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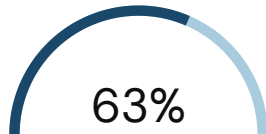
The SDGs can only be realized with a strong commitment to global partnership and cooperation. While official development assistance from developed countries increased by 66 percent between 2000 and 2014, humanitarian crises brought on by conflict or natural disasters continue to demand more financial resources and aid. Many countries also require Official Development Assistance to encourage growth and trade.

The world today is more interconnected than ever before. Improving access to technology and knowledge is an important way to share ideas and foster innovation. Coordinating policies to help developing countries manage their debt, as well as promoting investment for the least developed, is vital to achieve sustainable growth and development.

The goals aim to enhance North-South and South-South cooperation by supporting national plans to achieve all the targets. Promoting international trade, and helping developing countries increase their exports, is all part of achieving a universal rules-based and equitable trading system that is fair and open, and benefits all.

155.5
BILLION\$

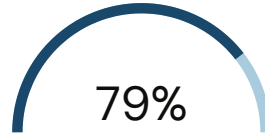
global green bonds in 2018



of the global population use the internet

5 TO 7
TRILLION\$

the annual investment cost of achieving the SDGs, according to the UNCTAD



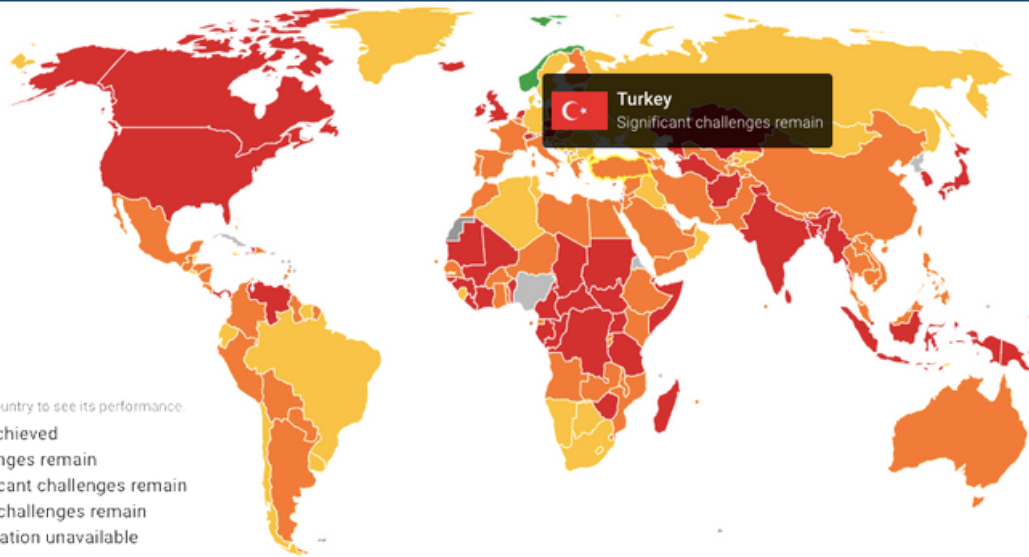
of imports from developing countries enter developed countries duty-free

66

SDG index score world average, 2021

Click on a country to see its performance.

- SDG achieved
- Challenges remain
- Significant challenges remain
- Major challenges remain
- Information unavailable



243
COLLABORATION
protocols signed with other institutions to achieve the SDGs

1001+
Partnerships for the Goals
2022 Rank in

350+
PARTNERS
in actions taken to achieve the SDGs in 2021

22
NEW
collaboration protocols signed in 2021 to achieve the SDGs



177
COLLABORATIONS
on equitable quality education



Istanbul Medeniyet University collaborates with numerous public institutions, research institutions, universities, local schools, private sector and NGOs toward numerous goals that would help us achieve the objective of ending poverty in all its forms everywhere.

Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-1 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- Beyoğlu Selime Hatun Mosque
- Selime Hatun Mosque
- The Istanbul Provincial Mufti Office
- Üsküdar Municipality

Private Sector

- British Time Language Schools
- HaberTürk
- Sabah
- Simio Türkiye
- 360TV

NGOs

- IHH
- Kutu Kutu Tebessüm Project
- SEY Foundation

The Young Vision Student Club of our university, in partnership with **Üsküdar Municipality**, distributed hot soup on our campuses during the Fall Semester midterm exams. Thanks to this partnership, a total of 3,500 portions of hot soup were distributed to 700 students per day, and particularly our students from low-income households were assisted in their food expenses during the exam period.

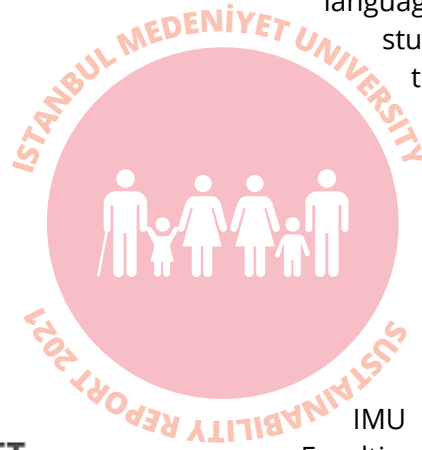
IMU Health, Culture and Sports Department partnered with **British Time Language Schools** to provide foreign language education support to our students. Thanks to this partnership, 30 students were provided with free foreign language education support, while 50 students were given a 40% discount on their foreign language courses.

IMU Industrial Engineering Department academic staff organized online Simio Training in partnership with **Simio Türkiye**. Thanks to this partnership, free vocational training was provided to 25 students.

IMU faculty staff members from our Faculties of Medicine and Health Sciences have broadcasted informative programs on health and nutrition in collaboration with national media organizations such as **HaberTürk, Sabah** and **360TV**. Through these partnerships, our staff shared their experiences on how to avoid health risks and overcome health problems, contributing to increasing everyone's access to basic services.

IMU Urban and Regional Planning Department member Assoc.Prof.Dr. Yıldız AKSOY donated the income of her book "Rethinking Urban spaces in the Post-COVID-19 Era" to the **SEY Foundation** to provide tablet support to students in need of distance education during the Covid-19 pandemic.

IMU Science and Civilization Club organized a charity sale in partnership with volunteers of **Young Civilization IHH**. Thanks to the partnership, our students contributed to ensure orphan children's access to the health system, to prevent malnutrition, to meet their needs for education and poverty reduction for them.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-2 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- Beyoğlu Selime Hatun Mosque
- Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality
- Üsküdar Municipality

Private Sector

- Kaanlar Corporate Group

NGOs

- Kutu Kutu Tebessüm Project
- Young Civilization IHH

IMU Sociology Club, in partnership with the Imam of [Beyoğlu Selime Hatun Mosque](#), contributed to the preparation of aid packages for poor and needy families, orphans, and homeless people during the month of Ramadan to support their access to healthy food. Thanks to this partnership, target groups assisted with free healthy food.

Our university has collaborated with the **Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality** to support our staff's access to safe and nutritious food in an affordable way. Thanks to this collaboration, our staff members receive an extra 20% discount in the restaurants run by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality.



The young vision students club of our university, in partnership with [Üsküdar Municipality](#), provided free and healthy food support to our students studying for their exams in our university library. Thanks to this partnership, a total of 3,500 portions of hot soup were distributed to 700 students per day, and contributed to our students' access to healthy meals outside of lunch hours.

Our university held a seminar in partnership with [Kaanlar Group](#) on food sustainability at the Sustainability Week events of IMU. Thanks to this partnership, Kaanlar Group executive board member Abdurrahman KAAN presented to our students and participants and specified environmental, social, and economic factors required for a supply chain to be sustainable in the long run.

Our Psychology Club organized a charity sale in partnership with [Kutu Kutu Tebessüm Project](#). Thanks to this partnership, both our students were provided with healthy hand-made food choices for two days and also a helping hand was extended to refugees in the fight against hunger in Adana.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-3 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- Governorship of Istanbul
- Istanbul Directorate of National Education
- Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Youth and Sports
- Kadıköy District Health Directorate
- Ministry of Health
- Üsküdar District Sports Directorate
- Üsküdar Municipality
- Ümraniye Type-T Closed Penitentiary

Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

Local Schools

- İTO Şehit Ragıp Ali Bilgen Anatolian İmam Hatip High School
- Kadıköy Anatolian İmam Hatip High School
- Kadıköy Girls' İmam Hatip High School
- Kandilli Girls' High School
- Rabia Anatolian İmam Hatip High School for Girls

Private Sector

- Bilim İlaç
- Frantz Fanon University, Somaliland
- Hargeisa University, Somaliland
- MSD (Merck Sharp Dohme)
- Seltek Group
- Yeditepe University

NGOs

- Facial Plastic Surgery Association
- Health and Civilization Association
- Health-Union
- LÖSEV (Children's Leukemia Foundation)
- Turkish Red Crescent Society
- Turkish Society of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery
- Turkish Transplant Foundation

IMU partnered with the [Governorship of Istanbul](#) to create a Healthcare, Training, and Research Region. Thanks to this partnership, our pre- and postgraduate medical students and specialty students serve in the Training Research Community Health Centers (EATSAMs) and the Training Research Family Health Centers (EAASMs) and contribute to ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages.

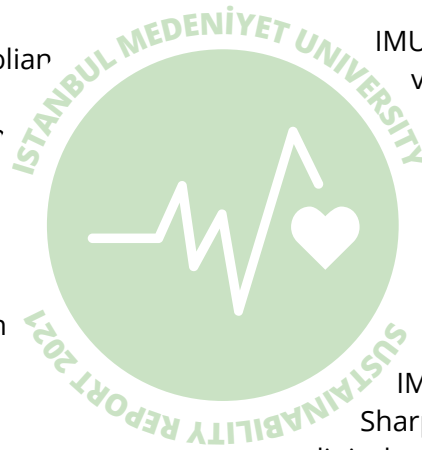
IMU partnered with numerous [African universities](#) for Resident Training Programs. Thanks to these partnerships, physician associates visited our hospital and our Faculty of Medicine for training and observation purposes.

IMU installed a special booth for Covid-19 vaccination in partnership with [Kadıköy District Health Directorate](#) to increase the proportion of the population with access to vaccines. Thanks to this partnership, our students were vaccinated and informed about Covid-19.

IMU signed a protocol with [MSD](#) (Merck Sharp Dohme), for scientific partnership in clinical research with particular emphasis on oncology, diabetes, cardiology, and vaccines. Thanks to this partnership, we support the development of medicines and vaccines against the deadliest diseases of the world.

With the partnership of IMU Faculty of Medicine, [Yeditepe University and Turkish Society of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery](#), an international meeting was held where current approaches to difficult elbow problems were discussed.

IMU organized free sports training in partnership with the [Üsküdar District Sports Directorate](#) to provide our students with a healthy life and support well-being. Thanks to this partnership, 75 students of ours were given free sports training in 4 different branches.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-4 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- AFAD
- Bağcılar Municipality
- Fatih District Directorate of National Education
- Fatih District Directorate of Youth and Sports
- Fatih District Governorship
- Fatih Social Service Center
- Gaziosmanpaşa Municipality
- Güngören District Governorship
- Güngören District National Education Directorate
- Havran Municipality
- Health Institutes of Turkey
- Istanbul Governorship
- Istanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education
- Kartal Provincial Directorate of National Education
- Ministry of Culture and Tourism
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of National Education
- Sultanbeyli Municipality
- The Student Selection and Placement Center
- T.R. Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Turkish Water Institute
- Ümraniye Type-T Closed Penitentiary Institution
- Üsküdar Municipality
- Üsküdar Provincial Directorate of National Education
- Ziraat Bank

Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey

Universities

- Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University
- Atatürk University
- Bursa uludağ University
- Fatih Sultan Mehmet Foundation University
- Istanbul University
- Kadir Has University
- **156 universities** for Erasmus+ program
- **14 universities** in Turkey for Farabi Exchange Program
- **4 universities** for Mevlana Exchange Program
- **13 institutions** for Memoranda of Understanding

IMU signed a collaboration protocol with the **Ministry of Health**. Thanks to this partnership, T.R. Ministry of Health Istanbul Göztepe Training and Research Hospital and its related units were assigned for conducting theoretical and practical training for the students of IMU Faculty of Medicine.

IMU partnered with **Üsküdar Municipality** to constitute Üsküdar Children's University that is Turkey's first children's university certified by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK). Thanks to this partnership, students of Üsküdar Children's University receive special training according to their talents in different fields including science, technology, sports, and arts.

IMU partnered with **Gaziosmanpaşa Municipality** and **Bağcılar Municipality** to contribute to local arts. Thanks to these partnerships, our University carries out artistic and academic studies that contribute to the social and cultural development of the people living in these districts.

IMU partnered with **Frantz Fanon University** to organize a training program for the assistants in the fields of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Pediatrics. Thanks to this partnership, a total of 12 assistants will receive training at our university and practice hospital for 3 years.

IMU partnered with **Atatürk University, Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University** and **Istanbul University** to share our classrooms for students' use in their distance education central exams. Thanks to these partnerships, everyone can have access to affordable higher education services through open learning and distance education programs.

IMU has partnered with a total of **156 universities** that allow student and faculty mobility in the participating countries in the Erasmus+ program. Thanks to this partnership, our students have a possibility to spend one or two semesters in another country during their studies.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-4 in 2021.

Local Schools

- Biltek Schools
- Diyarbakır Bayır Primary School
- **15 local high schools**
- **2 local kindergartens**

Private Sector

- British Time Language Schools
- ETI Mine Works
- Kaanlar Corporate Group
- Letven Capital
- MCS Group
- National Geographic
- Oxford University Press
- Simio Türkiye
- Toyota

NGOs

- Bridge Foundation
- Education Sciences and Social Research Association (EBSAD)
- Happy Family Happy Child Association
- Human and Civilization Movement Association
- IHH
- Informatics and Technology Law Association
- Istanbul Academy of Sciences
- Istanbul Family Foundation
- Istanbul Volunteer Educators Association
- Leading School Principals Society
- Pioneer School Administrators Association
- Textile Finishing Industrialists Association of Turkey
- The Gifted and Genius Children Education Foundation of Turkey (TÜZDEV)
- Turkish Maarif Foundation
- Turkish Red Crescent Association
- 350Turkey

IMU partnered with **Ziraat Bank** through a sponsorship agreement to build the largest university library in Turkey that can house one million volumes. Thanks to this partnership, our central library has been built to serve 7/24 to 3000 simultaneous users including high school and university students, faculty members, researchers, and the general public.

IMU Information Student Club partnered with **Bayır Primary School** in Bayır Village in Diyarbakır to enrich the school's library resources through donations. Thanks to this partnership, IMU led a one-year project through which 5,500 books were donated to the library of a rural primary school to ensure equal access to opportunities for quality education.

IMU School of Foreign Languages partnered with **Oxford University Press** for the in-service training of our academic staff. Thanks to this partnership, two online teacher training seminars were organized on using technology, games, and online resources in education.

IMU held II. International School Administrators Conference in partnership with **Pioneer School Administrators Association**. Thanks to this partnership, it was possible to gather nearly 200 speakers from Turkey and the world around for the conference, which focused on the concept of school autonomy in the world and in Turkey by addressing the concept of school autonomy.

IMU partnered with **Education Sciences and Social Research Association** to organize undergraduate and graduate education and social activities. Thanks to this partnership, IMU Sociopark and EBSAD contribute to ensuring equal access to affordable technical, vocational and higher education.

IMU partnered with the **Gifted and Genius Children Education Foundation of Turkey** to support the gifted and genius children in their education. Thanks to this partnership, many educational programs such as talent workshops, training seminars and R&D projects were provided for gifted and genius children.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-5 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- Ministry of National Education

Research Institutions

- The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

Universities

- Fatih Sultan Mehmet University
- Frantz Fanon University
- İbn Haldun University
- İstanbul Ticaret University
- İstanbul University
- Marmara University
- Middle East Technical University

Private Sector

- Biltek Schools

NGOs

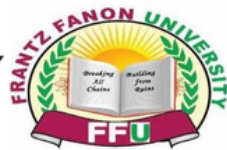
- Women and Democracy Association (KADEM)

IMU partnered with the [Ministry of National Education](#) to operate its own kindergarten in the campus area. Thanks to this partnership, our staff members and students with young children aged 36 to 72 months can entrust their children to this kindergarten affiliated to the National Preschool Education curriculum during the working hours of the institution and participate in business and education life.

IMU also partnered with **Biltek Schools** to support our staff members with children. Thanks to this partnership, children of our university staff members are given a 40% discount in Üsküdar Campus of Biltek Schools for education programs at kindergarten, primary and secondary school, and high school levels, thereby creating an opportunity for their access to affordable quality education.

IMU faculty members partner with the **Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)** to be supported with grants for their research projects. For instance, Assoc.Prof.Dr. Safa KOÇOĞLU of IMU Political Science and Public Administration Department was supported by TÜBİTAK and **Middle East Technical University** for her project titled [“Evaluation of Impact Analysis of Projects and Practices to Prevent/Reduce Domestic Violence Conducted within the Scope of Combating Domestic Violence against Women with GAP Analysis Method”](#). Thanks to this partnership, the programs developed and implemented for women who have experienced domestic violence were analyzed and evaluated in concrete conditions.

IMU became one of the partners of the 7th Gender Equality Congress organized by [KADEM](#) together with five other universities. Thanks to this partnership, the online congress themed around “Women during the Pandemic” brought many academicians and prominent political figures together to discuss the social, economic, and psychological problems faced by women both at home and work life during the pandemic.



Istanbul Medeniyet University collaborates with numerous public institutions, research institutions, universities, local schools, private sector and NGOs toward numerous goals that would help us achieve the objective of ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-6 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- Istanbul Environment Management Industry And Trade Company (İSTAÇ)
- Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ)
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- Presidential Human Resources Office

Research Institutions

- The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

IMU partnered with the **Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ)** for wastewater treatment. Wastewater from campus use is collected by the wastewater network and dispatched to the treatment facilities of İSKİ, which is in charge of treating wastewater using various systems from preliminary treatment to advanced biological treatment. Thanks to this partnership, wastewater is eliminated without environmental damage to water resources.

IMU also has a partnership with **İSTAÇ Inc.** for oil waste management. IMU cleans the wastewater inside the campus areas using certain filtering systems before discharging it. For instance, the university has oil filters installed in the dishwashing sites in our campus kitchen and other facilities to prevent the oily wastewater from polluting the discharged water. These filters are regularly cleaned and the oil waste collected is delivered to İSTAÇ. Thanks to this partnership, we contribute to preventing environmental pollution.

Prof. Dr. Erkan ŞAHİNKAYA, a faculty member of IMU Bioengineering Department, was appointed as a permanent member of the "Water Efficiency" group of the 1st **Water Council by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry** of the Republic of Turkey.

Students of IMU Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department partnered with the **Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)** for their innovative projects. Thanks to these partnerships, they received grants for their projects and developed innovative products including a [UAV to support the creation of a forest inventory by taking aerial photographs of the determined regions](#), a [UAV that is capable of autonomous navigation in the forest](#), and a [surface autonomous robot for water quality mapping](#), as well as for their research projects.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-7 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources

Universities

- Istanbul University
- Istanbul Bilgi University
- Istanbul Technical University

IMU partnered with the **Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources** to increase energy efficiency of campus buildings. In accordance with this partnership, IMU appointed an energy manager who will both work on corporate energy efficiency and take part in studies related to the ministry. Thanks to this partnership, IMU also created and put into practice **"Istanbul Medeniyet University Energy Directive"** in 2021 in order to regulate its energy management practices.

Asst.Prof.Dr. Sinan ATAER of IMU Public Finance Department partnered with **Istanbul University** Scientific Research Projects Unit for the project titled **"Potential Losses and Gains of Government Incentives for Renewable Energy Resources"**, for which he works as a researcher. Thanks to this partnership, the project team collected important data from large groups of energy consumers and producers, aiming to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the current energy policies and to develop policy recommendations in the light of the data obtained.

Asst.Prof.Dr. Doğay ALTINEL from IMU Department of Electrical and Electronics at IMU Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences conducted his study titled **"Combined Multi-Source Energy Harvesting and Communication Management System"** and received a patent for his invention in partnership with **Istanbul Technical University**. The patented system aims to provide energy transition to wireless devices with a common energy harvesting method and to reduce environmental pollution by reducing the use of batteries.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-8 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- AFAD
- Council of Higher Education (YÖK)
- General Directorate of Religious Education
- Governorship of Istanbul
- Havran Municipality
- Human Resources Office of the Presidency of T.R.
- Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality
- Kartal Provincial Directorate of National Education
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Sultanbeyli Municipality
- Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR)
- Ümraniye Type-T Closed Penitentiary Institution
- Üsküdar Provincial Directorate of National Education

Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey

Universities

- Kadir Has University
- 187 higher education institution. for exchange programs

Local Schools

- Biltek Schools

Private Sector

- BMC
- British Time Language Schools
- Simio Türkiye

NGOs

- Bridge Foundation
- Education Sciences and Social Research Association
- Turkish Maarif Foundation
- University4Society

Trade Unions

- Education and Science Workers' Union (Eğitim-Sen)
- Educators Trade Union (Eğitim-Bir-Sen)
- Health and Social Service Workers Trade Union
- Qualified Education and Science Workers Trade Union (Liyakat-Sen)
- Teaching Staff Union (ÖGESEN)
- Turkey's Union of Education Workers (Türk Eğitim-Sen)

IMU partnered with the **Human Resources Office of the Presidency of Turkish Republic** for online in-service training courses for our staff and internship programs for our students. Thanks to this partnership, our staff members received an online "Occupational Health and Safety Training" for their career development and also, many of our students were placed in internship programs and work positions through the nationwide job placement and internship program Kariyer Kapısı run by the Human Resources Office.

Our Department of Health, Culture, and Sports collaborates with the **Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR)**. Thanks to this partnership, İŞKUR offers consulting and training services to our students through various events.

IMU partnered with **Biltek Schools** to support our staff members with children. Thanks to this partnership, the children of our university staff members are given a 40% discount in Üsküdar Campus of Biltek Schools for education programs at kindergarten, primary and secondary school, and high school levels.

IMU partnered with **Üsküdar Directorate of National Education** and **Kadir Has University** to organize the **"We Have our Say for the Future 2021: Savings and Efficiency Symposium"**. Thanks to this partnership, the students of the project high schools in Üsküdar district were provided a training program that raised awareness about the concepts of efficiency and savings in education, technology, human resources and other resources.

As a public employer, Istanbul Medeniyet University permits and facilitates membership to and activities of **trade unions** among our staff members and regularly convenes with trade union representatives. In 2021, a total of 176 staff members in IMU were members of a total of 6 trade unions.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-9 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- Ministry of Industry and Technology
- Tobacco and Alcohol Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- Üsküdar Directorate of National Education
- Tuzla Municipality
- Tuzla Technology Development Center

Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)

Universities

- Kadir Has University

Private Sector

- BMC
- Placebo Originals

NGOs

- Bridge Foundation
- University4Society

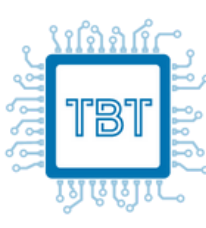
IMU partnered with the [Tobacco and Alcohol Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry](#) to establish a Tobacco and Tobacco Products Analysis, Research and Development Laboratory. Thanks to this partnership, the analyses previously made abroad can now be carried out in our internationally accredited laboratory.

IMU faculty members and students partnered with the **Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)** for their innovative projects. Thanks to these partnerships, they received grants for their projects and developed innovative products including a [multi-purpose ground station intelligent software for UAV an agent-based production systems simulation tool, a domestic engine room training simulator for commercial and military ships, a UAV to support the creation of a forest inventory by taking aerial photographs of the determined regions, a UAV that is capable of autonomous navigation in the forest, and a surface autonomous robot for water quality mapping](#), as well as for their research projects.

IMU partnered with **BMC** for project development and execution and staff training on subjects to be determined according to R&D needs.

IMU Career Club partnered with [Placebo Originals](#), a sustainable fashion brand in Turkey, to organize an event on "Sustainable Fashion and Entrepreneurship". Thanks to this partnership, awareness was raised among the event participants about environmentally-friendly and sustainable textile production and the importance of recycling for reducing environmental damage.

IMU Medeniyet Gemisi Student Club with [University4Society](#) or organize the SpeakUP event titled "The Place of Entrepreneurship in Turkish Economy and its Contribution to Foreign Trade". Thanks to this partnership, the sustainable development goals of decent work and economic growth, sustainable growth, economic productivity, and industrial innovation were highlighted in the event.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-10 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- Beyoğlu Selime Hatun Mosque
- Child Protection Agency
- District Governorship of Fatih
- Diyarbakır Bayır Primary School
- Fatih District Directorate of National Education
- Fatih District Directorate of Youth and Sports
- Fatih Social Service Center
- Governorship of Istanbul
- Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Ümraniye Type-T Closed Penitentiary Institution
- Ziraat Bank

Universities

- Fatih Sultan Mehmet Foundation University
- Frantz Fanon University
- Hargeisa University

NGOs

- Happy Family Association
- Human and Civilization Movement Association
- Kutu Kutu Tebessüm Project
- Turkish Red Crescent

IMU partnered with the **Ministry of Youth and Sports** to establish a Youth Office to contribute to training our students as individuals who are aware of their social responsibilities. Thanks to this partnership, our students can receive consulting about their volunteering projects for disadvantaged social groups.

IMU partnered with the **District Governorship of Fatih, Fatih Sultan Mehmet Foundation University, Fatih District Directorate of National Education, Fatih District Directorate of Youth and Sports, Governorship of Istanbul, Fatih Social Service Center, Human and Civilization Movement Association, and Happy Family Association** to develop an integrated service model that involves family oriented planning for all children under risk and their families and chiefly children who are under the risk of dropout and have high absenteeism rates or those who have cut ties with formal education, through the collaborative efforts of the stakeholders from public, civil society, and academic institutions.

IMU Information Club partnered with **Sevgi Houses** operated by the Child Protection Agency to organize a storytelling event for the children staying in Sevgi Houses, where orphans enjoy their fundamental rights such as education, housing, and healthcare and children who face socio-economic inequality are integrated into society.

IMU partnered with the **Turkish Red Crescent** on social issues, chiefly including migration studies, social work, humanitarian law, humanitarian aid research, public health, and disaster management. Thanks to this partnership, a student project was developed to empower the disadvantaged individuals in our community and important social aids were offered to the target groups such as providing social solidarity, contributing to the development of social welfare, and providing shelter, nutrition, and health aid to the poor and needy.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-11 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- AFAD
- Bağcılar Municipality
- Gaziosmanpaşa Municipality
- Istanbul Cultural and Natural Heritage Conservation Board
- Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality
- Istanbul Provincial Directorate for National Education
- Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Superior Council for the Conservation of Cultural Property
- Ümraniye Type-T Closed Penitentiary Institution
- Ziraat Bank

Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

Universities

- Atatürk University
- Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University
- Istanbul University

Local Schools

- **13 local high schools**

NGOs

- Gifted and Genius Children Education Foundation of Turkey (TÜZDEV)
- Happy Family Happy Child Association
- Istanbul Family Foundation
- Istanbul Volunteer Educators Association (İGEDER)
- Kadıköy Municipality Climate Ambassadors
- Kadıköy Municipality Theater Volunteers
- Turkish Red Crescent
- Turkish Transplant Foundation
- UNESCO

IMU collaborated with the [Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency \(AFAD\)](#) of the Ministry of the Interior for disaster awareness training programs. Thanks to this partnership, our campus community was given an online "Disaster Awareness Training" course for creating a safer work and study environment for our staff members and students. Also, Medeniyet Gemisi Student Club held the "AFAD Training" event free of charge for 50 students.

Two of our professors, [Prof.Dr. Kadir PEKTAŞ](#) from IMU Department of Art History and [Prof.Dr.Ahmet KAVAS](#) from IMU Department of International Relations are members of **UNESCO Turkey National Commission**. Prof.Dr. Kadir PEKTAŞ is also a member of the **Istanbul Cultural and Natural Heritage Conservation Board No 1**, member of the **Superior Council for the Conservation of Cultural Property**, and **Director of Archaeological Fieldwork for Beçin Castle**.

IMU partnered with the [Turkish Red Crescent](#) to carry out activities chiefly on disaster management and sustainable cities. Thanks to this partnership, disaster awareness training programs were organized for the students, teachers and employees of Kocaeli Kartepe Süleyman Şah Primary School, which was selected as a pilot school, and **54 IMU students**.

IMU Art History Club was elected as a [Club for UNESCO](#) to organize events on issues such as environmental protection and preservation of cultural heritage.

IMU Sociology Club partnered with [Kadıköy Municipality Theater Volunteers](#) to organize a culture and art trip to Kadıköy Barış Manço Cultural Center. Thanks to this partnership, our students watched the theater play of Taurus Monster (Toros Canavarı) free of charge through the social aid services of Kadıköy Municipality Theater Volunteers.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-12 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- ETİ Mine Works
- İSTAÇ Inc.
- Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Directorate of Waste Management
- Presidency of the Republic of Turkey
- Üsküdar Directorate of National Education

Universities

- Kadir Has University

Local Schools

- Gül Nesil Private Kindergarten

Private Sector

- Placebo Originals

NGOs

- Kutu Kutu Tebessüm Project
- Istanbul Chamber of Industry
- Textile Finishing Industrialists Association of Turkey (TTTSD)



IMU has become one of the partners of the Zero Waste Program carried by the **Presidency of the Republic of Turkey**. As a partner of the program, we removed the waste bins from the university's indoor areas and started to collect and sort recyclable waste in 6 categories.

Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Directorate of Waste Management has become the partner of IMU in the safe collection of medical wastes. Thanks to this partnership, all the medical waste including hazardous materials generated in the laboratories of our university are collected, sorted out, contained, and delivered to the authorities of the Directorate for disposal in accordance with the related regulations.

For oil waste disposal, IMU partners with **İSTAC Inc.**, an affiliation of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality that is in charge of waste management. Thanks to this partnership, the oil filters installed in the dish-washing sites in our campus kitchen and other facilities are collected by İSTAC to prevent the oily wastewater from polluting the discharged water.

IMU Department of Preschool Education partnered with **Gül Nesil Kindergarten** for a student project aiming to raise awareness about waste management and waste recycling. Thanks to the partnership, the kindergarten students learnt about zero waste and recycling through games.

IMU Career Club partnered with **Placebo Originals**, to organize an event on "Sustainable Fashion and Entrepreneurship". Thanks to this partnership, awareness was raised among the event participants about environmentally-friendly and sustainable textile production and the importance of recycling for reducing environmental damage.

IMU Psychology Club organized a charity sale in partnership with **Kutu Kutu Tebessüm Project**. Thanks to this partnership, used clothing and furniture were collected to be donated to refugees in Adana for reuse, contributing to the efforts for zero waste.

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-13 in 2021.

Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)

Universities

- Marmara University
- Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University

Local Schools

- Gül Nesil Private Kindergarten

NGOs

- Anatolity Sustainable Culture and Tourism Foundation
- Kadıköy Climate Ambassadors
- Public Expenditures Monitoring Platform
- TEMA Foundation
- 350 Türkiye

IMU held two seminars of the **Sustainability Week** in partnership with **Marmara University** and the **Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey**. Thanks to this partnership, two presentations were shared with the audience on green transition and global climate change.

IMU partnered with **Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University** in Ukraine to organize **"Turkey & Ukraine Law Seminars"**, in which two presentations were delivered on climate change.

IMU Department of Urban and Regional Planning partnered with **350 Türkiye**, an international environmental organization addressing the climate crisis, to organize its first **"Urban Workshops"**, in which 16 participants from different disciplines were given basic environmental literacy training by playing the game "Parata: A Story of Climate Justice" designed by 350 Türkiye.

IMU Department of Urban and Regional Planning partnered with **Kadıköy Climate Ambassadors**, an NGO that develops new projects by raising awareness and information on climate change for a seminar of the **"Istanbul Urban Studies"** seminar series. At the seminar, coordinator of Kadıköy Climate Ambassadors presented a study titled "Importance of Local Participation in Climate Crisis: Kadıköy Example".

IMU Department of Urban and Regional Planning partnered with the **Public Expenditures Monitoring Platform** for the 26th seminar of the **"Istanbul Urban Studies"** seminar series. At the seminar, the researchers presented their study titled "Municipal Budgets in the Fight against Climate Crisis and the Case of Istanbul".

Students from IMU Turkish Language Teaching Department collected donations by reaching out to their immediate circles via social media in order to donate saplings to **TEMA Foundation**, an NGO for reforestation and the protection of natural habitats in Turkey, as part of their Social Service Practices course.



Istanbul Medeniyet University collaborates with numerous public institutions, research institutions, universities, local schools, private sector and NGOs toward numerous goals that would help us to provide conserving and sustainably using the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-14 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- ISTAC Inc.
- Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ)
- Presidency of the Republic of Turkey



IMU partnered with the **Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ)** for wastewater treatment. Wastewater from campus use is collected by the wastewater network and dispatched to the treatment facilities of İSKİ, which is in charge of treating wastewater using various systems from preliminary treatment to advanced biological treatment. Thanks to this partnership, wastewater is eliminated without environmental damage to water resources.

Istanbul Medeniyet University has become one of the partners of the Zero Waste Program carried out under the auspices of the [Presidency of the Republic of Turkey](#). As a partner of the program, we removed the waste bins from the university's indoor areas and started to collect and sort recyclable waste in six categories.

For oil waste disposal, IMU partners with **ISTAC Inc.**, an affiliation of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality that is in charge of waste management. Thanks to this partnership, the oil filters installed in the dishwashing sites in our campus kitchen and other facilities are collected by ISTAC to prevent the oily wastewater from polluting the discharged water.



Istanbul Medeniyet University collaborates with numerous public institutions, research institutions, universities, local schools, private sector and NGOs toward numerous goals that would help us achieve the objective of protecting, restoring and promoting sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably managing of forests, combat desertification and halt/ reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss. Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-15 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- Istanbul Environment Management Industry and Trade Company (ISTAC Inc.)
- Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality
- Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ)

Research Institutions

- The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

NGOs

- Anatolity Sustainable Culture and Tourism Foundation
- TEMA Foundation
- Turkish Green Crescent Society (Yeşilay)

IMU partners with the **Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ)** for wastewater treatment, **ISTAC Inc.** for oil waste management and **Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Directorate of Waste Management** for the safe collection of medical wastes. Thanks to these partnerships, we contribute to preventing environmental pollution and protecting terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity.

Students of IMU Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department partnered with the **Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)** for their innovative projects. Thanks to these partnerships, they received grants for their projects and developed innovative products which will allow creating forest inventories and water quality mapping. These projects include **a UAV to support the creation of a forest inventory by taking aerial photographs of the determined regions, a UAV that is capable of autonomous navigation in the forest, and a surface autonomous robot for water quality mapping**, as well as for their research projects.

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IMU Young Yeşilay Club and IMU Department of Health, Culture, and Sports partnered with the **Turkish Green Crescent Society (Yeşilay)**, which is one of the pioneering institutions in fighting addictions in Turkey, to plant 101 saplings in our Orhanlı Campus on the 101th anniversary of the Society. Thanks to this partnership, we contributed to a greener and healthier future.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-16 in 2021.

Public Institutions

- Governorship of Istanbul
- GÜNGÖREN District Governorship
- GÜNGÖREN District National Education Directorate
- GÜNGÖREN Municipality
- HAVRAN Municipality
- Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Health
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Turkey
- Ministry of Interior
- Sultanbeyli Municipality
- Turkish Historical Society
- Ümraniye Type-T Closed Penitentiary Institution
- Üsküdar Provincial Directorate of National Education

Research Institutions

- Research Center for Humanities
- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

Universities

- Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University

NGOs

- European Milk Bank Association (EMBA)
- Human Rights and Equality Institution of Türkiye (HREIT)
- International Spinal Cord Society (ISCOs)
- UNESCO Turkey
- Women and Democracy Association (KADEM)
- World Association of Perinatal Medicine

Güngören District Governorship and Güngören District National Education Directorate

partnered with IMU in the fight against cyberbullying among children and child abuse. Thanks to this partnership, an online panel was organized on cyberbullying and children, where the pilot Cyberbullying Awareness Program developed by our faculty member and students was recommended to be implemented on a nation-wide scale on adolescents in secondary schools.

IMU partnered with Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University in Ukraine to organize "Turkey & Ukraine Law Seminars", in which two presentations were delivered on the suability of environmental rights within the framework of human rights before the Constitutional Court and on sustainable development goals, climate change and environmental protection in Ukraine.

Our faculty member's project titled "The Political Rights and Behaviors of NonMuslim Minorities in Turkey under Rising Political Polarity" on non-Muslim minorities in Turkey was supported by the Research Center for Humanities with a research grant. The project focused on how new ways could be developed to protect and exercise the rights of non-Muslim minorities in Turkey.

Assoc.Prof.Dr. Murat TÜMAY of IMU Constitutional Law Department contributed to the drafting of a human rights report titled "Armenian Operations in Karabakh: Human Rights Violations and Monitoring of Violations" as a member of the Human Rights and Equality Institution of Türkiye (HREIT) Karabakh Observation Group. The Report discusses the violations that occurred during the Second Karabakh War both within the framework of international legislation on armed conflicts and the rights and fundamental freedoms protected under the European Convention on Human Rights.

