to ensure the efficient use of energy, water, and other natural resources.

Establish programs to reduce waste, promote recycling, and improve waste management processes.

Develop projects to increase green spaces on campus, preserve biodiversity, and construct environmentally friendly buildings.



# LETTER FROM THE RECTOR



**Prof. Dr. Mustafa KURT**  
Rector

Marmara University has an education and management philosophy that aims for universal knowledge, continuous development and progress. In this direction, our indispensable priority goal as the administration is to make our university, which has a deep-rooted history of 141 years, a pioneer of innovations and to prepare it stronger for the future. Marmara University, which contributes to the development and progress of science and adds value to society with the qualified people it graduates, is one of the leading educational institutions of our country. In addition to scientific research; it has a well-deserved and privileged reputation in the fields of culture and art, health and sports. Our university, where education and training are effectively provided in four different foreign languages, including Turkish, is also a pioneer and unique with this feature.

Constantly developing, renewing itself, and taking stronger and more confident steps towards the future, Marmara University is the science, culture and art island of Istanbul with nearly 3,000 academic staff, over 1,000 administrative staff and over 70,000 students. With its campuses located in the European and Asian continents, our university is heavily preferred by local and foreign students. In this context, our university, which hosts a large number of students coming through the Erasmus Program and Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB), ranks first in international student mobility practices. In addition to undergraduate programs, Marmara University prioritizes and emphasizes postgraduate education, which is an important element of its research university mission, and has adopted an educational approach that ensures the sustainability of its success by updating its strategic goals and objectives in this direction. Increasing the quality of education provided at our university and ensuring integration with international accreditations are among our primary efforts. In this way, it is aimed to train qualified academic personnel for the education system and to provide services to students who want to receive education in the international arena.

Undoubtedly, scientific research and studies are one of the priority and priority areas of universities. For this purpose, contributions have been made to scientific/artistic performances with the studies prepared by students receiving postgraduate education at our university, and with the regulations made in the field of postgraduate education, students have been required to make scientific publications or exhibit artistic works before graduating.

Marmara University aims to enrich our country's culture in the fields of art, sports, literature, music and cinema, as well as scientific research. With the qualified education they receive in four different foreign languages, our graduates are equipped to work not only in national but also international areas. Internationally valid TestDaf, TOEFL iBT and Turkish Proficiency Certificate exams are held at our university. In addition, different segments of society are served with social responsibility projects carried out with the understanding of volunteerism and consent. Barrier-Free Campus arrangements carried out on our campuses have brought our university to a position that does not recognize barriers in education and training. Our university has become a brand in lifelong learning studies with many different programs opened in the Continuing Education Center (MÜSEM).

The data in the 2023 Sustainability Report, which is a concrete indicator of our university's final activities, is important in terms of public accountability and correct use of resources.



# 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.

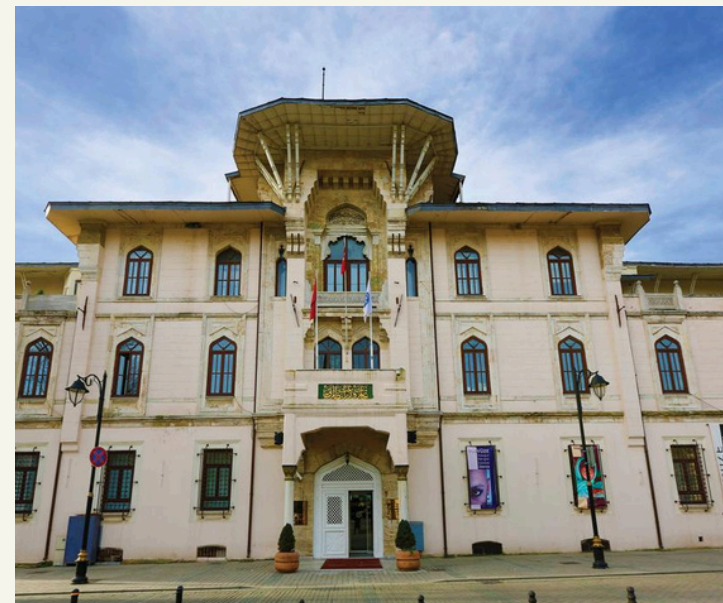
There are 21 faculties, 1 college, 4 vocational colleges and 13 institutes within Marmara University, and it provides education with 3 Education Centers and 39 Research and Application Centers. In addition, the Department of Atatürk's Principles and History of Revolution and the Department of Turkish 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

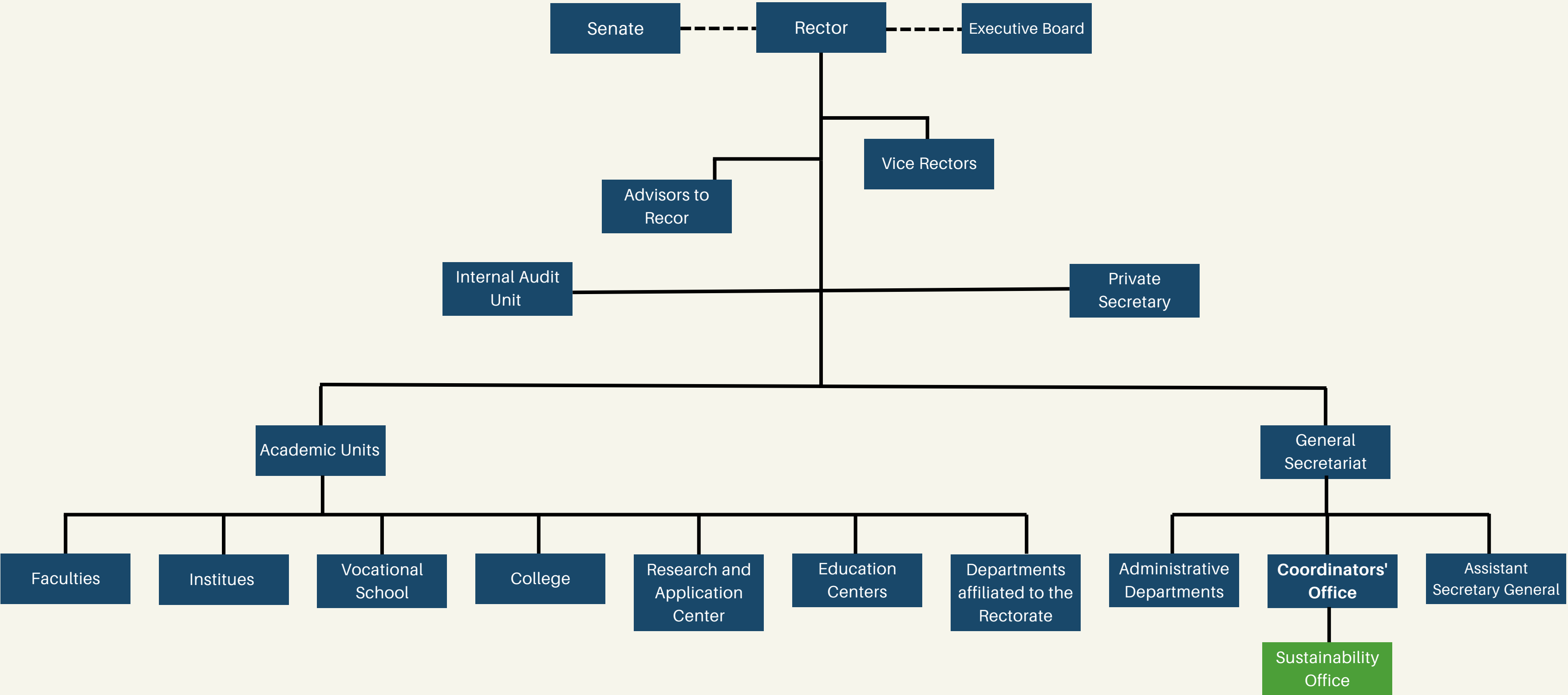


Marmara University, Goztepe Campus



Marmara University, Basibuyuk Campus

# GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE





# Peace and Justice



## Justice on Campus

Marmara University continues its activities by adopting the **Ethical Behavior Principles** published by the Council of Higher Education. It is based on the principle of "Academic Freedom and Autonomy" among these principles.

- Working voluntarily at Hatay Field Hospital in the disaster area, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yahya Güvenç, a faculty member at the Brain and Neurosurgery Clinic of Marmara University Pendik Training and Research Hospital, told TRT News that the disaster there was huge and that his colleagues were helping the earthquake victims with all their might even when their relatives were under the rubble.



## Jean Monnet Centers of Excellence

Marmara University European Union Institute is one of a select number of centers of excellence in all European countries that aim to support "European integration" in universities and higher education. The Institute, which was awarded the title of Center of Excellence by the European Commission in 2005, continues its work in many areas. It strives to encourage education and research in this field through education, expertise and the publication of various publications, as well as to follow current developments in Europe more consciously in Turkey.

## Reducing Inequalities

### Gender Equality

Marmara University has prepared a **Gender Equality Plan**. The main objective of the plan is to establish that Marmara University, aiming for a safe campus, is a university that respects equality and diversity, is free from discrimination, and ensures equal academic progress and promotion for everyone. Marmara University believes that equality and diversity are values that facilitate the development of science. Equality policies in scientific studies and higher education support the development of practices that help create a better working environment and promote academic skills. Additionally, this situation strengthens improved and inclusive dialogue.

Marmara University opened the Women's Studies Application and Research Center in Economic and Social Fields (ESKAR). Many activities are carried out in this center. The first of the Women's Cooperatives Training Project was held in Istanbul in cooperation with ESKAR and TÜBİTAK, and the second was held in Eskişehir. Participation in the training held at Eskişehir Haller Youth Center Training Hall was quite intense. At the end of the training, which was held with the support of TÜGİAD Eskişehir branch, on reaching Women's Cooperatives, the high level of satisfaction of the participants was observed. Entrepreneurship, Effective Communication and Digital Marketing Trainings were given to cooperative managers and members between the ages of 25-60 by Marmara University's expert instructors. As the outcome of the training, people who are more conscious of production, aware of the business plan with profit and loss content, more visionary, understand the importance of more effective communication and establish customer relations by taking this into account, who know digital marketing and modern management and production, participate in the training and at the end of the training

# Gender Equality



## International Journal

Marmara University also 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.



## International Day for the Elimination of Violence

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women was organized by Women's Studies Application and Research Center in Economic and Social Fields.

## Kayseri Women's Cooperatives Training

Women's Studies Application and Research Center in the Social Field visited women's cooperatives and evaluated traditional arts produced by hand.

## Business Positive Project

Our producing women promoted their products at the launch of the İş Pozitif Project



## Sustainable Women's Employment Award

Women's Studies Application and Research Center in Economic and Social Fields was deemed worthy of the "Sustainable Women's Employment" award. It was held at Swisotel with a large organization of approximately 600 people, with the participation of countries such as Germany, America and France. Among the award-winning companies and institutions, Marmara University's Women's Studies Research and Application Center in Economic and Social Fields (ESKAR), Director of Marmara University, one of the first women's research centers established in our country, Prof. Dr. Fatma Ayanoğlu touched upon the importance of these studies on sustainability in terms of awareness and dedicated her award to Palestinian women with the hope that there will be no women left subjected to violence in the world.



# Gender Equality



## **TÜBİTAK PROJECT: Employment of Women, Youth and Disabled People in the Sectors of the Future**

The 4th Workshop on Participation and Employment of Disabled Women in Social Life, organized by the Disabled Student Unit and ESKAR, was held. In addition to the guests invited to the 3rd Workshop on behalf of the public, UNWOMEN, ILO and ENKAD, which were recommended in the 3rd Workshop, were invited to obtain information about the conjuncture and to get ideas on how we can include NGOs in possible studies. With the 3rd workshop report made in the 3rd workshop and shared with the relevant ministries, and the 4th workshop concluded as a confirmation of the outputs obtained in the previous two workshop reports, we have understood that we are taking very correct steps and that we, as Marmara University, are a few steps ahead in this regard and that we are visionaries who can see beyond. . It has been understood that the cooperation between the academy and the state will bring much more efficiency in increasing the scale of the workshops we will hold from now on with our ministries and in the projects and innovative breakthroughs to be made.



## **Workshop on Women, Youth and Disabled Employment in the Sectors of the Future**

The "Workshop on Employment of Women, Youth and Disabled People in the Sectors of the Future", organized by the Women's Studies Application and Research Center in Economic and Social Fields within the scope of Tübitak, was held at Marmara University Faculty of Business Administration with the intense participation of relevant public institutions, NGOs and partner universities.

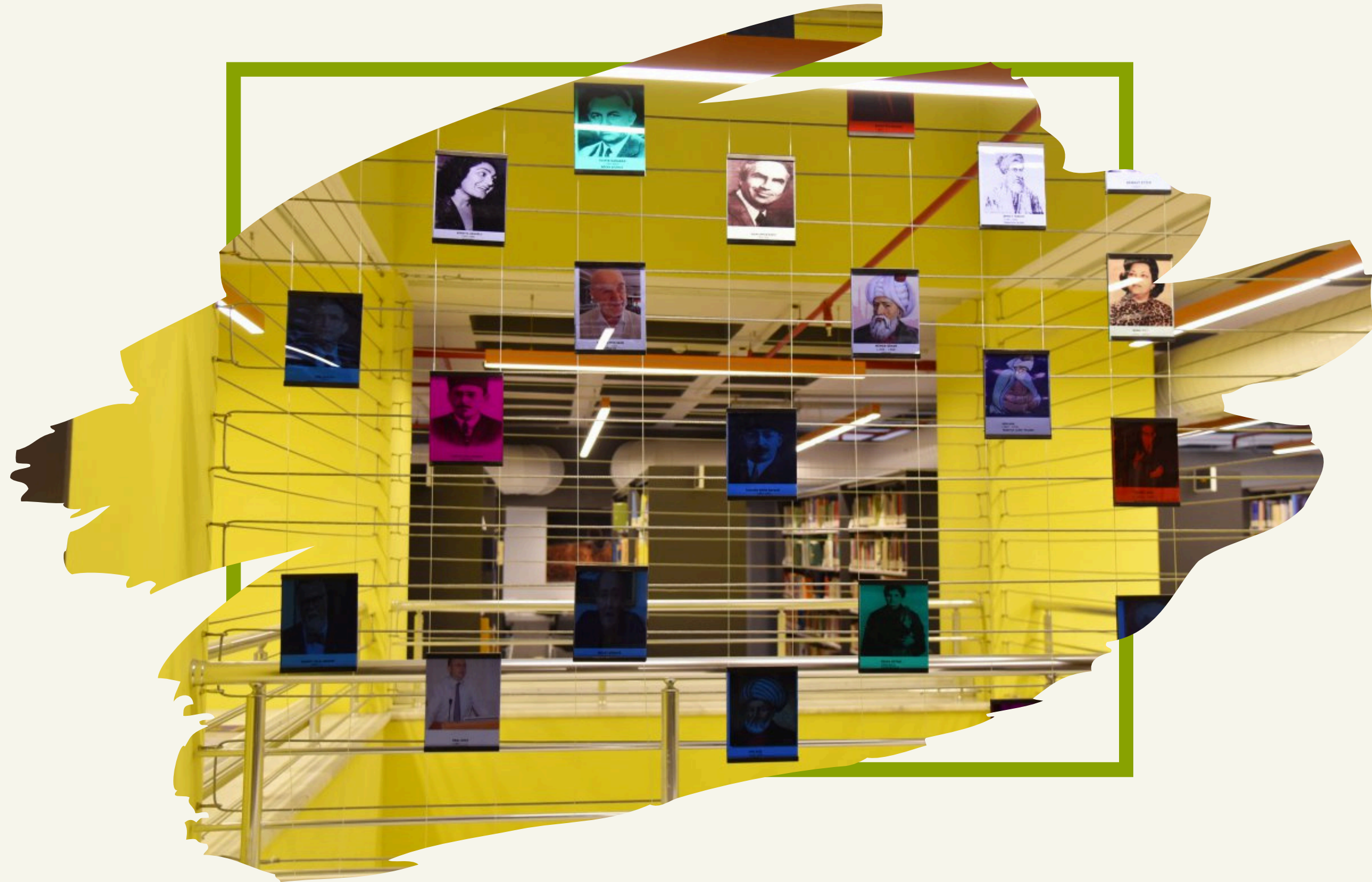
## **Planning for the Underrepresented**

As a state institution, Marmara University takes the necessary actions to carry out activities such as the needs of employees, business activities, education, career, performance monitoring, motivation, collective work, occupational health and safety, management of employment and dismissal. All these activities declare that they are valid for all members, including under-represented groups, and are announced to the public on the Website.

Marmara University sustainability office works in coordination with the disabled student unit. It attaches importance to carrying out awareness activities on campus at an equal level for all individuals. It also carries out studies together with the Disabled Student Unit Coordination on the orientation, promotion and integration of disabled people into campus life.



# Education and Research



# 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



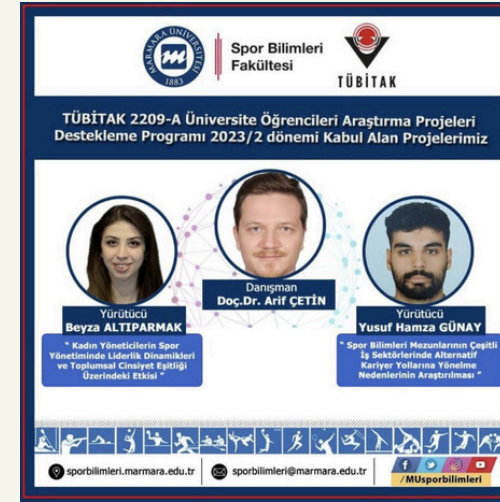
# Research

## TÜBİTAK Project Success from the Environmental Engineering Department

We are pleased to announce that the project titled "Development and Application of Remote Sensing Methods for Detecting Biogas/Methane Leaks in Solid Waste Landfills," led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sedat Yalçınkaya from the Department of Environmental Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering, Marmara University, has been granted support under the TÜBİTAK 1001 R&D Support Program. The project team includes Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sadullah Levent Kuzu from the Department of Environmental Engineering at Yıldız Technical University and Dr. Özgün Yücel from the Department of Chemical Engineering at Gebze Technical University as researchers.

## TÜBİTAK-TAGEM 1003 Project Success from our University's Faculty of Science

The project titled "Production of Biofertilizer to be Applied with Rice Straw Waste for Soil Improvement and Increasing Yield in Rice Production," managed by Prof. Dr. Nüzhet Cenk Sesal from the Department of Biology at Marmara University's Faculty of Science, has been granted support under the "TÜBİTAK-TAGEM 1003 Agricultural Research Joint Call."



## Success from Marmara University's Faculty of Technology: TÜBİTAK Supported IraSME Project

We are proud to announce that the project titled "Development of a Production Technology to Reduce Carbon Fiber Costs by Using Thermochemical Pretreatment," led by Prof. Dr. Erhan Sancak from the Department of Textile Engineering at Marmara University's Faculty of Technology, and involving Dr. Zehra Yıldız and Dr. Oğuz Eryılmaz as researchers, has been awarded support by TÜBİTAK under the European Union bilateral cooperation programs.



## TÜBİTAK Project Success from Marmara University's Faculty of Pharmacy

We are delighted to announce that the project titled "Development of a New Wound Treatment Strategy Using Exosome-Mediated Drug Delivery System in a Three-Dimensional Biomimetic Chronic Wound Model," led by Prof. Dr. Gülgün Tınaz from the Faculty of Pharmacy at Marmara University, has been awarded support under the TÜBİTAK 1001 Scientific and Technological Research Projects Support.

## Success in TÜBİTAK Project by Students of the Faculty of Sports Sciences

Beyza Altıparmak, a 3rd-year student in the Sports Management Department, has been awarded support for her project titled "The Impact of Female Leaders on Leadership Dynamics and Gender Equality in Sports Management" under the TÜBİTAK 2209-A University Students Research Projects Support Program.



# Environmental Impact



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# Energy Efficiency in Marmara University

The campus incorporates various systems that contribute to a “GREEN” building. In this context, the focus was on ensuring energy efficiency, heating and cooling systems were designed centrally, and high-efficiency devices were preferred. Additionally, thermal insulation systems were used in buildings. It is powered with LED bulbs and lighting systems to increase energy efficiency and meet the lighting needs in buildings with minimum consumption. Buildings are designed to benefit from natural light. In addition, it is aimed to produce energy with approximately 1.763 kWp photovoltaic solar panels placed on building roofs. The campus will produce most of its own energy with solar energy, which is renewable energy.







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## SIFIR ATIK BELGESİ

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Tarih: 12/02/2024

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Hacı Mehmet GÜNER  
Çevre, Şehircilik ve İklim Değişikliği İl Müdürü

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Organizasyon Adı / Organization Name  
K2 SAKARYA ELEKTRİK PERAKENDE SATIŞ A.Ş.

Tüketim Miktarı / Consumption Amount  
9397 MWh

Tüketim Dönemi / Consumption Period  
Ocak 2023 - Temmuz 2023 / January 2023 - July 2023

Adres / Address  
Kadıköy / İSTANBUL-ASYA

Bu itfa bildiri, Ocak 2023 - Temmuz 2023 tüketim dönemindeki 9397 MWh'lık elektrik tüketiminin yenilenebilir enerji kaynaklarından üretildiğini teyit etmektedir.

This Cancellation Statement confirms that 9397 MWh of electricity consumption in the January 2023 - July 2023 consumption period was generated from renewable energy sources.

## 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 located in the Başibüyük district of Maltepe District of Istanbul, in an area of 245 hectares. It is aimed to produce energy with approximately 1.763 kWp photovoltaic solar panels placed on building roofs. The campus will produce most of its own energy with solar energy, which is renewable energy. It is targeted to protect the existing ecosystem by adopting a sensitive, environmentally friendly approach to protecting natural resources.



## Wind Energy and Virtual Experience Center

The laboratory is designed to provide students with practical experience on wind energy technologies; the wind turbine prototype is designed to be open to many application experiences with virtual reality glasses, simulations, real components, and interactive training materials.



## Carbon Footprint

In the light of the Sustainable Development Goals, many studies are carried out to reduce the carbon footprint on our campuses and it has become one of the main targets. To reduce carbon footprint, it is aimed to reduce the use of vehicles on campus and switch to environmentally friendly transportation systems, to reduce waste, recycle it, not use packaging that does not degrade in nature, and turn plant and animal waste into nature and turn it into fertilizer instead of throwing it away.



# 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.



# Clean Air in Campus

The front of Prof. Dr. Orhan Oğuz Library, Department of Student Affairs, Şehit Ömer Halis Sport Hall, Campus Student Refectory and Business Administration Faculty places have been redefined as non smoking areas with the study of determining the red-lined areas. It was announced that all academic and administrative staff and students should paid more attention in point of **non smoking** in these areas.





# Sustainable Housing

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## Student Dormitories

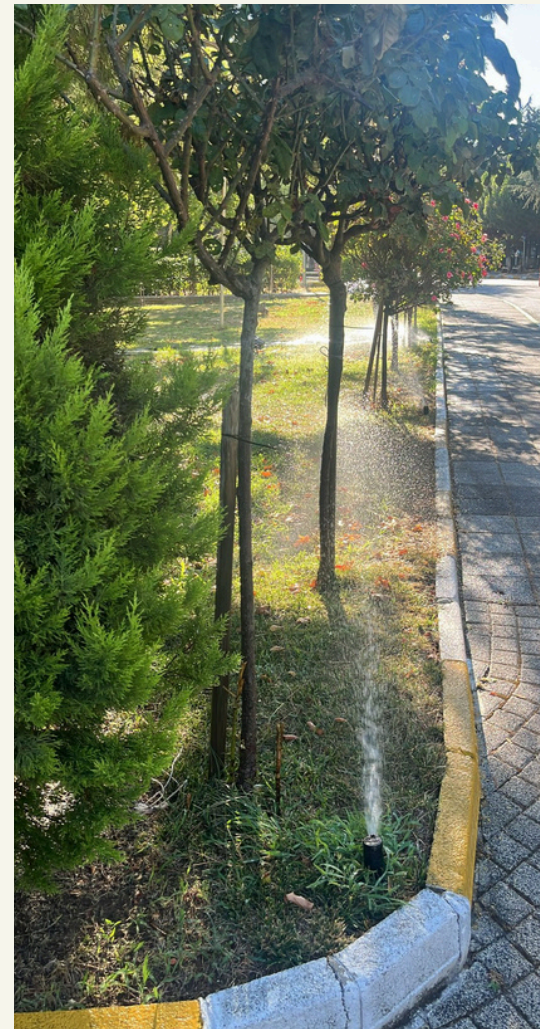
As Marmara University, we attach importance to the accommodation of our students in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. In order to meet the accommodation needs of our university students, 3 Girls' Dormitories in Göztepe Campus, 1 Girls' and 1 Boys' dormitory in Mehmet Genç Complex provide services.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

# Biodiversity on Campus

Magnolia , Palm trees planted in our greenhouse on our campus, and Sardinia, Paşa Kılıcı and Fern as well as the production of ancestral seeds from medicinal plants such as rosemary , thyme, bitter melon, and ancestral seeds of tomato and pepper species from Çorum. It is tried to spread traditional products by making a contribution to the local seed production efforts by producing for the purpose of production and reproducing the seeds obtained.



## Water Management

It is important to use various design strategies and products that contribute to a “GREEN” campus building. To this end; It was aimed to ensure energy and water efficiency and high efficiency devices were preferred. The use of rainwater in the landscape irrigation system ensures water efficiency. It was aimed to protect the vegetation, existing water resources and streams within the campus borders, and for this purpose, cleaning and reclamation works of Çobanlar Creek within the land were carried out. In addition, importance has been given to systems such as drip irrigation, micro irrigation, sprinkling and surface irrigation, with minimal energy consumption in plant irrigation within the campus.

Groundwater is used for agricultural irrigation within the campus. The water extracted from underground is stored and used for both agricultural irrigation and fire extinguishing in emergency situations. Water transfer works with electrical control systems.

### Rainwater Storage Systems

After rainfall, rainwater is directed from the building roofs to the rainwater filter through pipes and the filtered water is collected in underground water tanks. The water in the tanks is used for various purposes within the campus.

## Animal Life on Campus

Efforts are ongoing to address the nutritional, housing, and health needs of all living beings on campus, and to improve the welfare of the animals. The Marmara University Animal Rights Protection Club works to ensure that the cats and dogs living on campus lead longer and healthier lives. The types of animals living on campus include crow, parrots, ducks, rabbits, geese, roosters, chickens, cats, and dogs. Feeding stations have been established on campus to meet the nutritional needs of cats and dogs. Additionally, shelters and nests have been built for the animals. University students are able to feed the animals in the shelters.



## Waste Oil Project

The "Waste Oil Project" that we initiated and made permanent as MÜSAS emphasizes the necessity of recycling used vegetable waste oils that constitute 25% of marine pollution. The main purpose of this project is to raise awareness about the environmental effects of waste oils and to raise awareness about leaving a clean environment for future generations by educating children in particular on this issue. So far, approximately 5000 children have been reached within the scope of our project and informed about the environmental damage caused by waste oils and the importance of recycling. In addition, approximately 500 liters of waste oil have been recycled by collaborating with businesses in our immediate vicinity. This project aims not only to reduce the effects of waste oils but also to increase environmental awareness in society. With this environmental responsibility project, MÜSAS aims to both protect the seas and take a leading role in society in terms of waste management.



## Underwater Cleaning

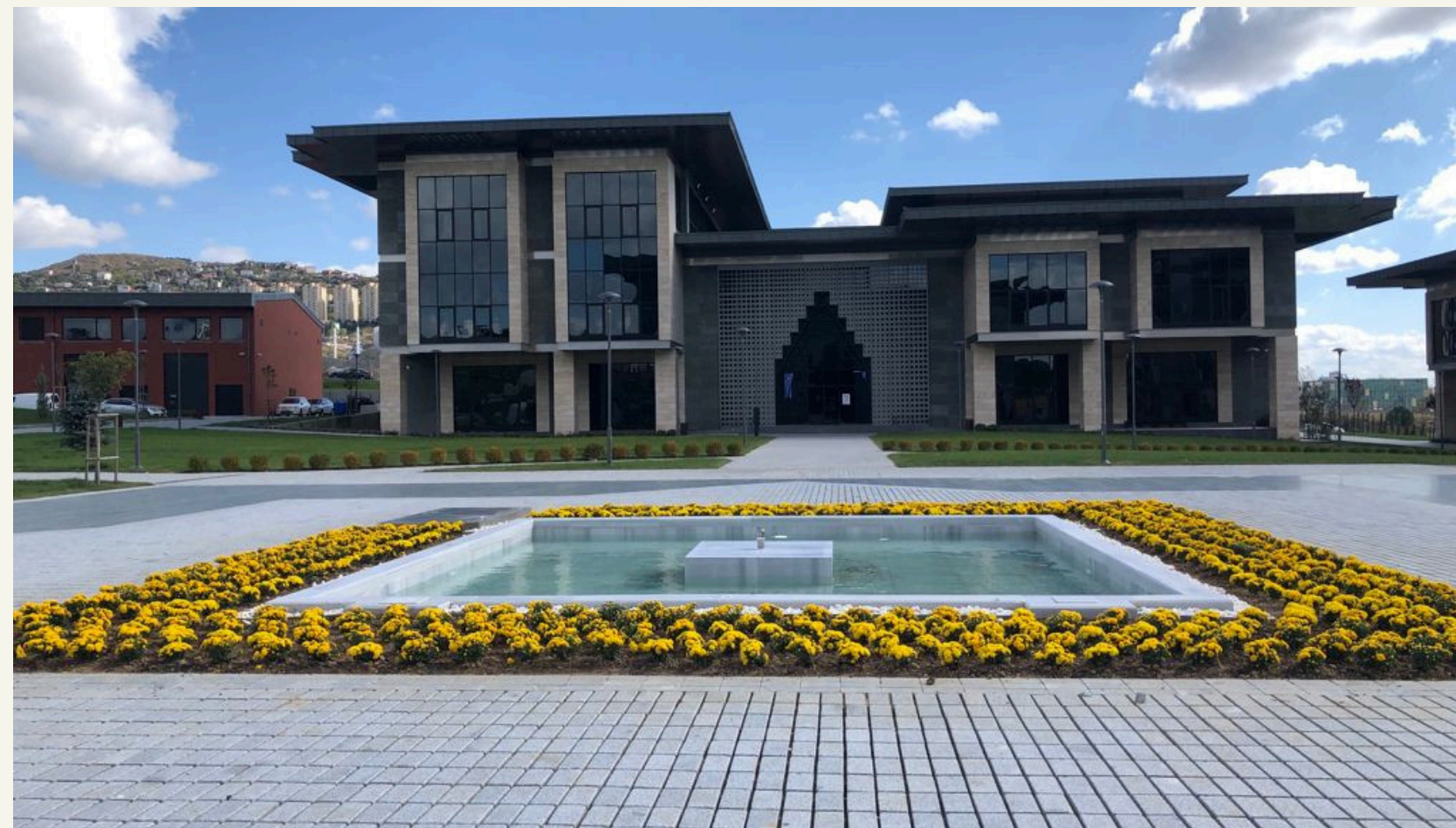
In an event we organized in collaboration with the Underwater Cleaning Movement (STH), our experienced divers dived from Ortaköy Beach and collected waste in the sea. This event aimed to clean the environment and raise awareness not only underwater but also in coastal areas. The Underwater Cleaning Movement (STH) is a global initiative aimed at cleaning garbage and waste in the seas and oceans. STH aims to raise awareness about underwater cleaning and combat the problem of garbage by bringing together diving communities, environmentalists and sea lovers. This movement aims to reduce the negative impacts on underwater ecosystems for a sustainable future. As MÜSAS, we regularly participate in such events. In addition to contributing to underwater life with these events, we aim to raise awareness in society about environmental cleaning. The fact that STH is a global environmental movement allows us to contribute to these global efforts and fulfill our responsibility to protect underwater ecosystems. With such events, we aim to increase our sensitivity to our environment and make the underwater world a cleaner and healthier place.

## Green World Blue Future

Our "Green World Blue Future" project, which we carry out every year on June 5th Environment Day, aims to emphasize **environmental cleanliness** and a **sustainable future**. In this project, which is carried out in Düşler Bay in Burgazada, active members of MÜSAS come together voluntarily and clean a total of 70 large garbage bags of waste from the beach. Our project aims not only to clean the environment but also to increase **environmental awareness** and create awareness for the protection of the underwater world. MÜSAS members work together in this event that emphasizes the importance of nature and water, and take responsibility for leaving a cleaner world for both the environment and future generations. The Green World Blue Future project is an expression of living with environmental sensitivity and responsibility not just for one day, but every day.



# Social Impact



# Food

## **Marmara University is intervening to prevent hunger.**

In 2023, the university provided the Marmara Lunch Scholarship (free lunch) to students. Our university provides a meal scholarship through the Health, Culture, and Sports Department for students experiencing financial difficulties. This scholarship allows them to benefit from the free lunch service offered at the university's cafeteria.

## **Sustainable and Affordable Food Options for Everyone**

At our campuses, an average of 10,000 students and staff benefit from the cafeteria services daily. Annually, approximately 1,500,000 meals are served to students and staff across all campuses. The meal services at campuses are procured through a tender process. The contractor delivers meals to our campuses in thermal boxes that prevent heat and air transfer. Our department's control team ensures the suitability of the meals before they are served. Daily samples of the meals are taken and stored under appropriate conditions for 72 hours. If necessary, or once a month, these samples are sent to authorized laboratories for analysis. All food sales points offer various sustainable food options. Every campus features cafeterias, canteens, and cafés. These facilities provide primary alternatives in the form of vegan and catering meals. In the cafeterias, vegetarian main courses are adapted to be suitable for gluten sensitivities by removing ingredients such as wheat, flour from their recipes. Vegan/vegetarian options are available at the same price as other choices. Different cafés also offer alternative options.



# Well-Being

To provide psychological counseling and guidance services to all students, administrative and academic staff who are newly registered to our university and who actively continue their education and training life at the associate, undergraduate and graduate levels in our university, in line with their needs. In addition to this main purpose, other purposes of Marmara University Psychological Counseling and Guidance Application-Research Center (MARPAM) are to conduct research, applications, consultancy and provide training in the field of Psychological Counseling and Guidance in Turkey and abroad in cooperation with the relevant academic units of the university, to provide psychological counseling and guidance services in order to help university students get to know themselves, make healthy decisions, gain problem solving and communication skills, increase their academic success, benefit from university opportunities to the maximum extent, adapt to university life, and help with their social, emotional, cognitive and career development.



# Healthy Living Facilities

At the Göztepe Campus, there are three 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 amphitheater with a seating capacity of 483). Additionally, at the Sultanahmet Campus, there is the Ord. Prof. Dr. Nihat Sayar Conference Hall (200-seat capacity).

The Şehit Ömer Halisdemir Sports Hall at the Göztepe Campus includes a basketball-volleyball court with a seating capacity of 643, a fitness room, and a table tennis room. There is also an astroturf field and an outdoor basketball-volleyball court.

At the Mehmet Genç Complex, we have a fitness room. On weekends, free cultural and sports activities are offered to our students. The sports hall at the Göztepe Campus is available for various sports activities for both students and staff.



# Health Services



## Medico Social Center

Our Medico Social Centers, which operate under our University's Department of Health, Culture and Sports, provide health services to our students, academic and administrative staff and their dependent family members. We have medico-social centers in Göztepe and Acıbadem Campuses. Our family medicine specialists, general practitioners and other healthcare personnel provide services in our centers. In our Göztepe Medico - Social Center; Services are provided in biochemistry laboratory, x-ray, dental, treatment and dressing, psychological counseling and guidance and diet units. Complaints of students and staff applying to the health unit are evaluated by polyclinic doctors, diagnosed and treated, and those deemed necessary are referred to hospitals with our patient transfer ambulance.

## Disabled Dentistry Application and Research Center

A Disabled Dentistry Application and Research Center is being built in the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Social Complex in Istanbul to provide easy and fast access to oral and dental health treatment for disabled patients. The Disabled Dentistry Application and Research Center, which has a total construction area of 6055 m2, consists of a ground floor + 4 floors. There will be 10 patient rooms on the ground floor, 6 polyclinics, laboratories, and offices on the 1st floor. 10 polyclinics, X-ray, and a cafeteria on the 2nd floor, and 4 operating rooms, 2 day operating rooms, and 6 intensive care units on the 3rd floor. A 64-person restaurant, an open terrace, and a prayer room will be located on the 4th floor. The work is expected to be completed by March 2025.

# Accessibility

## Physical Accesibilty

### Göztepe Campus

All newly built buildings on the campus were planned with disabled people in mind. Disabled toilets have been created in all newly constructed buildings on the campus. There is a directional sign in Braille alphabet in the Administration & Institute Building. All buildings on the campus have risk-preventing handrails, railings, etc. elements are available. An open type disabled exit platform has been created in the Central Library Building. Environmental arrangements suitable for disabled access have been carried out in the Mediko Social Center Building. Sidewalks on the campus were renewed and ramps were added where necessary. Parking areas for disabled people have also been designated and marked on the campus. Floor covering materials have been used to minimize the risk of accidents.

### Recep Tayyip Erdoğan Complex

Our university has made disabled accessibility arrangements in the RTE Complex, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Technology buildings in order to facilitate the education life of disabled students and ensure their full participation in education and training processes. . In this context, in accordance with the projects of the buildings; Warning/Dot and Guide/Trace Sensitive Surface application made of thermo plastic polyurethane material inside the building, Warning/Dot Sensible Surface application made of anti-slip polyamide material on the stairs and entrance outside the building, two glass partitions and glass doors (including frosted glass) in the entrance and middle areas. row glass band application, Braille printed direction sign on the stair handrail, Braille printed embossed Floor Plan board, accessible WC emergency rope call button and over door warning lamp manufacturing in disabled WCs, electrostatic powder coated iron for the edges and ramp of the ground floor central area. The buildings were made accessible by manufacturing pipe railings.



## Education Accessibility

**Library Accessibility:** Accessibility in the library provides services not only for the students who come to the library, but also for all students to convert their course materials into Braille (Braille). Since 2013, 6,346 e-pub books have been published, with 2,000 produced in 2015 and 443 in 2016. The library also has 3,216 audiobooks.

**Marmara University Web Accessibility:** Marmara University website has been prepared to appeal to the widest user base, regardless of the user's device, software and physical restrictions. [www.marmara.edu.tr](http://www.marmara.edu.tr) has design features that will enable disabled citizens to use it easily.

**Accessible Music Education:** The Goodfeel music note program and JAWS voice screen reader are installed to edit notes in Braille, ensuring educational accessibility with a Relief Screen.

**Student Support Services:** To ensure equal educational opportunities, the university provides necessary equipment, part-time student assistants, and arranges exams and courses based on student needs.

### Social Responsibility Project from Students

2023-2024 Spring semester Jewelry and Jewelry Design department THU100 Community Service Practices course, 700 kg of plastic caps were collected and in return 3 Golfi G099 brand and model wheelchairs were purchased. It will be delivered to 3 people to be determined by the Orhantepe Neighborhood Headmanship of Kartal district.

In the **Higher Education Institution Accessible Universities Competition**, our university was entitled to receive **6 Flag awards** and **11 Accessible Program Medals**, and came first in 2024 by winning a total of 17 awards. The number of awards we have received to date has reached 45.

**Marmara Sustainability Office Disabled Students Unit Directive:**  
Disabled Student Unit Directive



# SPORTS



In the "European Universities Championship" held in Zagreb, Croatia, between 20-23 July 2023, with the participation of 395 universities and 1534 athletes from 31 countries, Marmara University team won a total of 11 medals, 4 gold, 1 silver and 6 bronze, in Karate and Taekwondo branches, and became the third among all teams participating in the championship and the first among teams from Turkey.

Marmara University achieved a historic success by winning 1 gold and 3 bronze medals at the 31st World University Summer Games held in Chengdu, People's Republic of China, by the International University Sports Federation (FISU) between 28 July- 8 August, 2023.

Under the coaching of Faculty Member Fatih Sani, a 5-person Rowing Team consisting entirely of students from the Faculty of Sports Sciences of our university took part.

In this great organization, in which Turkey participated for the first time in rowing, qualified to compete in the A final. As a result of the final competitions, Enes Gök won the gold medal in the first place in the Lightweight Men Double scull category; Ulaş Kurt, İnanç Şahin, Kaan Yılmaz Aydın, Ahmet Ali Kabadayı won the bronze medal in third place Men's Four category.



Participating in the Para Arm Wrestling Turkey Championship held in Kocaeli İzmit Başiskele on 18-19 March 2023, Abdulsamet Ocakoğlu, a student of Marmara University, Faculty of Sports Sciences, Department of Sports Management, became the Turkish Champion in the 65-kg para arm wrestling category.



Ahmet Ali Kabadayı and Ulaş Kurt, students of Marmara University Faculty of Sports Sciences, won the silver medal by coming second in the men's double sculls category at the "European University Rowing Championships" held in Bydgoszcz, Poland between 07-10 September 2023.



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The Traditional Rectorate's Cup 2023 Personnel Tournament Champion organized by Marmara University Health, Culture and Sports Department was determined with the final match held on the Göztepe Campus football field on July 11th 2023.

150 academic and administrative staff, including 16 teams in four groups, participated in the tournament, which started in the football branch on May 29, 2023. At the end of the tournament where Marmara University Protection and Security Branch Directorate Göztepe Team and Technical Sciences Vocational School made it to the finals, Technical Sciences Vocational School became the champion.



Participating in the Turkey Wushu Kungfu Championship held in Antalya between March 5-7, 2023, Marmara University Faculty of Sports Sciences students Sude Sekin Tao and Gönül Erdoğan came first in the 56-kg Tuishou category, Ebrar Uncu came first in the 90-kg Sanda category, while Merve Angi Tao and Ercan Karaca came second in the 75-kg Sanda category.



The "MarmarUN Running in the Bosphorus" race, organized for the 5th time this year by the Marmara University Alumni Office (Mezof), took place on Sunday, October 8, in international status, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the Republic.

The race began in front of Anadolu Hisarı Küçüksu Pavilion, continued along the coast, turned back at Çubuklu Pier, and ended again in front of the pavilion. It was open to participants over 18 years old. In the MarmarUN race, İrem Can Ayaz won first place in the men's general classification for the 10K run, while Ezgi Kesgin Hacca won first place in the women's general classification.

The 10K and 5K runs, held in the unique atmosphere of the Bosphorus, brought together numerous students and sports enthusiasts. At the award ceremony held in Küçüksu Meadow, prizes were presented to 108 individuals who placed in various categories.

Our university won two gold medals in the UNILIG Boxing Turkey Championship competitions organized by the Turkish University Sports Federation (TÜSF). Marmara University Faculty of Sports Sciences students won gold medals in the competitions where 62 teams and 144 athletes competed and shared the third place cup with Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University.



# ART & CULTURE



The “Painting-Pattern Exhibition” consisting of works made by the workshop students of Dr. Hüseyin Avni Öztöpcü, a faculty member of the Department of Fine Arts Education at the Atatürk Faculty of Education of Marmara University, was opened at İde Schools on January 19. The exhibition took place between January 19 and February 17.



The “Responsibility of My Future, Art of Living Project Design Competition and Inspirational People Award Ceremony” organized by Marmara University Career Center (MARKAM) and Goodness for Youth Association took place on Wednesday, November 15th at Göztepe Campus Dr. İbrahim Üzümcü Conference Hall.



Marmara University Marmara Flute Orchestra won the first prize in the “2023 Europe Open Music” Competition. Participating in the “2023 Europe Open Music” Competition, which has been organized since 2009 with the support of the European Music Educators and Artists Association and the Ministries of Culture and Communication, with two works, the Marmara Flute Orchestra won the first prize in the Chamber Music category. In the online competition, composer Alberto Guidobaldi’s “Tarantella” and composer Eugene Magalif’s “Swans on the Alpsee” were performed by the orchestra members.



Marmara University Traditional Handicrafts and Design Application and Research Center, Süleyman Demirel University Textile and Handicrafts Design Application and Research Center and Yıldız Technical University Art and Design Application and Research Center organized the 19 May Atatürk Commemoration, Youth and Sports Day International Mixed Exhibition. A total of 334 artists, including academicians, graduate students and alumni, participated in the exhibition with their works. 37 artists from countries such as Germany, USA, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, China, Indonesia, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Hungary, Mexico, Egypt, Nigeria, Romania, Senegal, Serbia and Greece participated in the exhibition, which also included international participation.



The Academic Music Courses End of Year Concert organized by Marmara University Continuing Education Center took place on 13.06.2023 at the Atatürk Education Faculty Atatürk Art Center. Students who completed the relevant courses of the Academic Music Courses gave an end of year concert.

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Within the scope of “100th Anniversary of our Republic Events”, Marmara University Technical Sciences Vocational School Design Department organized a clothing design exhibition with the theme of “Republic and Us”. The opening of the exhibition held on Tuesday, October 24th in Mehmet Genç Külliyesi Conference Hall Foyer Area was performed by Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt. The theme of the exhibition, which was open between October 24th and 30th, was “War of Independence, independence, freedom, revolutions and Republic”. The Turkish Flag and Atatürk posters created with collage technique supported by Aydın Mensucat company’s waste upholstery fabrics were among the interesting works of the exhibition.



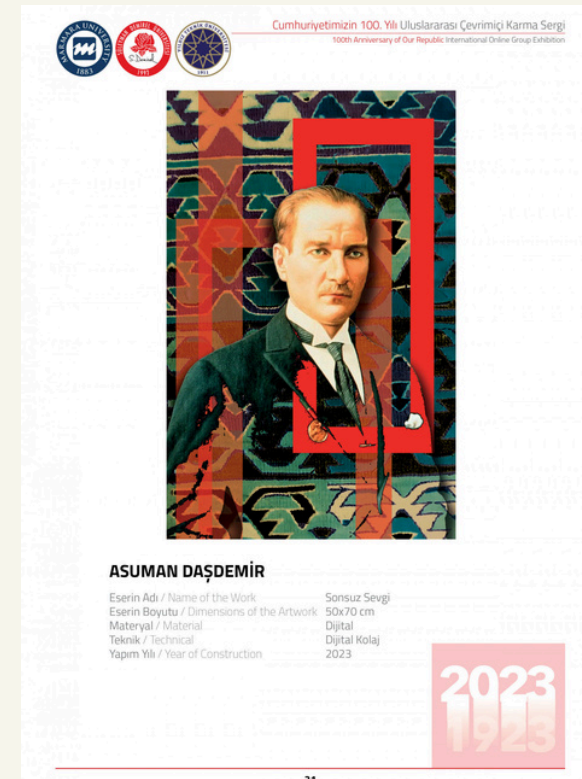
The “Salute to the 100th Anniversary of Our Republic Kite Festival” was organized by the Marmara University Health, Culture and Sports Department. The opening of the event held in the Mehmet Genç Complex Open Area was made by Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kurt. As part of the event, kites bearing the Turkish flag and the 100th Year logo met the sky, and academic/administrative staff, students and participants of all ages participated in the event. The Maltepe Youth Center, affiliated with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, also set up stands for philography, basket weaving, marbling art, ceramics, wood burning, illumination calligraphy and miniature in the event area.



Within the scope of the “100th Anniversary of our Republic Activities” at Marmara University, the “100th Anniversary Republic Concert” was held on Thursday, October 26 at the Göztepe Campus Şehit Ömer Halisdemir Indoor Sports Hall.



Marmara University Faculty of Applied Sciences Department of Jewelry and Jewelry Design students organized a jewelry and design exhibition titled “Republic Loyalty” within the scope of “100th Anniversary of Our Republic Activities.” The exhibition, prepared by the department students under the leadership of Jewelry and Jewelry Design Department faculty member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Çimen Bayburtlu, was open between October 24-30 at the Mehmet Genç Külliyesi Conference Hall Foyer Area.



**ASUMAN DAŞDEMİR**  
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Eserin Boyutu / Dimensions of the Artwork: 50x70 cm  
Materyal / Material: Digital  
Teknik / Technical: Digital Kolaj  
Yapım Yılı / Year of Construction: 2023



Marmara University Traditional Handicrafts and Design Application and Research Center (GESTUAM), Süleyman Demirel University Textile and Handicrafts Design Application and Research Center (TESAUM) and Yıldız Technical University Art and Design Application and Research Center (SATPARK) organized an International Online Mixed Exhibition within the scope of “100th Year of Our Republic Events”. The exhibition, which was attended by academics, graduate students and graduates from Turkey and abroad, featured works by 305 artists from Turkey and 41 from 22 countries abroad; a total of 346 artists.





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