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FOREWORD



Thanks to their key position in the production and dissemination of new knowledge and methods, universities play an important role in ensuring economic development and social welfare. In addition, in parallel with the radical transformation that took place in education along with all aspects of life in the 21st century, the new vision for universities has now shifted from the older scholastic concept of education solely oriented toward professional training to an understanding that prioritizes the human and social responsibility. Therefore, universities are central to the achievement of sustainable development goals. In this context, as İstanbul Medeniyet University,



We always consider sustainable development goals in our university's high-level strategies, organize our management and implementation processes in line with these principles, and follow up on our activities and process of sustainability through reports for continuous improvement. **(OPERATIONS)**



In accordance with our crucial role in the society's development process and as Turkey's first university to have a sociopark to generate solutions for a better world, we establish partnerships between sectors and institutions and mentor and lead local, national, and international research and activities to better understand and study the practices that will contribute to the sustainable development goals with the ultimate aim of building a more conscious society. **(LEADERSHIP)**



While we help our students gain professional and personal skills and qualifications, we are raising future leaders, decisionmakers, entrepreneurs, teachers, and more importantly, individuals with the awareness of creating a better world through the sustainability trainings we include in our course contents. **(EDUCATION)**



We encourage our faculty members to conduct research related to sustainable development goals and increase our research capacity with our project funds, technopark, and incubation centers. **(RESEARCH)**

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations in 2015 with the mission statement "a blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all people and the world by 2030" have become guiding principles for all of us as countries, institutions, and individuals today. The **Times Higher Education Impact Rankings**, which has assessed the contribution of universities around the world to these sustainable development goals since 2019, has been an important source of motivation for us to see our place in the world and measure our contribution with all the activities we carry out for sustainable development as a higher education institution. As İstanbul Medeniyet University, we were included in this ranking for the first time in 2021 along with 1154 universities from 96 countries, and in the four sustainable development goals that we stood out the most, we were globally ranked in the 301-400 range for SDG-2 "Zero Hunger", in the 401-600 range for SDG-3 "Good Health and Well-being", in the 601-800 range for SDG-4 "Quality Education", and in the 601-800 range for SDG-17 "Partnerships for the Goals". In our application for the year 2022, the number of SDGs we applied to rose to 8 with our activities aiming to contribute to the sustainable development goals.

First discussed in the Brundtland report published by the United Nations in 1987, the concept of sustainability is defined as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Perhaps, until the last few years when the impact of the global climate crisis became aggravated and the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic emerged, mankind perceived sustainability in relation to a distant future rather than the present and mainly associated it with sustainable economic development. And that might be the reason why people did not give much concern to the measures and steps to be taken individually or as societies. However, these two situations have made sustainability commitments more meaningful and urgent than ever before. We believe that this whole process has made our roles in raising awareness, research, and leadership even more important. For this reason, we held **our first Sustainability Week** events led by our International Performance Development Office in 2021 as part of our efforts to find ways and remedies to live in a more sustainable world and our goal of inspiring our students, to whom we will leave the future, as well as the society as a whole.

FOREWORD



In 2022, IMU Sustainability Office was established to assume the role to place our “Sustainable Development Goals” in the center of our institutional practices, educational planning, and research activities and to lead toward the realization of these goals. **IMU Sustainability Office** plays a significant part in developing our institutional strategies for sustainable development goals, planning and carrying out our related activities and reporting on our progress. In addition to its contribution to institutional development, the Office also organizes public training programs and workshops.

In order to ensure that our strategies are disseminated to our campus community and adopted at an institutional level, to share our research results with other researchers in an international platform, and also to raise awareness across all segments of the society, we share information about our activities for SDGs on our [website](#) recently created by our Sustainability Office.

Our Sustainability Office has planned to create annual sustainability development goals progress reports that will include all the goals and all areas of activity of our university so that we can see our progress in achieving SDGs to create new and better strategies and the report you are reading has been issued for the year 2021 as a result of these efforts. I thank everyone who have contributed to the creation of the report and especially Res.Asst. Ayça ÇELİKBİLEK and Lect. Zehra SAVAN, who have edited and published all the content for our SDG website and our reports. I hope that our efforts will inspire new ideas, actions, and collaborations to take action for a more sustainable and livable future.

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Istanbul Medeniyet University



Sustainable Development Goal	THE Impact Ranking 2022	THE Impact Ranking 2021
Overall Rank	1001+	1001+
SDG 2 Zero Hunger	401+	301-400
SDG 3 Good Health and Well-being	401-600	401-600
SDG 4 Quality Education	801-1000	601-800
SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth	401-600	-
SDG 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	601+	-
SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities	401-600	-
SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities	601+	-
SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals	1001+	601-800

1 NO POVERTY

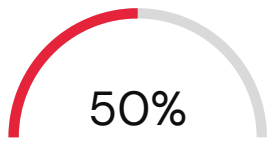


Eradicating poverty in all its forms remains one of the greatest challenges facing humanity. While the number of people living in extreme poverty dropped by more than half between 1990 and 2015, too many are still struggling for the most basic human needs. As of 2015, about 736 million people still lived on less than US\$1.90 a day; many lack food, clean drinking water and sanitation. Rapid growth in countries such as China and India has lifted millions out of poverty, but progress has been uneven. Women are more likely to be poor than men because they have less paid work, education, and own less property. Progress has also been limited in other regions, such as South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, which account for 80 percent of those living in extreme poverty. New threats brought on by climate change, conflict and food insecurity, mean even more work is needed to bring people out of poverty.

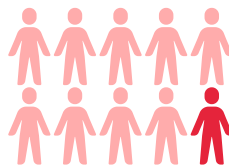
The SDGs are a bold commitment to finish what we started, and end poverty in all forms and dimensions by 2030. This involves targeting the most vulnerable, increasing basic resources and services, and supporting communities affected by conflict and climate-related disasters.

736
MILLION

people still live in extreme poverty



of all people living in poverty are under 18



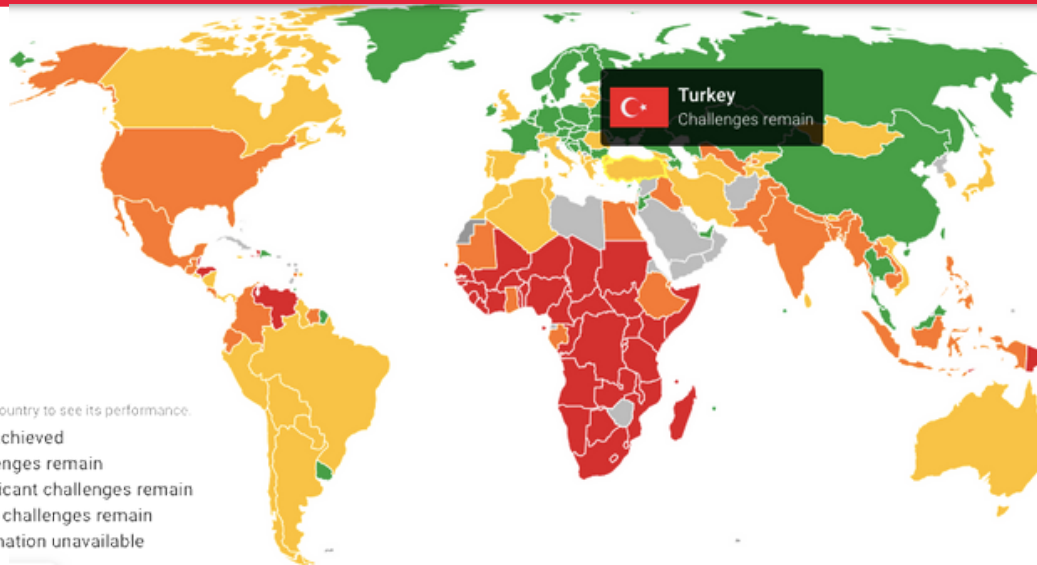
one person in every 10 is extremely poor

23,6
BILLION

direct economic losses caused by natural disasters



of people living on less than \$1.90 are in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa

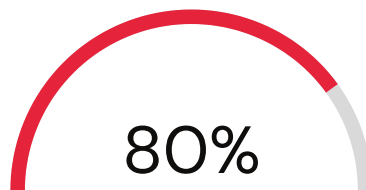


120
STUDENTS

receive a 100% percent food stipend



free psychotherapy service for all students and staff



of lunch costs subsidized for all students



20
STUDENTS

offered part-time work in various departments to earn income



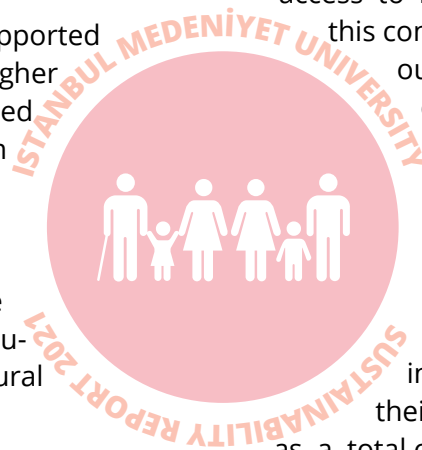
discounts in housing in the university dormitory for our students

University Anti-poverty Programmes

As per the state laws and regulations that apply the principles of inclusive education, Istanbul Medeniyet University (IMU) as a public higher education institution supports access to higher education for all students from all segments of society, including those from low-income households. In line with these principles, our Turkish students are not required to pay any tuition fees and education is free for all.

Our low-income students can apply for state dormitories at very affordable prices and for government scholarships which provide students from the bottom 20% of our country's household income group with free accommodation plus financial aid throughout their studies. Also, all our students can benefit from free medical care in public health centers and discounted fares in public transport.

Some of our foreign students are supported through a government-funded higher education scholarship program called Türkiye Scholarships. The program provides our foreign students with monthly scholarships, university tuition, health insurance, housing, Turkish language course and plane tickets, while they receive free education and participate in free cultural programs in IMU.



“ **313** STUDENTS from low-income countries studied at our university in 2021 ”

Although students are admitted through the national higher education entrance exam based on the sole criterion of academic success, low-income students admitted in IMU are assisted through food stipends, discounts in housing in the university dormitory, and part-time work opportunities.

To ensure that our students can easily access our food services in an affordable way, all our students are given an 80% discount on the regular lunch prices each year. Therefore, the cost of lunch in 2021 was only 0.299\$ for our students. Also, 120 low-income students received a 100% **food stipend** in 2021.

To address the **accommodation** needs of our students, we have a dormitory that is open to all low-income students in Istanbul and our students are given a 15% discount in our dormitory.

Low-income students are also offered **part-time work** in various departments of the university outside their class hours. Our part-time student-employees are selected based on their household income and in addition to a monthly income, their insurance costs are also covered by our university throughout their work period. In 2021, we supported a total of 20 students as our part-time employees.

In addition to the free medical care provided by the state, we also offer free **psychotherapy and counseling services** to all our students and staff.

Our University provides free food support during exam periods to our students studying for their exams in our university library, giving them easier access to healthy food especially at nighttime. In

this context, the Young Vision Student Club of our university distributed warm soup to our students during the midterm exam week in Fall Semester through the event **“Çorbaya Kal Büte Kalma”** (Stay for Soup, not for the Resit Exams) they organized with the sponsorship of Üsküdar Municipality. Particularly our students from low income households were assisted in their food costs during the exam period as a total of 3,500 servings of warm soup were distributed to 700 students daily at the campus entrance at 08.00 AM and in our Ziraat Bank Library at 18.00 PM everyday from 22 to 26 November. Our students studying in our Ziraat Bank Library were also served free tea and coffee throughout the academic year.

Our University offers its students financial incentives for their professional improvement. Our Department of Health, Culture, and Sports organize free training and certification programs in which our low-income students may also participate and also provide discount vouchers for various training programs.

“ **545** STUDENTS given free training/ certificate program support ”

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.

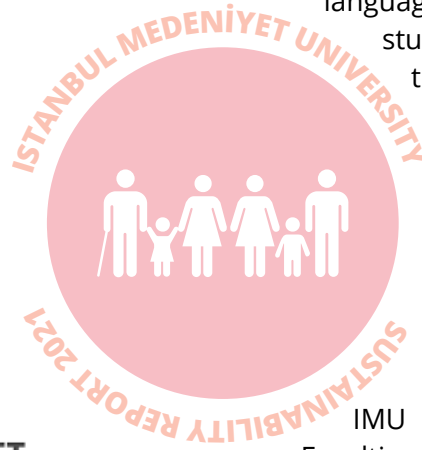
IMU Health, Culture and Sports Department partnered with **British Time Language Schools** to provide foreign language education support to our students. Thanks to this partnership, 30 students were provided with free foreign language education support, while 50 students were given a 40% discount on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



2 ZERO HUNGER



The number of undernourished people has dropped by almost half in the past two decades because of rapid economic growth and increased agricultural productivity. Many developing countries that used to suffer from famine and hunger can now meet their nutritional needs. Central and East Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean have all made huge progress in eradicating extreme hunger.

Unfortunately, extreme hunger and malnutrition remain a huge barrier to development in many countries. There are 821 million people estimated to be chronically undernourished as of 2017, often as a direct consequence of environmental degradation, drought and biodiversity loss. Over 90 million children under five are dangerously underweight. Undernourishment and severe food insecurity appear to be increasing in almost all regions of Africa, as well as in South America.

The SDGs aim to end all forms of hunger and malnutrition by 2030, making sure all people—especially children—have sufficient and nutritious food all year. This involves promoting sustainable agricultural, supporting small-scale farmers and equal access to land, technology and markets. It also requires international cooperation to ensure investment in infrastructure and technology to improve agricultural productivity.

UN SDG

WORLD



%63
of the world's hungry lived in Asia in 2017



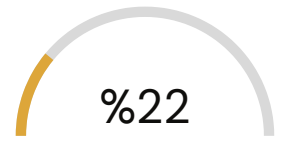
more than 1 in 8 adults is obese

821 MILLION

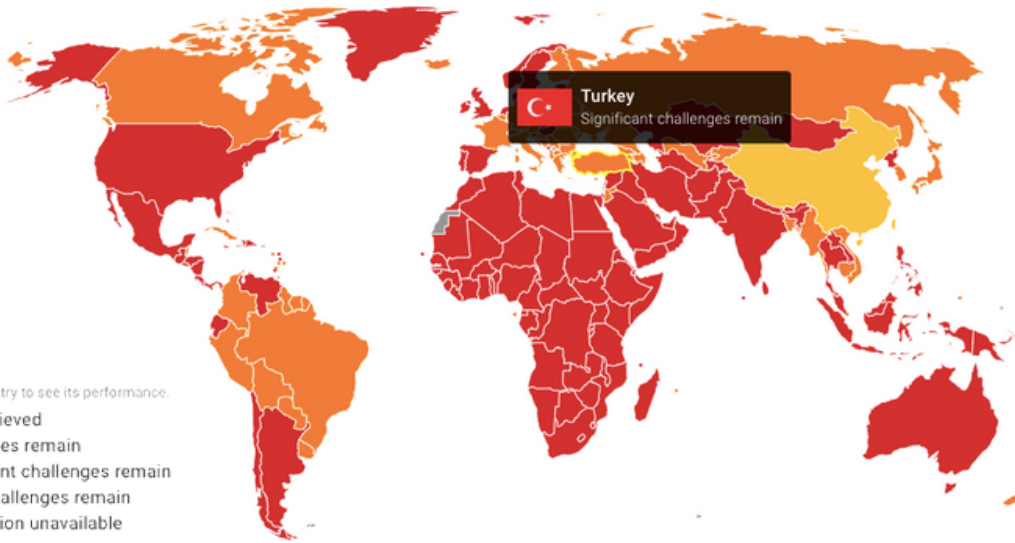
the number of undernourished people in 2017



1 in 3 women of reproductive age is anemic



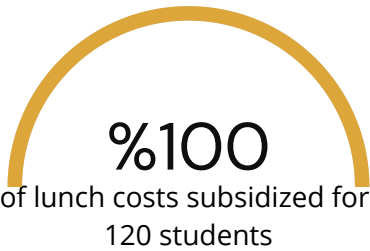
%22
of children under five were still stunted in 2017



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Click on a country to see its performance.
- SDG achieved
 - Challenges remain
 - Significant challenges remain
 - Major challenges remain
 - Information unavailable

TURKEY

IMU



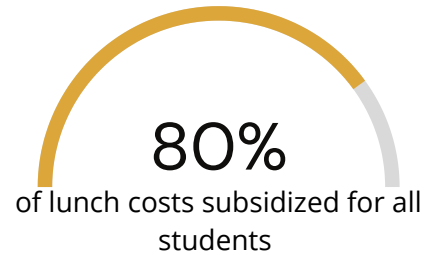
%100
of lunch costs subsidized for 120 students



healthy meals routinely inspected by on-campus dietitians and food engineers

401+

Zero Hunger 2022 Rank in



80%
of lunch costs subsidized for all students

0.299 DOLLARS

the lunch cost for students

Food Waste

Food waste can emerge at any stage of the process whereby food is delivered from the producer to the consumer; i.e., production, handling and storage, processing, distribution, and consumption. As Istanbul Medeniyet University, we seek to develop diverse operations for these different stages in order to reduce the food waste generated by our campus community. For instance, to minimize the **food waste generated during transport**, we produce our lunches in our **own campus kitchen**. Thereby, we prevent the food waste that would be otherwise generated from production to consumption stages and also ensure that the meals produced by our contracted service providers in our campus kitchen to be served to our students, staff, and guests are cooked in a healthy and hygienic environment and can be fully inspected throughout the production process.

In order to minimize the **consumption-stage food waste**, we serve salads and other side dishes in a way that our students and staff can get the sufficient amount they can consume, instead of portioning them ourselves in our dining halls. Thereby, we prevent a great deal of food waste.

Student and Staff Hunger

As a university program to remedy student hunger, we aim to ensure that our students can easily access nutritious meals in an affordable way in our dining halls and cafeterias. For this reason, all our students are given an **80 percent subsidy** on the regular lunch prices and each year, 120 students receive a **100 percent food stipend**. All registered undergraduate and graduate students of the University may apply for a food stipend.



80% SUBSIDY is provided for all students as an anti-hunger program

To ensure that our staff members can easily access healthy and nutritious food, a certain portion of the **staff lunch prices is subsidized** by our university and the rate of subsidy is higher for the staff members with less salary.

In addition, our staff members receive an extra 20 percent discount in the restaurants run by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality as per the agreement between our university and the municipality.

Furthermore, we implement additional interventions during certain periods to support our community's access to healthy and affordable food. For instance, during the exam period in 2021, we provided free and healthy food support to our students studying for their exams in our university library, giving them easier access to healthy food choices outside lunch hours. The Young Vision Student Club of our university distributed warm soup to our students during the midterm exam week in Fall Semester through the event **"Çorbaya Kal Büte Kalma"** (Stay for Soup, not for the Resit Exams) they organized with the sponsorship of Üsküdar Municipality. With this anti-hunger intervention of our university, our

students were provided with a healthy food choice and economic support during the exam period as a total of 3,500 servings of warm soup were distributed to 700 students daily at the campus entrance at 08.00 AM and in our Ziraat Bank Library at 18.00 PM everyday from 22 to 26 November.

3.500 CUPS of soup were distributed during the midterm exam week



Our students and staff studying in our Ziraat Bank Library were also served **free tea and coffee** throughout the academic year.



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 hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture.

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.





We have made great progress against several leading causes of death and disease. Life expectancy has increased dramatically; infant and maternal mortality rates have declined, we've turned the tide on HIV and malaria deaths have halved.

Good health is essential to sustainable development and the 2030 Agenda reflects the complexity and interconnectedness of the two. It takes into account widening economic and social inequalities, rapid urbanization, threats to the climate and the environment, the continuing burden of HIV and other infectious diseases, and emerging challenges such as noncommunicable diseases. Universal health coverage will be integral to achieving SDG-3, ending poverty and reducing inequalities. Emerging global health priorities not explicitly included in the SDGs, including antimicrobial resistance, also demand action.

But the world is off-track to achieve the health-related SDGs. Progress has been uneven, both between and within countries. There's a 31-year gap between the countries with the shortest and longest life expectancies. And while some countries have made impressive gains, national averages hide that many are being left behind. Multisectoral, rights-based and gender-sensitive approaches are essential to address inequalities and to build good health for all.

400
MILLION

people have no basic healthcare

7
MILLION

people die every year from exposure to fine particles in polluted air



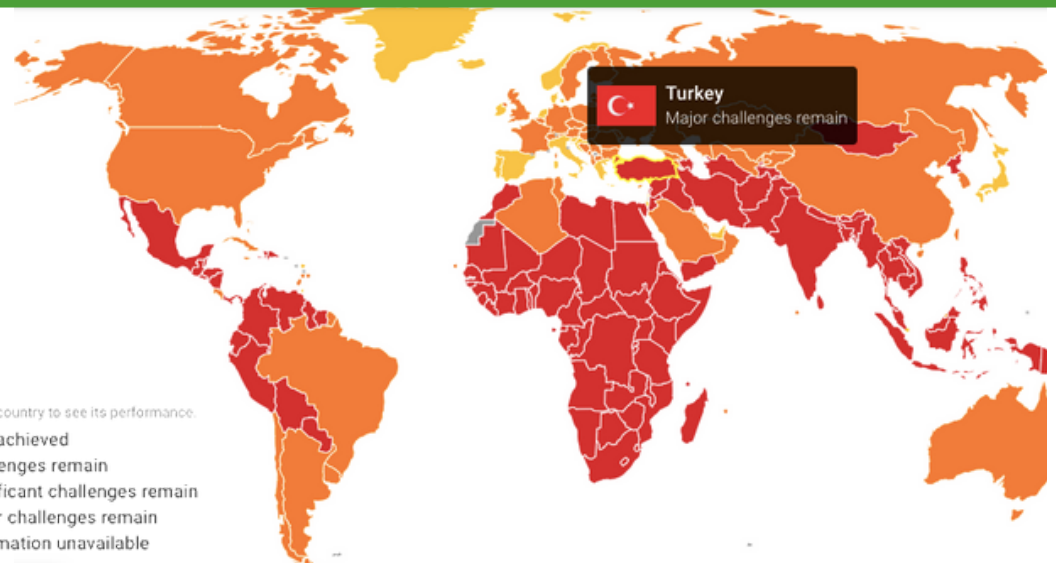
women have experienced either physical or sexual violence at some point in their life

15
MILLION

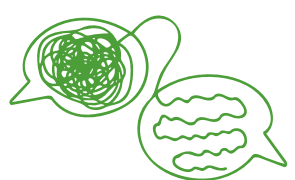
people living with HIV are still waiting for treatment

2
SECONDS

someone aged 30 to 70 years dies prematurely from noncommunicable diseases



431
STUDENTS
graduated in health professions



free psychotherapy service for all students, staff and staff relatives

401-600
Good Health and Well-Being
2022 Rank in



2.750+
STUDENTS
from local schools were allowed to use our sport facilities



smoke-free policy in campus buildings

Health and Mental Health Support

As Istanbul Medeniyet University, we attach great importance to ensuring that our students and staff are in good health and well-being and can always have access to good-quality healthcare services. Therefore, in Göztepe Süleyman Yalçın City Hospital, with which we have signed a collaboration protocol, our staff members are provided with primary **healthcare services** as well as free **sexual and reproductive healthcare services**.

Throughout 2021 when the Covid-19 pandemic still held sway over our community, we distributed **free surgical masks and disinfectants** to all our staff members in order to contribute to health protection for our staff and to maintain hygiene within our campuses.

All of us may sometimes find ourselves facing problems that are difficult to cope with. Some problems relating to school achievement, emotional relations, family, and work etc. may undermine our cognitive, emotional, and physical resilience. And at this point, one may need psychological support. For stress-coping methods and resilience levels are different for all of us. Thus, as Istanbul Medeniyet University, we offer **free psychotherapy and counseling services** to our students, staff, and staff relatives via our **Psychotherapy and Counseling Center** in the South Campus.

IMU Psychotherapy and Counseling Center aims to:

- assist our students, staff, and staff relatives in their emotional, mental, and social development and academic problems, and
- support their ongoing psychological treatment particularly through cognitive behavioral psychotherapy with the approval and collaboration of the patient's doctor.

No health insurance is required for counseling visits and all our students, staff members, and staff relatives can use our counseling services by making an appointment through the system. No appointment is needed for emergency visits.

Smoke-free Policy

As per **Law no 4207 on the Prevention and Controlling of the Harmful Effects of Tobacco Products** and the circular order for enforcing the provisions of the said law, which was put into effect after being published in the Official Gazette on 16 July 2009, consuming tobacco products was banned in all public buildings in Turkey. And as per the aforementioned legislation, it is legally prohibited to consume tobacco products inside all our campus buildings.

Sport Support and Shared Sports Facilities

In four campuses, Istanbul Medeniyet University has a total of 19 different sports facilities/fields along with their equipment: 2 artificial turf football fields, 2 tennis courts, 5 basketball/volleyball fields (one indoors), 7 ping pong tables and equipment, 1 billiards table and equipment, 1 walking/ running track and cycling track.



Sport facilities in Göztepe Campus

Our students and staff members can use all our sports facilities free of charge after making a reservation with the Department of Health, Culture and Sports. **Local community can also use the sports facilities** in our Göztepe South Campus after 17:00 by making a reservation. Moreover, as Istanbul Medeniyet University, we share our campus areas and the sports fields/facilities inside them with **students from many local schools**. Through the collaboration agreements we made, the students of three high schools were allowed to use our campus areas and sports facilities in 2021.

“ **2.750+**
STUDENTS
from local schools were
allowed to use our sport facilities ”



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 healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages.

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.

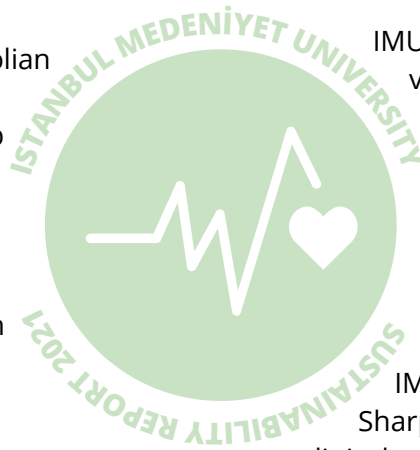
IMU partnered with numerous [African universities](#) for Resident Training Programs. Thanks to these partnerships, physician associates visited our hospital and our Faculty of Medicine for training and observation purposes.

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.





Since 2000, there has been enormous progress in achieving the target of universal primary education. The total enrolment rate in developing regions reached 91 percent in 2015, and the worldwide number of children out of school has dropped by almost half. There has also been a dramatic increase in literacy rates, and many more girls are in school than ever before. These are all remarkable successes.

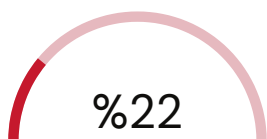
Progress has also been tough in some developing regions due to high levels of poverty,

armed conflicts and other emergencies. In Western Asia and North Africa, ongoing armed conflict has seen an increase in the number of children but of school. This is a worrying trend. While Sub-Saharan Africa made the greatest progress in primary school enrolment among all developing regions – from 52 percent in 1990, up to 78 percent in 2012 – large disparities still remain. Children from the poorest households are up to four times more likely to be out of school than those of the richest households. Disparities between rural and urban areas also remain high.

Achieving inclusive and quality education for all reaffirms the belief that education is one of the most powerful and proven vehicles for sustainable development. This goal ensures that all girls and boys complete free primary and secondary schooling by 2030. It also aims to provide equal access to affordable vocational training, to eliminate gender and wealth disparities, and achieve universal access to a quality higher education.

57
MILLION

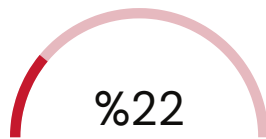
primary-aged children remain out of school



of all out-of-school children of primary school age live in conflict-affected areas



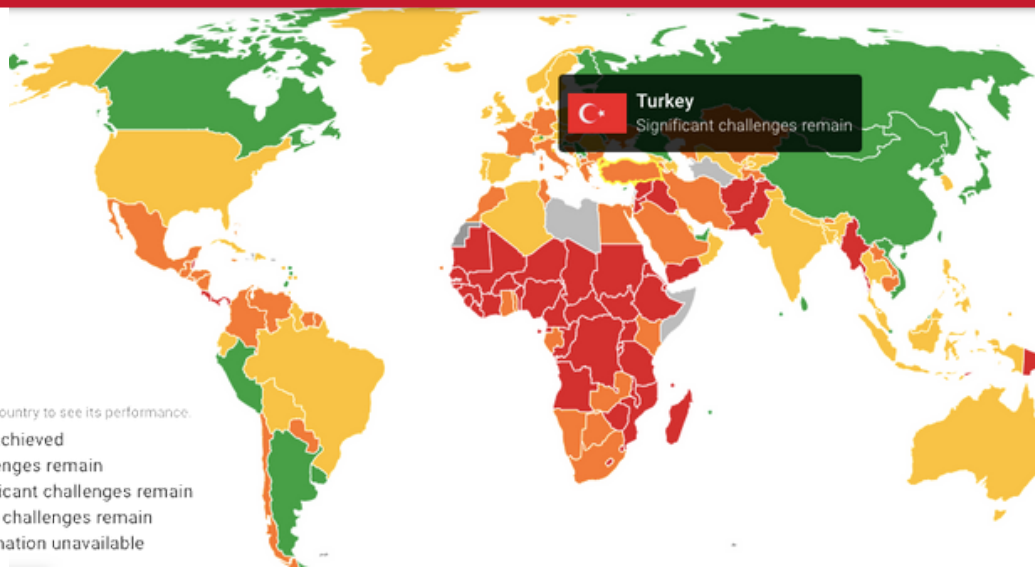
in developing countries, one in four girls is not in school



enrollment in primary education in developing countries has reached

500
MILLION

students cannot access distance education



239
STUDENTS
gained a qualification that entitled them to teach at primary school level

801-1.000
Quality Education
2022 Rank in

2.567
STUDENTS
started a first degree in IMU

221
PROTOCOLS
for quality education



3.200+
STUDENTS
from local schools were allowed to use our library



Lifelong Learning Access Policy

As per the Regulation on Special Students in Istanbul Medeniyet University Undergraduate Programs, students from other universities and alumni of any higher education institution can take courses in our university under the free mover student status in order to experience a different higher education environment and to acquire certain knowledge and skills which they find in our curriculum. Also, we admit students from other universities to our summer school programs involving different courses from different faculties of our university.

Public Resources

IMU signed protocols for collaboration in education with 6 local high schools. Thanks to these protocols, students of local schools can use our campus facilities and the resources in our library, which is the largest university library in Turkey, as well as our educational facilities such as laboratories and conference halls. Also, the students are provided academic support for their projects and research by the faculty members and graduate students in related departments of the university.



IMU Ziraat Bank Library

Publishing services in our university are carried out by our Department of Library and Documentation and as Istanbul Medeniyet University, we have published the books of some of our faculty members under our own publisher brand name, İstanbul Medeniyet Üniversitesi Yayınları. Some of our books are sold in print format on various online bookstores, while our books in electronic format are shared freely on our website. Likewise, some of our faculties and academic centers have been issuing indexed academic journals, the contents of which can be freely accessed online on Dergipark platform.

Acting on the mission of helping our students and staff members identify their career goals in line with the changing conditions of the business world, guiding them about how to acquire the knowledge, skills, and experience required for their goals, and contributing to their improvement, IMU Career Development Coordination Office serves our students and staff with its team of career counselors and representatives formed by our academic staff members from all faculties specialized in career development.

The Youth and Volunteering Cooperation Protocol was signed between Istanbul Medeniyet University and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Turkey and as part of the protocol, a Youth Office was created in 2020 to carry out sports, educational, social, cultural, and artistic activities in our university campuses. Through IMU Youth Office located in our Göztepe North Campus, our students and student clubs can receive consulting about their volunteering projects from the representatives of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the projects that are deemed eligible are given funding. In IMU Youth Office, our students and clubs can also organize and carry out events and activities and are provided with project training, free cultural trips, workshops, and other artistic, cultural and sports activities.

In 2021, many of our student clubs held their meetings in our Youth Office, which also organized events and workshops on different subjects including a workshop on woodburning held on 16 December 2021, a workshop on Turkish paper marbling art on 18 November 2021 and another workshop on punch art on 21 December 2021, and a Turkish folk songs night on 30 December 2021.

Our university offers its students free vocational training courses to ensure their equal access to affordable quality education and to support their career development.

“ **545** STUDENTS given free training/ certificate program support ”

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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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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.



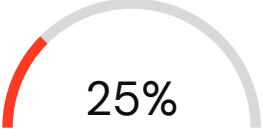


Ending all discrimination against women and girls is not only a basic human right, it's crucial for sustainable future; it's proven that empowering women and girls helps economic growth and development.

UNDP has made gender equality central to its work and we've seen remarkable progress in the past 20 years. There are more girls in school now compared to 15 years ago, and most regions have reached gender parity in primary education.

But although there are more women than ever in the labour market, there are still large inequalities in some regions, with women systematically denied the same work rights as men. Sexual violence and exploitation, the unequal division of unpaid care and domestic work, and discrimination in public office all remain huge barriers. Climate change and disasters continue to have a disproportionate effect on women and children, as do conflict and migration.

It is vital to give women equal rights land and property, sexual and reproductive health, and to technology and the internet. Today there are more women in public office than ever before, but encouraging more women leaders will help achieve greater gender equality.



25%
women represent in national parliaments

750 MILLION

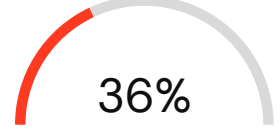
women and girls alive today were married before their 18th birthday



of countries in the developing world have achieved gender parity in primary education

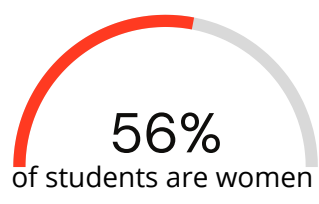
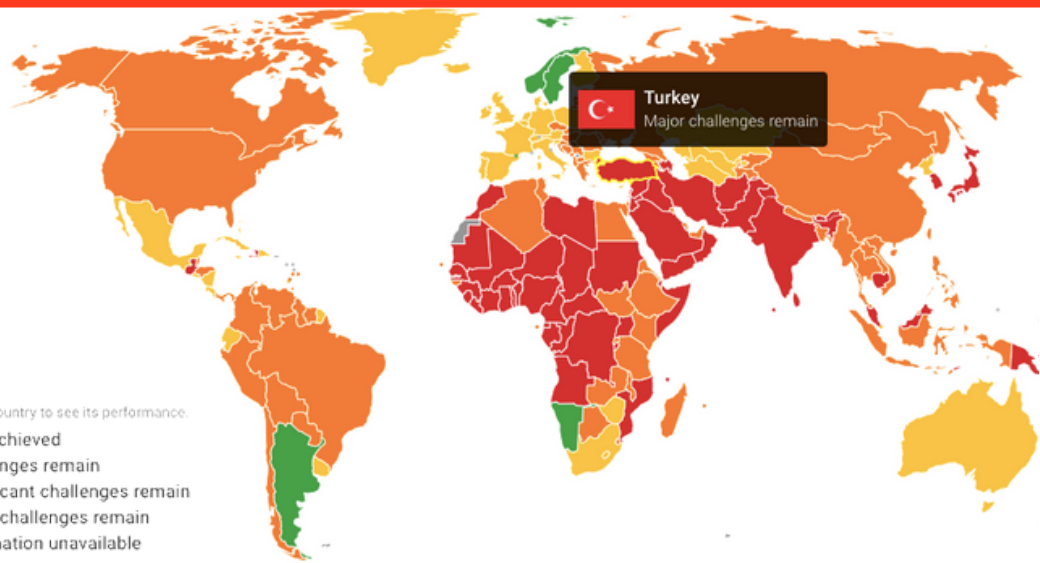
77 CENTS

wages women earn by doing the same work men earn \$1



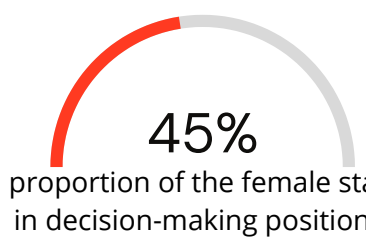
36%
women represent in local government

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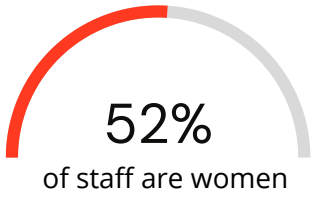


56%
of students are women

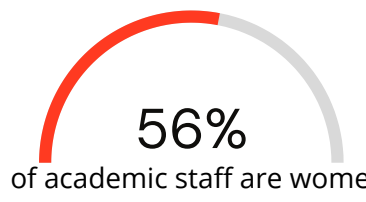
16 STAFF took maternity leave in 2021



45%
proportion of the female staff in decision-making positions



52%
of staff are women

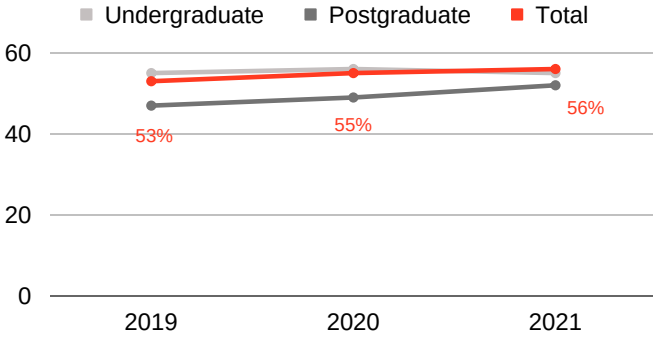


56%
of academic staff are women



Policy for Women's Applications and Entry

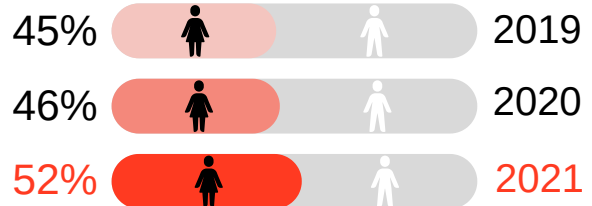
As shown in the chart below, the gender composition in IMU has been clearly in favor of female students in our undergraduate degree programs in the last three years with a constant increase, while the rate of female students registered in our postgraduate degree programs finally exceeded the rate of male students in 2021.



Percentage of Female Students by Degree

Gender Equality Monitoring Schemes

Between 2019 and 2021, the proportion of female academic staff in IMU increased from 49% to 50%, the proportion of female administrative staff and workers increased from 37% to 58%, and the overall total of female academic and administrative staff increased from 45% to 52%. Over the last three years, there has been a gradual increase in the proportion of female staff across academic and administrative staff in IMU and in 2021, the total number of our female staff exceeded the number of our male staff by 2.2%.

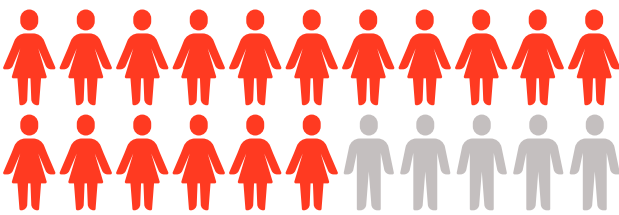


Proportion of Female Staff

Maternity and Paternity Policies

The Civil Servants Law and Labor Act of the Republic of Turkey grant certain rights to female employees and new parents to support female labor participation and IMU fully implements these measures both to ensure the well-being of our staff members and to empower women's participation in labor.

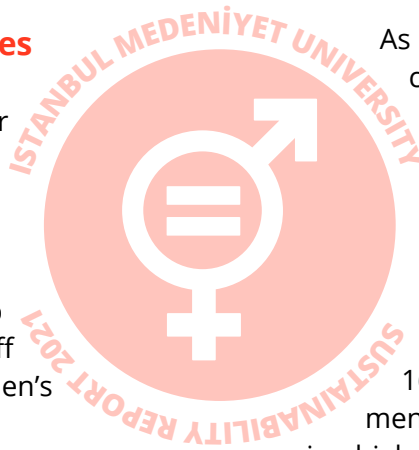
In 2021, 14 of our female staff members took maternity leave, while five male staff members took paternity leave.



Staff who Took Maternity and Paternity Leave

Childcare Facilities for Students and Staff

Istanbul Medeniyet University operates its own **kindergarten** for its staff members and students with young children aged 36 to 72 months. The facility offers its services during the institution's working hours and education is based on the Preschool Curriculum developed by the Ministry of National Education to prepare children for primary education by supporting their social, emotional, motor, cognitive, and linguistic development and their self-care skills.



As shown by an analysis of the recent changes in the gender composition in the academic and administrative decision-making positions in IMU, the overall gender gap is 10% across all the categories in 2021. Among all the categories, mid-level administrative management positions present no gender gap, followed by 16% for mid-level academic management positions in 2021. The gender gap in high-level academic management positions remains high at 44% in favor of males in 2021, still experiencing an improvement from 2019 to 2021 (reduced by 18%) in favor of women.

Position	Female	Male
Mid-level Academic Management	199	270
High-level Academic Management	3	13
Mid-level Administrative	17	17
High-level Administrative	19	47
Board and Commission Membership	354	372
TOTAL	592	718

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 achieving gender equality and empower all women and girls.

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.



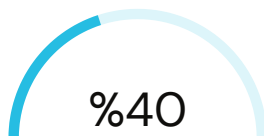


Water scarcity affects more than 40 percent of people, an alarming figure that is projected to rise as temperatures do. Although 2.1 billion people have improved water sanitation since 1990, dwindling drinking water supplies are affecting every continent. More and more countries are experiencing water stress, and increasing drought and desertification is already worsening these trends. By 2050, it is projected that at least one in four people will suffer recurring water shortages.

Safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030 requires we invest in adequate infrastructure, provide sanitation facilities, and encourage hygiene. Protecting and restoring water-related ecosystems is essential. Ensuring universal safe and affordable drinking water involves reaching over 800 million people who lack basic services and improving accessibility and safety of services for over two billion. In 2015, 4.5 billion people lacked safely managed sanitation services (with adequately disposed or treated excreta) and 2.3 billion lacked even basic sanitation.

2.4
BILLION

people worldwide do not have access to basic sanitation services like toilets or latrines



of the global population affected by water scarcity and that figure is projected to rise

1.000
CHILDREN

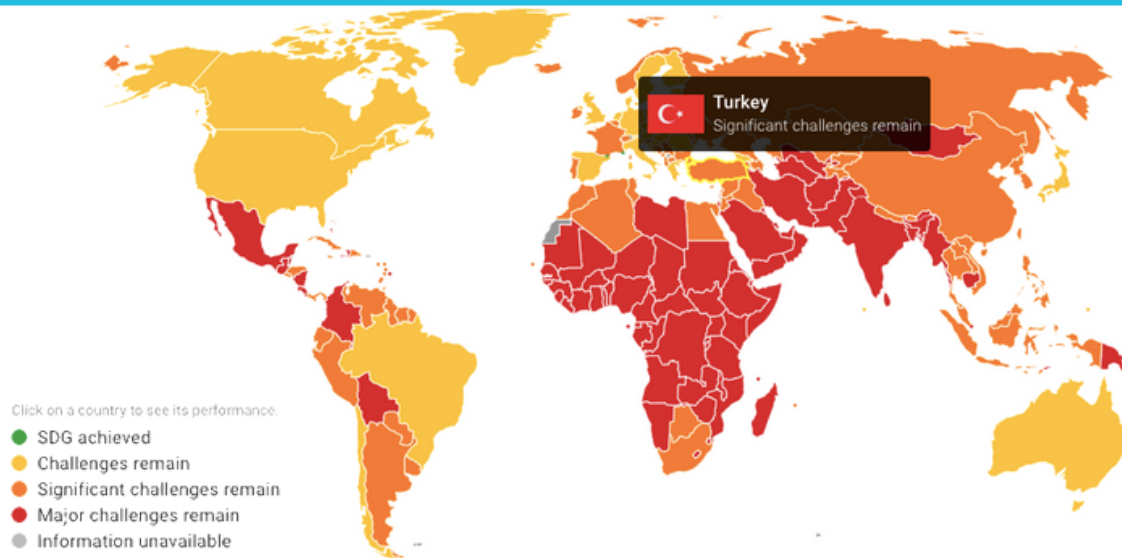
die due to preventable water and sanitation-related diseases each day



of wastewater from human activities is discharged into waterways without any pollution removal

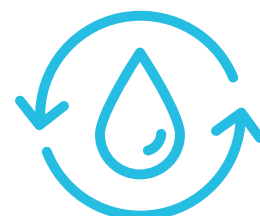
40
BILLION

hours spent by women in sub-Saharan Africa for collecting water, each year



5.480.600 M³
WATER
used in IMU campuses

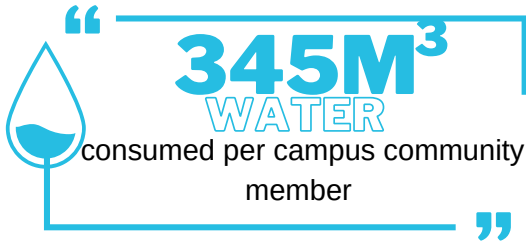
345 M³
WATER
used for
per campus member



grey water treatment system

Water Consumption Tracking

With the awareness that water is the foundation for life and is not an unlimited resource, Istanbul Medeniyet University measures the amount of water used in all our campuses and develops strategies to reduce the water consumption per person. The amount of water consumed in all campuses of our university in 2021 was 5,480,600 m³ with an annual **water consumption per person of 345 m³**.

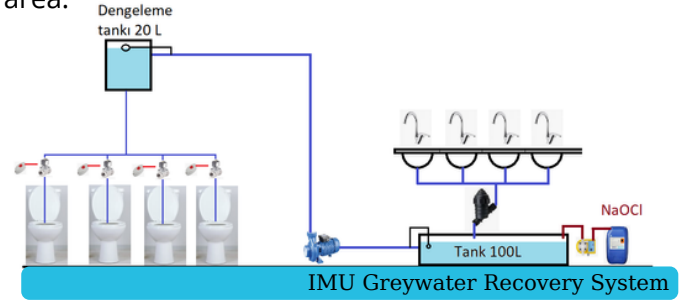


Distribution of the amount of water consumed in our campuses according to the types of water usage shows that green space irrigation has a significant share in water consumption. Therefore, certain measures are implemented in IMU campuses to reduce the amount of water used for green space irrigation. All the green spaces in our campus areas are irrigated by sprinkler systems. Irrigation is carried out through the stations installed with adequate intervals and the system is activated in the early morning and evening hours when evaporation is the lowest, thereby saving water. In addition, in areas where underground water usage is available, as in our Göztepe North and South Campuses, well water is also used as complementary to green space irrigation.

Wastewater Treatment

Wastewater from campus use is collected by the wastewater network and dispatched to the treatment facilities of Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ), which is in charge of treating wastewater using various systems from preliminary treatment to advanced biological treatment so that wastewater is eliminated without environmental damage and water resources, Istanbul Strait, and the Marmara Sea are protected from the threat of wastewater.

As Istanbul Medeniyet University, we are developing projects for waters within our campus area that we can reuse after treatment. In 2021, the **“Greywater Recovery Project”** was initiated under the leadership of Prof.Dr. Erkan ŞAHİNKAYA and Asst.Prof.Dr. Yasin KARAGÖZ from IMU Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences. With this project, a system was designed that allows reusing the sink water in the restrooms for toilet flushing to reduce water consumption in our campuses. The project goal for 2022 is to start implementing the system in all the restrooms in our campus area.



Preventing Water System Pollution

Istanbul Medeniyet University cleans the wastewater inside the campus areas using certain **filtering systems** before discharging it. For instance, we have 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 are delivered to ISTAC Inc., an affiliation of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality that is in charge of waste management.

Free Drinking Water Provided

Istanbul Medeniyet University has started developing projects to provide free water for everyone as a human right. In 2021, we installed a water treatment system in our Ziraat Bank Library building to provide our campus community with free drinking water.

Water-Conscious Building Standarts

Istanbul Medeniyet University implements solutions to reduce water use in all its buildings and chiefly in its newly constructed buildings: photocell faucets in the washing basins, water saving recessed toilets etc.

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.





Between 1990 and 2010, the number of people with access to electricity has increased by 1.7 billion, and as the global population continues to rise so will the demand for cheap energy. A global economy reliant on fossil fuels, and the increase of greenhouse gas emissions is creating drastic changes to our climate system. This is impacting every continent.

Efforts to encourage clean energy has resulted in more than 20 percent of global power being generated by renewable sources as of 2011. Still one in seven people lack access to electricity, and as the demand continues to rise there needs to be a substantial increase in the production of renewable energy across the world.

Ensuring universal access to affordable electricity by 2030 means investing in clean energy sources such as solar, wind and thermal. Adopting cost-effective standards for a wider range of technologies could also reduce the global electricity consumption by buildings and industry by 14 percent. This means avoiding roughly 1,300 mid-size power plants. Expanding infrastructure and upgrading technology to provide clean energy in all developing countries is a crucial goal that can both encourage growth and help the environment.



percent of global greenhouse gas emissions accounting by energy

789 MILLION

people lack electricity (2018)



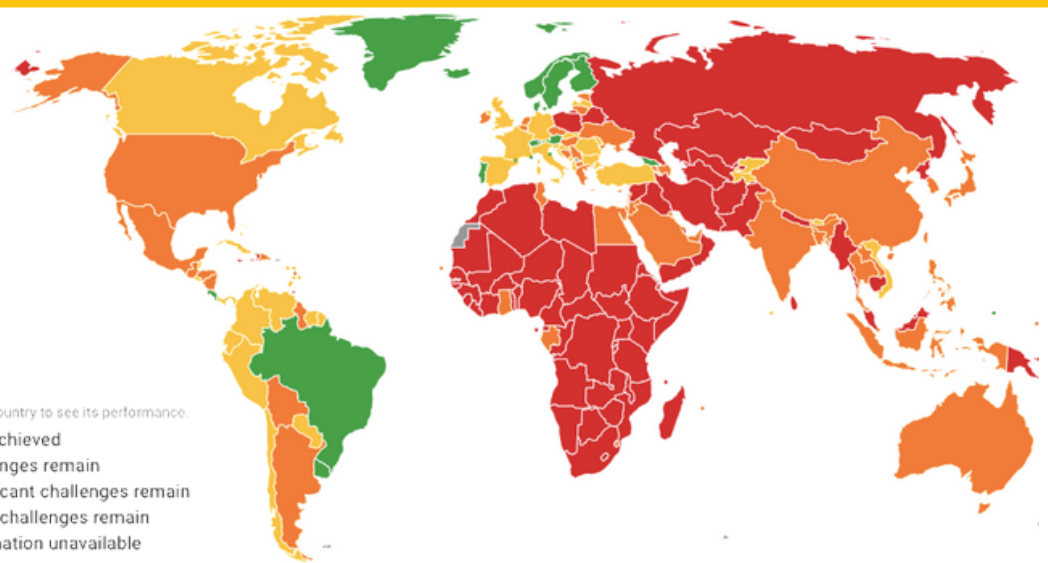
people still lacks access to electricity; most of them live in rural areas of the developing world

3 BILLION

people rely on polluting and unhealthy fuels for cooking

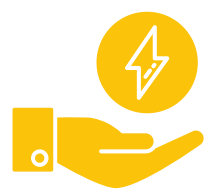


of power is generated through renewable sources, as of 2011



0.085
ELECTRICITY

use density in IMU campuses (GJ/m²)



energy management unit to ensure energy efficiency

0.138

energy use density in IMU in 2021 (GJ/m²)



0.050
NATURAL GAS

use density in IMU campuses (GJ/m²)

0.003
FUEL

use density in IMU campuses (GJ/m²)

Istanbul Medeniyet University created and put into practice **"Istanbul Medeniyet University Energy Directive"** in 2021 in order to regulate its energy management practices; to ensure effective and efficient energy use; to prevent energy waste; to reduce the burden of energy costs on the institution's budget; and to increase efficiency in energy use for environmental protection. In addition, an Energy Management Unit was formed within the university to implement the directive instructions and energy managers were appointed for the institution.

Energy-efficient Buildings and Renovation

Istanbul Medeniyet University has a policy on carrying out the energy management activities within the institution in accordance with the applicable national or international qualifications and standards that form the basis for certification. This policy was put into effect with **Istanbul Medeniyet University Energy Directive**. In this context, in order to ensure and certify energy efficiency in the buildings used by IMU, the Energy Performance Certificates that were put into effect as per the **Energy Performance of Buildings Regulation** were designated as our national standard and the International TS EN ISO 50001 Energy Management System as our international standard and a decision was made that all construction work would be carried out according to these qualifications and standards.

Istanbul Medeniyet University attaches importance to ensuring energy efficiency both in its newly constructed buildings and its older buildings that have been taken into reuse after refunctioning and renovation and carries out certain practices to increase energy efficiency for brownfields. For instance, much work has been done to achieve efficiency in different types of energy in our administrative building in our Göztepe South Campus, which was taken over from the State Supply Office and was still in use in early 2021. Stone wool insulation was applied to achieve thermal insulation for the building and the existing lighting system was renewed with photocell lighting assemblies to reduce electricity use.

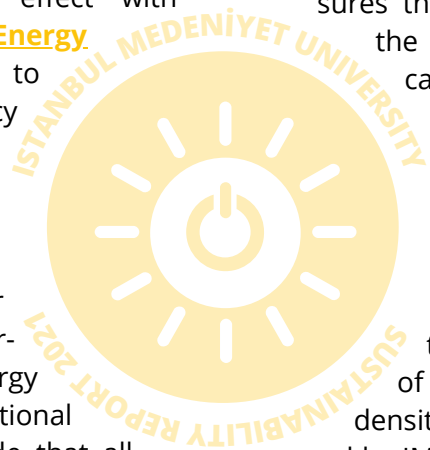
Plan to Reduce Energy Consumption

IMU primarily aims to use designs that will reduce the need for energy consumption. In line with this objective, our newly constructed campus buildings are designed to ensure natural lighting and ventilation. Our secondary objective is to reduce the energy consumption in campus buildings and other activities of the university. In line with this objective, we rely on projects that guarantee energy efficiency or performance to reduce energy consumption achieve efficiency in institutional buildings and annexes and have made this decision binding by **"Istanbul Medeniyet University Energy Directive"**, which was approved in 2021.

Energy Use Density

Every year, Istanbul Medeniyet University measures the total amount of energy consumed in the campus areas and depending on the campus related uses, and determines the energy use density. Energy usage density is used as an important guide in policies to be determined next year to reduce energy consumption.

As a result of all these strategies toward energy efficiency and reduction of energy consumption, the energy use density in 2021 for the six campus areas used by IMU with a total building area of 171,844 m² was 0.138 GJ/ m².



0.138 GJ/M²
ENERGY USE DENSITY
in 2021

Energy Type	Consumption in 2021	IMU Use Density in 2021
Electricity	4,045,649 kwh	0.089 GJ/m ²
Natural Gas	228,881 m ³	0.050 GJ/m ²
Fuels	13.7 kl	0.003 GJ/m ²
TOTAL	23,786 GJ	0.138 GJ/m²

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 access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

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.



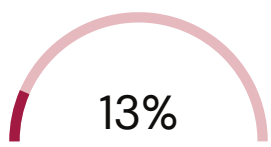


Over the past 25 years the number of workers living in extreme poverty has declined dramatically, despite the lasting impact of the 2008 economic crisis and global recession. In developing countries, the middle class now makes up more than 34 percent of total employment – a number that has almost tripled between 1991 and 2015. However, as the global economy continues to recover we are seeing slower growth, widening inequalities, and not enough jobs to keep up with a growing labour force.

According to the International Labour Organization, more than 204 million people were unemployed in 2015. The SDGs promote sustained economic growth, higher levels of productivity and technological innovation. Encouraging entrepreneurship and job creation are key to this, as are effective measures to eradicate forced labour, slavery and human trafficking. With these targets in mind, the goal is to achieve full and productive employment, and decent work, for all women and men by 2030.

193
BILLION

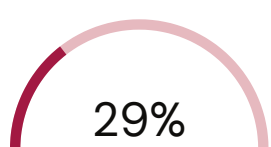
million unemployed people in the world



13% unemployment among youth in 2014

470
MILLION

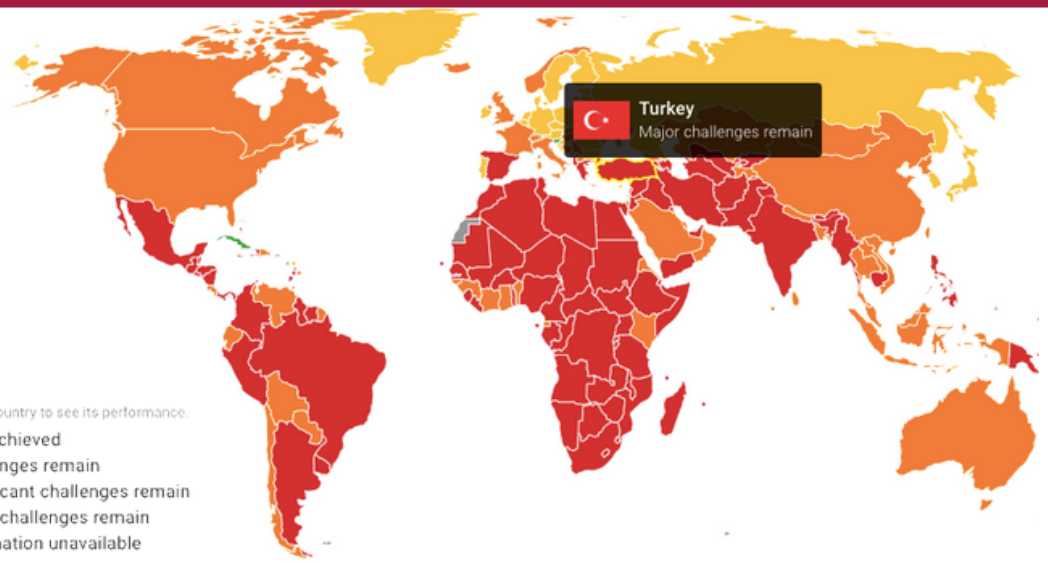
jobs will be needed to absorb new entrants to the labour market between 2016 and 2030



29% of the global population has comprehensive social security

300
MILLION

workers in extreme poverty in 2017



- Click on a country to see its performance.
- SDG achieved
 - Challenges remain
 - Significant challenges remain
 - Major challenges remain
 - Information unavailable

Turkey
Major challenges remain

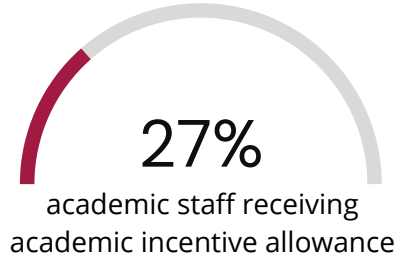


100% staff on contracts of over 24 months

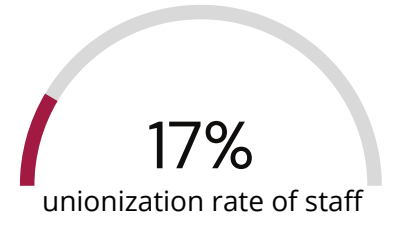
273
STUDENTS
with work placements for more than a month

401-600

Decent Work and Economic Growth
2022 Rank in



27% academic staff receiving academic incentive allowance



17% unionization rate of staff



IMU Employment Practices and Policies

Our administrative staff members are appointed to the positions in our university based on their scores in the central exam for civil servants, while our academic staff members apply to the publicly announced positions and their applications are subjected to a transparent evaluation process by an institutional committee according to predetermined and publicly announced criteria and the results are also publicly announced.

Employment Practice on Living Wage

In addition to their monthly salary, our staff members are also paid certain fringe benefits, including social security payments, child and family payments, foreign language allowance paid to staff members who document their knowledge of a foreign language through an exam result document, as well as higher education allowance and **academic incentive payments** for academic staff members.

177
ACADEMIC STAFF
received academic
incentive payments

Employment Practice on Unions

As a public employer, IMU permits and facilitates membership to and activities of trade unions among our staff members and regularly convenes with trade union representatives.

176
STAFF
were members
of unions

Expenditure per Employee

Our university spent TRY 182,953 per staff member in the year 2021, with a monthly expenditure per employee of TRY 15,246.

15.246€
EXPENDITURE
per employee

Decent Work Conditions for Employees

To ensure that our staff members can easily access healthy and nutritious food, a certain portion of the **staff lunch prices is subsidized** by our university and the rate of subsidy is higher for the staff members with less salary.

In addition to the free medical care provided by the state, we also offer **free psychotherapy and counseling services** to all our students, staff, and staff relatives.

Free shuttle service is provided by the university for its administrative staff members twice a day for their daily commute to and from home.

122
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
used free shuttle

IMU operates its own **kindergarten** for its staff members and students with young children aged 36 to 72 months.

IMU provide **financial support for the research projects of our academic staff** through our Coordination Unit for Scientific Research Projects, which provided support for 20 projects in 2021.

1.442.308 €
FUND
given to our academic staff
for their research projects

Proportion of Student Work Placements

Our Career Development Office works in collaboration with the Human Resources Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey to place our students in internship programs and work positions through the nation-wide job placement and internship program Kariyer Kapısı. Our Department of Health, Culture, and Sports collaborates with Turkish Employment Agency İŞ-KUR, which offers consulting and training services to our students through various events.

273
STUDENTS
placed in work
through internship programs

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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 institutions 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.





Investment in infrastructure and innovation are crucial drivers of economic growth and development. With over half the world population now living in cities, mass transport and renewable energy are becoming ever more important, as are the growth of new industries and information and communication technologies.

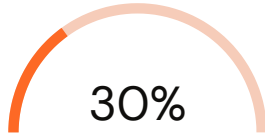
Technological progress is also key to finding lasting solutions to both economic and environmental challenges, such as providing new jobs and promoting energy efficiency.

Promoting sustainable industries, and investing in scientific research and innovation, are all important ways to facilitate sustainable development.

More than 4 billion people still do not have access to the Internet, and 90 percent are from the developing world. Bridging this digital divide is crucial to ensure equal access to information and knowledge, as well as foster innovation and entrepreneurship.

2,3 MILLION

people are employed in the renewable energy sectors



of agricultural products undergo industrial processing in developing countries

2,5 BILLION

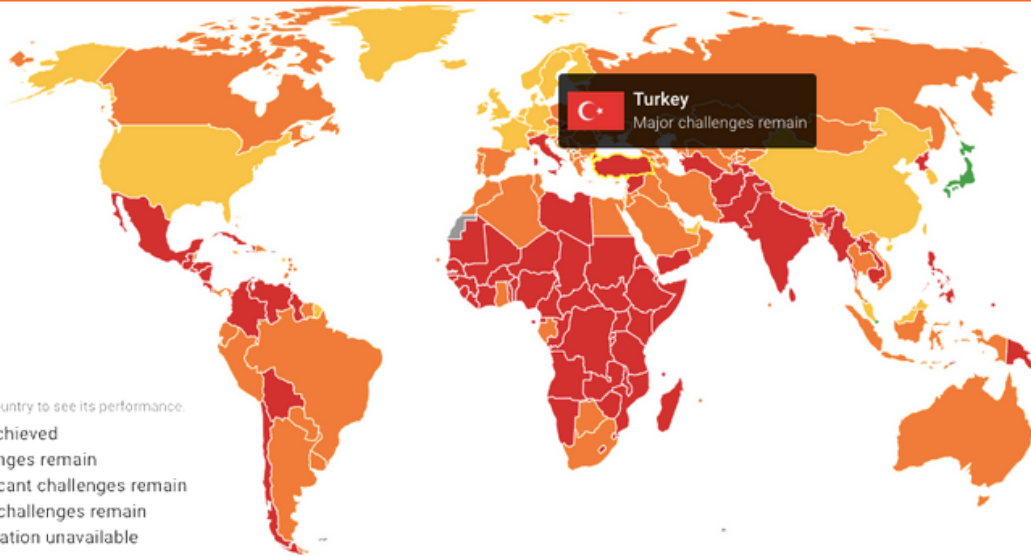
people lack access to basic sanitation



of people who still don't have access to the Internet are in the developing world

2,6 BILLION

people in developing countries do not have access to constant electricity



9.189.776€ TOTAL research income from industry and commerce



601+

Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure 2022 Rank in



5% INCREASE in the number of staff in the STEM field

364% INCREASE in research income from industry and commerce by medicine



Istanbul Medeniyet University is committed to the mission of being an innovative and entrepreneurial world university that adds universal values to science, technology, and art. Founded on the five pillars of 'Innovative,' 'Entrepreneurial,' 'Society- and Civilization-Oriented,' 'International,' and 'Research-Oriented,' our University has a **Technopark** to carry out its innovation activities; a **Technology Transfer Office**; an **Incubation Center**; 15 application and research centers; **2 research laboratories**, **7 service laboratories** and **30 R&D laboratories** within the **Science and Advanced Technologies Research Center**; and **5 department laboratories** operated by our departments.

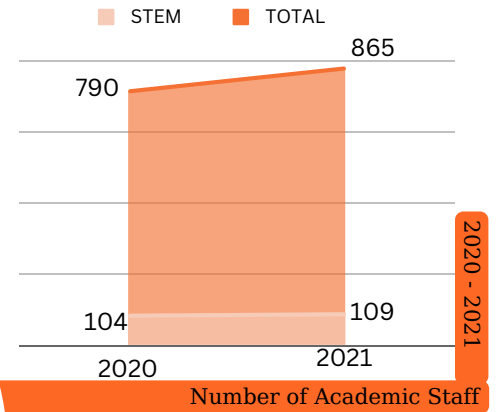


IMU **Scientific Research Projects Coordination Unit (BAP)** is in charge of selecting the scientific research projects, dissertation projects, and other projects conducted by our faculty members, to carry out the secretarial work for and finalizing the procedures for these projects, and to provide funds for scientific research projects. In this context, a total of **20 scientific research projects** were supported in 2021 with total funding of 1,442,308 TRY. Our BAP unit also informs our researchers about the projects supported by different institutions such as TUBITAK and ISTKA projects, EU Grant Projects, the projects supported by the Ministries of Youth, Culture, and Development, and SANTEZ projects and coordinates all the projects receiving support from other institutions.

“1.442.308 ₺ FUND
given to our academic staff
for their research projects”

Istanbul Medeniyet University has a **Technology Transfer Office (TTO)** which is in charge of licensing the technologies developed and produced within the institution and securing industrial collaboration. TTO carries out activities to protect and coordinate the intellectual properties developed by our faculty members, students or researchers and promotes the intellectual properties and technological products owned by the institution so that they can reach more users for further improvement.

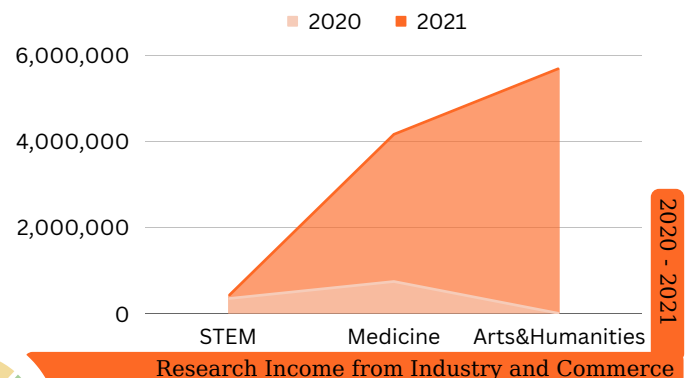
In 2021, the total number of our academic staff increased by 9%, while the number of our academic staff working in STEM fields increased by 5%.



As a result of the academic studies conducted by our academic staff members, **4 patent applications** were made in 2021 and one of these applications was finalized and **awarded with a patent** within the same year.

There are **4 R&D firms** that were founded/partnered by our academic staff members at least 3 years ago and that are still active.

The **research income** IMU earned from industry and commerce in 2021 yılında amounted to **TRY 9,189,776** of which 62% was earned from Arts&Humanities/Social Sciences and was followed by Medicine with 37% and STEM with 1% income. When compared to 2020, the highest increase in research income in 2021 was achieved in Medicine with an increase rate of 364%.



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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

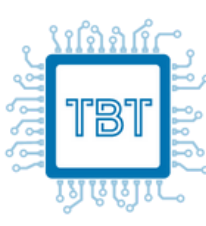
IMU partnered with the [Tobacco and Alcohol Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry](#) to establish a Tobacco and Tobacco Products Analysis, Research and Development Laboratory. Thanks to this partnership, the analyses previously made abroad can now be carried out in our internationally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



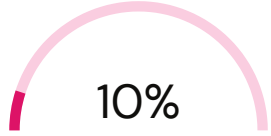


It is well documented that income inequality is on the rise, with the richest 10 percent earning up to 40 percent of total global income. The poorest 10 percent earn only between 2 percent and 7 percent of total global income. In developing countries, inequality has increased by 11 percent if we take into account the growth of population. These widening disparities require the adoption of sound policies to empower the bottom percentile of income earners, and promote economic inclusion of all regardless of sex, race or ethnicity.

Income inequality is a global problem that requires global solutions. This involves improving the regulation and monitoring of financial markets and institutions, encouraging development assistance and foreign direct investment to regions where the need is greatest. Facilitating the safe migration and mobility of people is also key to bridging the widening divide.

7.5 CENTS

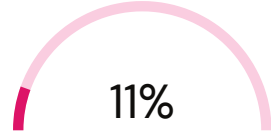
for every dollar sent home in 2015, migrant workers paid 7.5 cents in fees



the richest 10 percent earn up to 40 percent of total global income

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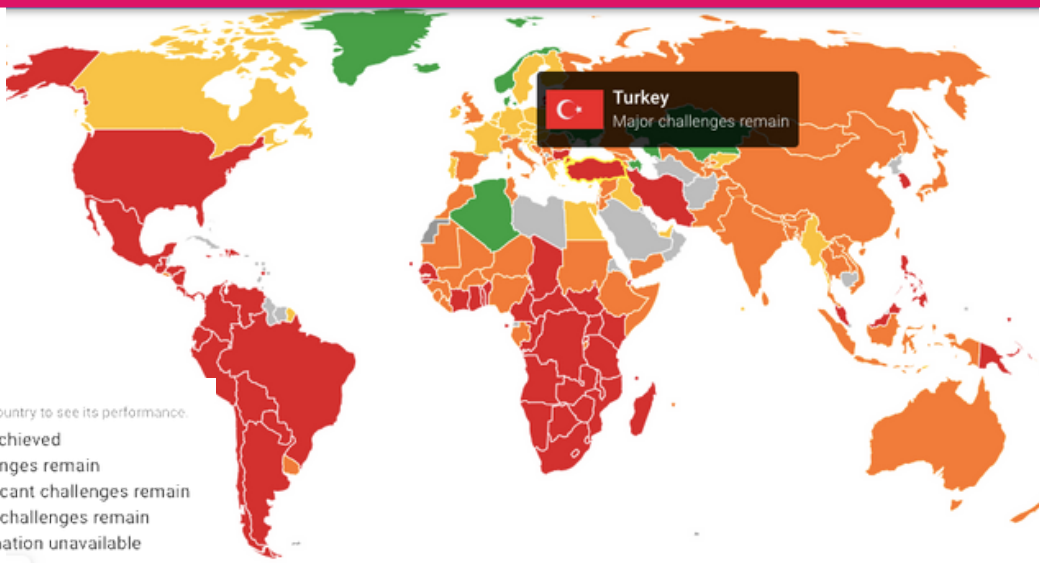
in developing countries, rural women are up to three times more likely to die in childbirth



income inequality increased by 11 percent in developing countries between 1990 and 2010

217 YEARS

to close the gender gap in employment opportunities and pay



361 STUDENTS
from developing countries



kindergarten to close the gender gap in employment opportunities for women

401-600

Reduced Inequalities
2022 Rank in



95 STUDENTS
with disability



accessible facilities for people with disabilities

Measures Against Discrimination


Recruitment of Underrepresented Groups

Our students who are citizens of the Republic of Turkey are admitted to IMU through a central exam and placement process. On the other hand, we admit our international students through our annual [Istanbul Medeniyet University International Student Selection Exam](#), in which we give priority in admissions to the students from regions and countries with widespread poverty and wars.



361
STUDENTS
from developing countries

IMU also prioritizes students and staff members with disabilities in its operations.



95
STUDENTS
with disabilities were enrolled
in IMU

IMU Turkish Music Department, which admits students through a talent exam, also assigns [a quota of 10% to applicants with disabilities](#).

IMU also abides by the provisions of the [Regulation on Domestic Employment Services](#), which stipulates for public institutions to employ people with disabilities (4%) and ex-convicts (2%). As of 2021, a total of 8 administrative staff members with disabilities worked in IMU.

Our Erasmus+ Office prioritizes students and staff members with disabilities and those who are close relatives of martyrs and war veterans in the [selection criteria for our Erasmus+ student and staff mobility programs](#).

When [selecting our part-time student employees](#), we give priority to the students from low-income families, students with disabilities, students who are children of martyrs and war veterans, and students who have been victims of natural disasters. In 2021, 20 students in IMU were employed in part-time work in the university's departments.

Accessible Facilities for All

As Istanbul Medeniyet University, we are committed to offering accessible facilities for people with disabilities and are continuously working to improve the accessibility of our campus areas.

Our Göztepe South Campus is a fully disabled-friendly campus. **Tactile ground surface indicators** were installed to guide the users with visual impairments from the main entrance to the campus to all the academic blocks and inside the buildings.

Once the visually impaired users enter the building, they are guided to the **Braille embossed layout plans** and tactile signage on the walls informing them about the location of common user areas, classrooms, restrooms, dining halls and cafeterias, as well as the stairs and elevators.

The buildings in IMU campus areas also contain **accessible toilets and elevators** for individuals with disabilities.

[Istanbul Medeniyet University Dental Hospital](#) located in our Orhanlı Campus has a special clinic for patients with disabilities.

The architectural project for our North Campus was designed to build a disabled friendly campus and [IMU Ziraat Bank Library](#) building inside the North Campus was opened in 2021. This smart and barrier-free building has accessible toilets and elevators, tactile signage, and also includes a work room for people with special needs.

Disability Support Services

[Istanbul Medeniyet University Disabled Students Unit](#) was formed under our Rectorate to support our students with disabilities and thereby create an unhindered education environment by eliminating all potential barriers to the right to education for all. The unit coordinates all the support services provided to the members of our campus community with disabilities.



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 reducing inequality within and among countries.

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.



TURKISH RED CRESCENT



1868





More than half of the world's population now live in urban areas. By 2050, that figure will have risen to 6.5 billion people – two-thirds of all humanity. Sustainable development cannot be achieved without significantly transforming the way we build and manage our urban spaces.

The rapid growth of cities in the developing world, coupled with increasing rural to urban migration, has led to a boom in mega-cities. In 1990, there were ten mega-cities with 10 million inhabitants or more. In 2014, there are 28 mega-cities, home to a total 453 million people.

Extreme poverty is often concentrated in urban spaces, and national and city governments struggle to accommodate the rising population in these areas. Making cities safe and sustainable means ensuring access to safe and affordable housing, and upgrading slum settlements. It also involves investment in public transport, creating green public spaces, and improving urban planning and management in a way that is both participatory and inclusive.

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BILLION

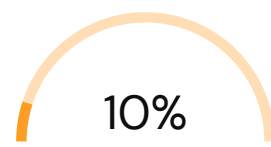
people, more than half of the world's population, live in cities



90% of global gdp is produced in cities.

35
CITIES

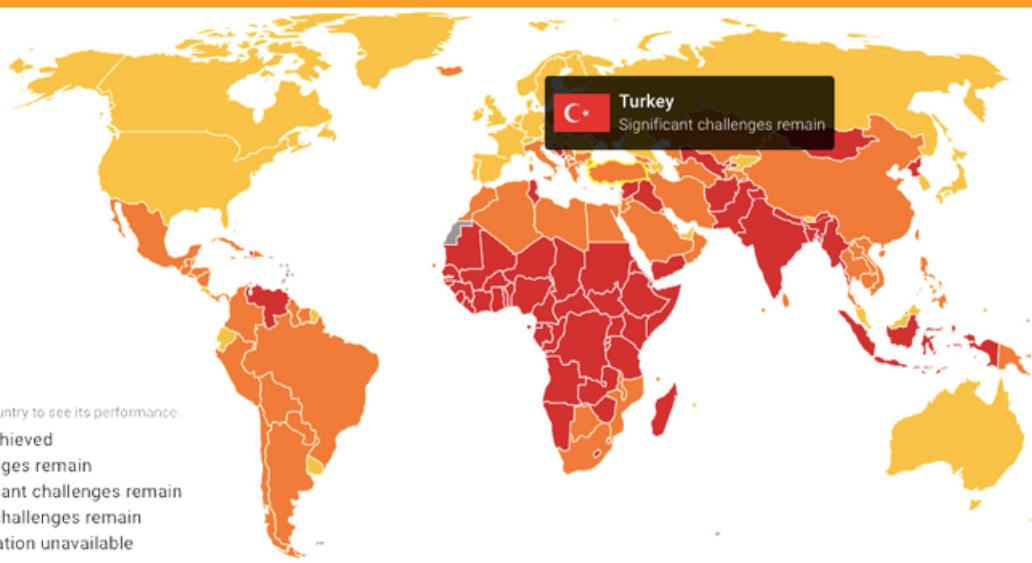
number of "megacities" by 2020



10% of the carbon emissions originate from the city

828
MILLION

people live in slums and the number is rising



3
BROWNFIELDS
used with different functions after renovation



public access to exhibition spaces or galleries

601+

Sustainable Cities and Communities
2022 Rank in



15+
PERFORMANCE
by bands and theater clubs open to general public



projects to record and preserve both tangible and intangible cultural heritage

Support of Arts and Heritage

Public Access to University Buildings, Green Spaces, and Libraries

Our university buildings and green spaces are open to public access for visitors who must first register at the security gates. Our libraries and library resources are also open to the use of the students of local schools through institutional protocols. In addition to the resources in our libraries, students of local schools can also use our campus facilities, as well as our educational facilities such as laboratories and conference halls thanks to our collaboration protocols.



“
3.200+
STUDENTS

from local schools were
allowed to use our libraries”

Arts and Heritage Contribution and Public Access to Art

IMU organize and host art events and exhibits works of art, and by providing free public access to our art events and exhibition spaces.



“
1,062,000₺
EXPENDITURE

for the activities related to
arts and heritage in 2021”

IMU also created **Artimu**, a digital platform for art exhibitions both to contribute to local art and the cultural heritage and to help people maintain their ties with art in the pandemic environment.

Various performances in the form of concerts and theater performances are held in our university every year by our bands and music and theater clubs as open-to-public events. In 2021, more than 15 annual performances were organized, some as face-to-face and some as online events due to the pandemic.

Sustainable Practices

IMU promotes the use of **shuttlebuses** and public transport for more sustainable commuting for the campus community, aiming to reduce transport-related carbon emissions.

Affordable Housing for Students

Medeniyet Female Student Dorm which is in close distance to IMU Cevizli Campus is owned by the University and run by a private enterprise. Our dormitory supports all university students in İstanbul to access to affordable housing and our students are given an extra discount of 15% in our dormitory.

Building on Brownfield Sites

In our campus planning, IMU attaches importance to reusing older buildings within the campus area in order to reduce carbon emissions from transport and construction and the amount of demolition waste in addition to demolition and construction costs and to prevent environmental damage. After disaster risk assessments are conducted for the existing buildings inside the campus, initiatives are taken to reuse those buildings whose safety is ascertained and that are not past their economic life in accordance with the university's needs.

In this context, **Block K** located within our Göztepe North Campus area, which had previously been used by a firm and was later transferred to our university's ownership, was converted from a commercial unit into an educational building housing offices, classrooms, and laboratories in line with the needs of our university.

We also renovated **the older hangar building** in our Göztepe North Campus area, which was taken over from the State Supply Office (DMO). The building was partially converted into our campus kitchen where the daily meals for our students, staff, and guests are cooked.

In addition, a building in Orhanlı Campus area which had previously been used for educational purposes was refunctioned as **Istanbul Medeniyet University Dental Hospital**.



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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.





Achieving economic growth and sustainable development requires that we urgently reduce our ecological footprint by changing the way we produce and consume goods and resources. Agriculture is the biggest user of water worldwide, and irrigation now claims close to 70 percent of all freshwater for human use.

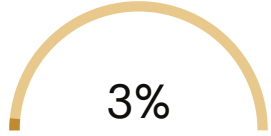
The efficient management of our shared natural resources, and the way we dispose of toxic waste and pollutants, are important targets to achieve this goal. Encouraging

industries, businesses and consumers to recycle and reduce waste is equally important, as is supporting developing countries to move towards more sustainable patterns of consumption by 2030.

A large share of the world population is still consuming far too little to meet even their basic needs. Halving the per capita of global food waste at the retailer and consumer levels is also important for creating more efficient production and supply chains. This can help with food security, and shift us towards a more resource efficient economy.

2 BILLION

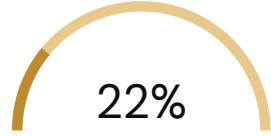
people are overweight or obese



of the world's water is fresh (drinkable), and humans are using it faster than nature can replenish it

120 BILLIONS\$

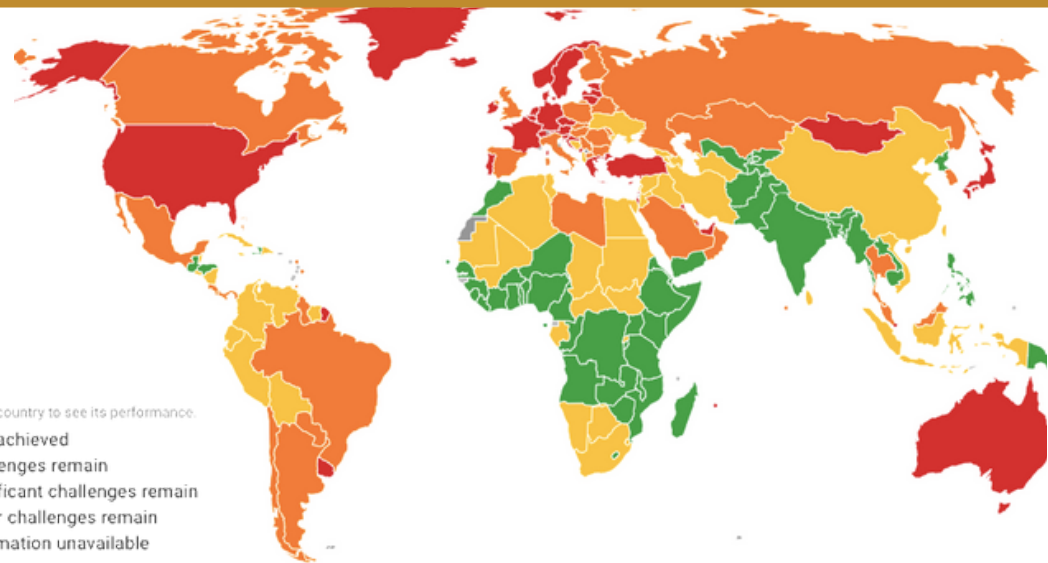
annually could be saved if people in the world switched to energy efficient light bulbs



of total greenhouse gas emissions are generated by the food industry

1,3 BILLION

tonnes of food is wasted every year



- Click on a country to see its performance.
- SDG achieved
- Challenges remain
- Significant challenges remain
- Major challenges remain
- Information unavailable

10.663 METRIC TONS waste sorted to recycle



filtering systems for wastewater



website for the achievement of SDGs to inform the campus community and the general public



zero waste program



license for medical waste

Ethical Sourcing Policies

In all our outsourcing activities, all the measures are diligently taken to avoid any harm to people and the environment by adhering to the relevant legislation. To provide an example, our **contract with our catering service providers** includes specific clauses imposing certain obligations on the service provider to use locally grown, healthy ingredients for the meals that conform to the national standards for food production as set forth by the Turkish Standards Institute.

Policy on Waste Disposal for Hazardous Materials

Istanbul Medeniyet University has a license for medical waste production received on behalf of IMU Science and Advanced Technologies Research Center and approved annually by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Directorate of Waste Management. All the medical waste including hazardous materials generated in the laboratories of our university are collected, sorted out, contained, and delivered to the authorities.

Policy on Waste Disposal and Waste Tracking

Istanbul Medeniyet University became a partner of the **Zero Waste Program** carried out under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey in 2019. In this context, we removed the waste bins from the university's indoor areas and started to collect and sort recyclable waste in six categories.

In 2021, we generated a total amount of 10.663 metric tons of sorted waste in all our campus areas and delivered them to the municipal authorities to be sent to landfill or recycled.

“ **10.663**
METRIC TONS
waste sorted to recycle ”

Policy for Minimisation of Plastic Use and Disposable Items

Istanbul Medeniyet University primarily follows a policy of reducing consumption to reduce waste. Therefore, certain strategies have been implemented to gradually reduce single-use plastics in the campus areas. For instance, our contract with the catering service provider for our lunch services contains a clause on serving meals in chinaware and using metal cutlery. Thanks to such practices, we prevent the use of single-use plastics in eating utensils and thereby reduce plastic waste generation in all our campus areas.

Istanbul Medeniyet University carries out practices that will contribute to the plastic reduction targets throughout Turkey. For example, cloth bags are distributed to our staff members every year to be used as an alternative to plastic bags.

“ **1420**
CLOTH BAGS
distributed to staff members to
reduce using of plastic bag ”

Minimization Policies Extended to Service Providers

IMU seeks to develop diverse operations in order to reduce the food waste generated. For instance, to minimize the food waste generated during transport, we have our catering service provider produce our lunches in our own campus kitchen. Also, in order to minimize the consumption-stage food waste, our salads and other side dishes are served in a way that our students and staff can get the sufficient amount they can consume, instead of portioning them ourselves in our dining halls. Thereby, we prevent a great deal of food waste.

Publication of Sustainability Reports

IMU published its first **sustainable development goals annual report** in 2020. With the establishment of the IMU Sustainability Office in 2022, it has aimed to prepare annual sustainability development goals progress reports that will include all targets every year. Sustainability Office also opened up a separate **website for the achievement of SDGs** to inform the campus community and the general public about the institution's activities toward sustainable development goals.



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 sustainable consumption and production patterns.

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.



There is no country in the world that is not experiencing first-hand the drastic effects of climate change. Greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise, and are now more than 50 percent higher than their 1990 level. Further, global warming is causing long-lasting changes to our climate system, which threatens irreversible consequences if we do not take action now.

The annual average losses from tsunamis, tropical cyclones and flooding amount to hundreds of billions of dollars, requiring an investment of US\$6 billion annually in disaster risk management alone. The goal aims to mobilize \$100 billion annually by 2020 to address the needs of developing countries and help mitigate climate-related disasters.

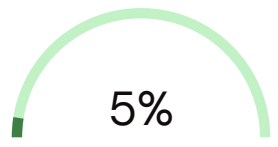
Helping more vulnerable regions, such as land locked countries and island states, adapt to climate change must go hand in hand with efforts to integrate disaster risk measures into national strategies. It is still possible, with the political will and a wide array of technological measures, to limit the increase in global mean temperature to two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. This requires urgent collective action.

+3,2°C

expected increase in Global temperature by 2100

26
TRILLION \$

in economic benefits could be triggered through bold climate action, by 2030



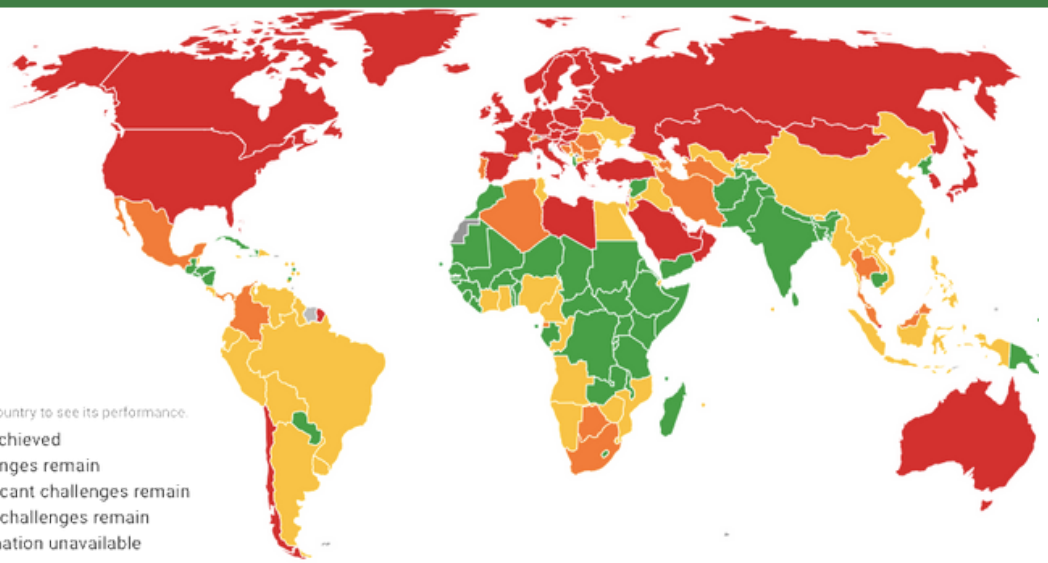
for each 1°C of temperature increase, grain yields decline by about

+20
CM

the global average sea level rose since 1880

85
COUNTRIES

have national disaster risk reduction strategies aligned to the Sendai Framework



- Click on a country to see its performance.
- SDG achieved
 - Challenges remain
 - Significant challenges remain
 - Major challenges remain
 - Information unavailable

2
PROGRAMMES
for local education on climate



university climate ambassador

4
COLLABORATES
with NGOs on environmental education

160+
TREES
planted to neutralize released carbon



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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.

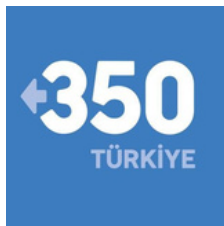
IMU partnered with **Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University** in Ukraine to organize **"Turkey & Ukraine Law Seminars"**, in which two presentations were delivered on climate change.

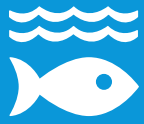
IMU Department of Urban and Regional Planning partnered with **350 Türkiye**, an international environmental organization addressing the climate crisis, to organize its first **"Urban Workshops"**, in which 16 participants from different disciplines were given basic environmental literacy training by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





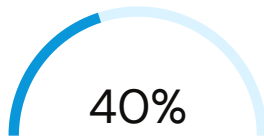
The world's oceans – their temperature, chemistry, currents and life – drive global systems that make the Earth habitable for humankind. How we manage this vital resource is essential for humanity as a whole, and to counter balance the effects of climate change. Over three billion people depend on marine and coastal biodiversity for their livelihoods. However, today we are seeing 30 percent of the world's fish stocks overexploited, reaching below the level at which they can produce sustainable yields.

Oceans also absorb about 30 percent of the carbon dioxide produced by humans, and we are seeing a 26 percent rise in ocean acidification since the beginning of the industrial revolution. Marine pollution, an overwhelming majority of which comes from land-based sources, is reaching alarming levels, with an average of 13,000 pieces of plastic litter to be found on every square kilometre of ocean.

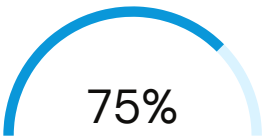
The SDGs aim to sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems from pollution, as well as address the impacts of ocean acidification. Enhancing conservation and the sustainable use of ocean-based resources through international law will also help mitigate some of the challenges facing our oceans.

200K SPECIES

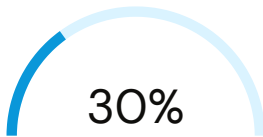
that can be identified live in the ocean



40% of the ocean is heavily affected by pollution, depleted fisheries, loss of coastal habitats



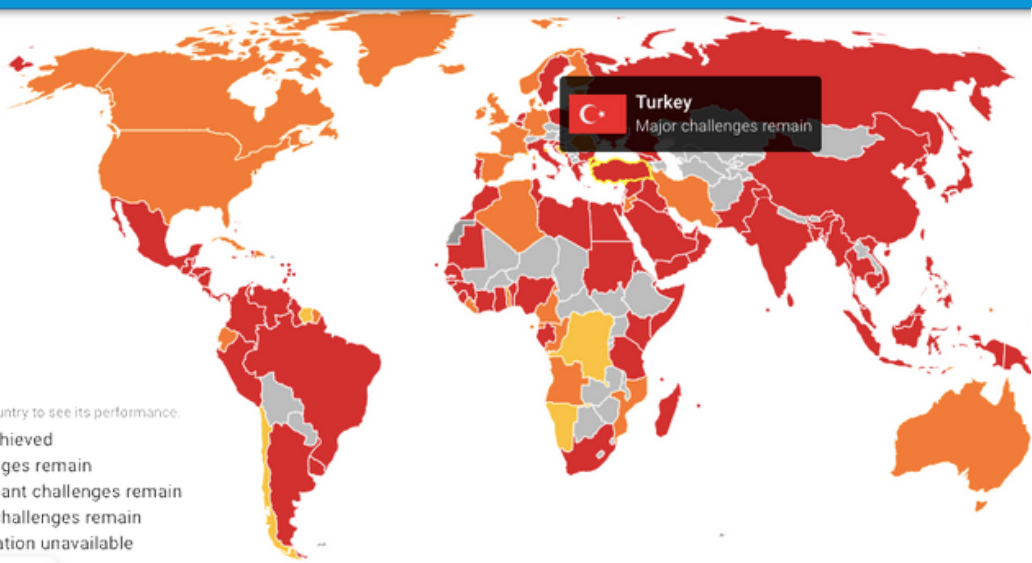
75% of the Earth's surface is covered by oceans



30% of carbon dioxide produced by humans is absorbed by the ocean

3 BILLION

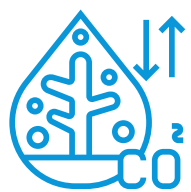
people depend on marine and coastal biodiversity for their livelihoods



2 R&D LABS are researching aquatic ecosystem damage prevention



filtering systems for wastewater



transnational ocean biodiversity research

1 R&D LAB is researching for maintaining aquatic ecosystems and their biodiversity



reduce plastic waste to prevent pollution of water ecosystems



Water Discharge Guidelines and Standards

Istanbul Medeniyet University cleans the wastewater inside the campus areas using certain **filtering systems** before discharging it. For instance, we have 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 are delivered to ISTAC Inc., an affiliation of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality that is in charge of waste management.

Wastewater from campus use is collected by the **wastewater network** and dispatched to the treatment facilities of Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ), which is in charge of treating wastewater using various systems from preliminary treatment to advanced biological treatment so that wastewater is eliminated without environmental damage and water resources, Istanbul Strait, and the Marmara Sea are protected from the threat of wastewater.

Actions to Reduce Plastic Waste

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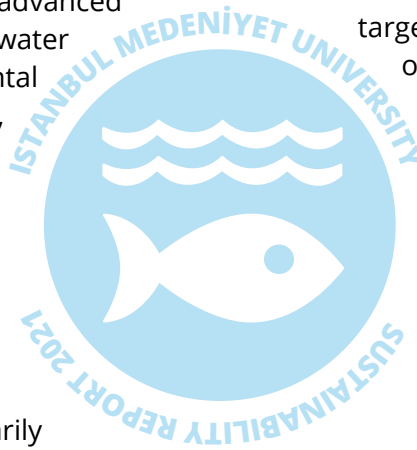
In 2019, Istanbul Medeniyet University joined the "Zero Waste" program carried out under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey as part of the **"Zero Waste Regulation"** to contain waste in line with the sustainable development goals and to leave a clean Turkey for future generations. Issues such as reducing the generation of waste and chiefly of plastic, which greatly damages aquatic, terrestrial, and aerial ecosystems, and recycling plastic waste

form an integral part of our university's vision. In this context, we removed the waste bins from the university's indoor areas and started to collect and sort recyclable waste and chiefly plastic waste in six categories. Plastics that are thus saved from becoming garbage are delivered to the relevant municipal authorities for recycling.



"Zero Waste" Project Recyclable Waste Boxes

Istanbul Medeniyet University carries out practices that will contribute to the plastic reduction targets throughout Turkey. For example, in order to contribute to the goal of the **Packaging Waste Control Regulation** of 2017, which aims to reduce the annual use of plastic bags per capita by no more than 40, cloth bags are distributed to our staff members, which can be used as an alternative to plastic bags, every year.



IMU Cloth Bags that are Distributed to Our Staff Members

“**1420**
CLOTH BAGS
distributed to staff members to
reduce using of plastic bag”

Thanks to all such measures to reduce plastic use and waste, IMU aims to prevent plastics from polluting natural areas and water resources and thus to avoid the death of organisms in the aquatic ecosystem due to plastics and microplastics.

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

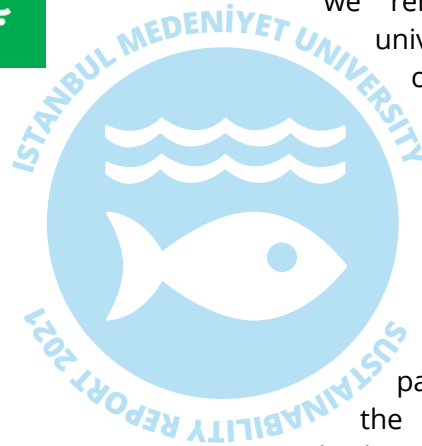
- ISTAC Inc.
- Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ)
- Presidency of the Republic of Turkey



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.



Human life depends on the earth as much as the ocean for our sustenance and livelihoods. Plant life provides 80 percent of our human diet, and we rely on agriculture as an important economic resource and means of development. Forests account for 30 percent of the Earth's surface, providing vital habitats for millions of species and important sources for clean air and water; as well as being crucial for combating climate change.

Today we are seeing unprecedented land degradation, and the loss of arable land at 30 to 35 times the historical rate. Drought and desertification is also on the rise each year, amounting to the loss of 12 million hectares and affects poor communities globally. Of the 8,300 animal breeds known, 8 percent are extinct and 22 percent are at risk of extinction.

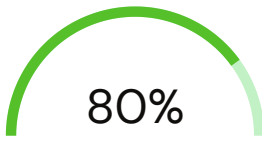
The SDGs aim to conserve and restore the use of terrestrial ecosystems such as forests, wetlands, drylands and mountains by 2020. Halting deforestation is also vital to mitigating the impact of climate change. Urgent action must be taken to reduce the loss of natural habitats and biodiversity which are part of our common heritage.

1.6
BILLION

people depend on forests for their livelihoods

41,000
SPECIES

are threatened with extinction



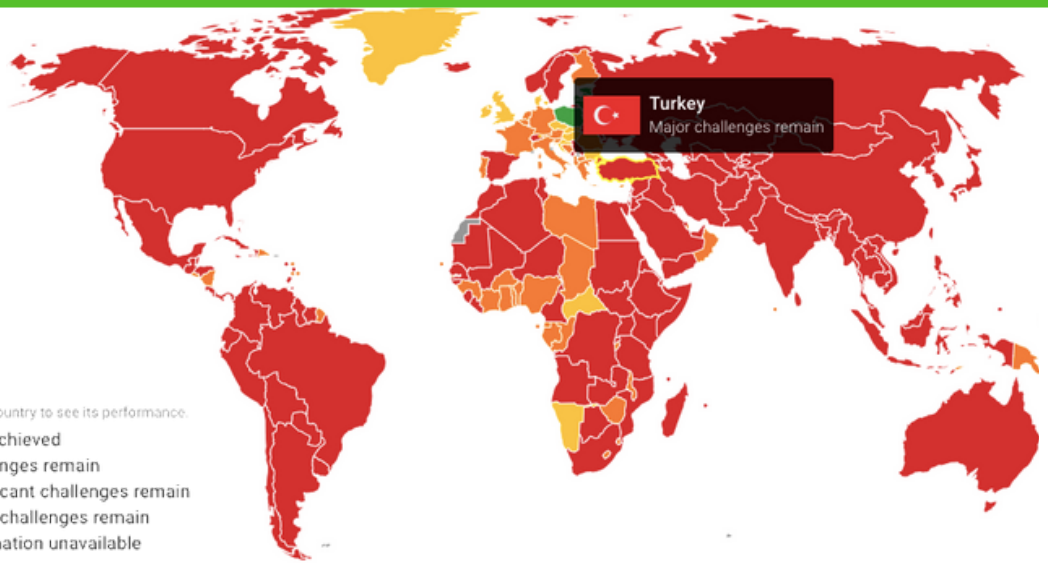
of all terrestrial animal, plant and insect species live in forests

125
TRILLION\$

the value of ecosystems to human livelihoods and well-being, per year

2.6
BILLION

people depend directly on agriculture to earn a living



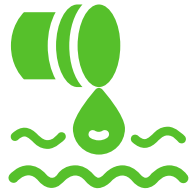
educational programmes on ecosystems and biodiversity



policy and licence on hazardous waste disposal

160+
TREES

planted for conservation and restoration of land and neutralize released carbon



water discharge standards



policy and actions on plastic waste reduction



Supporting Land Ecosystems through Actions

Sustainable Use, Conservation and Restoration of Land

Istanbul Medeniyet University is a young university with ongoing development works in its campuses. During all its land arrangements and construction work carried out as part of its development process, IMU attaches particular importance to the sustainable use of land. Furthermore, for completed construction works, restoration and vegetation applications are performed in the land to ensure the sustainability of life on land.

In this context, in 2021, over 160 trees were planted in IMU campuses both to achieve sustainability of the life on land and biodiversity in the land associated with the university and to neutralize carbon emissions.



05 March 2021

Planting 101 Saplings In the Orhanlı Campus

“ **160+**
TREES
planted in IMU campuses ”

Land Sensitive Waste Disposal

Water Discharge Guidelines and Standards

In our university, we have **oil filters** installed in the dishwashing sites in our campus kitchen and other facilities to prevent the oily wastewater from polluting the discharged water and the service provider is also responsible for regularly cleaning these filters and delivering the oil waste collected to ISTAC Inc., an affiliation of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality that is in charge of waste management. ISTAC Inc. then converts the collected waste oil into renewable energy sources such as biodiesel and biogas in its recovery facilities.

Wastewater from campus use is collected by the wastewater network and dispatched to the treatment facilities of Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ), which is in charge of **treating wastewater** using various systems from preliminary treatment to advanced biological treatment so that wastewater is eliminated without environmental damage and water resources, Istanbul Strait, and the Marmara Sea are protected from the threat of wastewater.

As Istanbul Medeniyet University, we are developing projects for waters within our campus area that we can reuse after treatment. In 2021, the **“Greywater Recovery Project”** was initiated under the leadership of Prof.Dr. Erkan ŞAHİNKAYA and Asst.Prof.Dr. Yasin KARAGÖZ from IMU Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences. With this project, a system was designed that allows reusing the sink water in the restrooms for toilet flushing to reduce water consumption in our campuses.

The project goal for 2022 is to start implementing the system in all the restrooms in our campus area.

Policy on Plastic Waste Reduction

As an institution, we adhere to the provisions of the **Zero Waste Regulation** for minimization of plastic use and disposable items and reduction of waste in general in line with the sustainable development goals.

Thus, issues such as reducing the generation of waste and chiefly of plastic, which greatly damages aquatic, terrestrial, and aerial ecosystems, and recycling plastic waste form an integral part of our university's vision. In this context, we removed the waste bins from the university's indoor areas and started to collect and sort recyclable waste and chiefly plastic waste in six categories. Plastics that are thus saved from becoming garbage are delivered to the relevant municipal authorities for recycling.



Recyclable Waste Boxes

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.

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**, a NGO for reforestation and the protection of natural habitats in Turkey, as part of their Social Service Practices course.

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.





Without peace, stability, human rights and effective governance, based on the rule of law - we cannot hope for sustainable development. We are living in a world that is increasingly divided. Some regions enjoy sustained levels of peace, security and prosperity, while others fall into seemingly endless cycles of conflict and violence. This is by no means inevitable and must be addressed.

High levels of armed violence and insecurity have a destructive impact on a country's

development, affecting economic growth and often resulting in long standing grievances that can last for generations. Sexual violence, crime, exploitation and torture are also prevalent where there is conflict or no rule of law, and countries must take measures to protect those who are most at risk.

The SDGs aim to significantly reduce all forms of violence, and work with governments and communities to find lasting solutions to conflict and insecurity. Strengthening the rule of law and promoting human rights is key to this process, as is reducing the flow of illicit arms and strengthening the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance.

49
COUNTRIES

lack laws protecting women from domestic violence

603
MILLION

women live in countries where domestic violence is not considered a crime



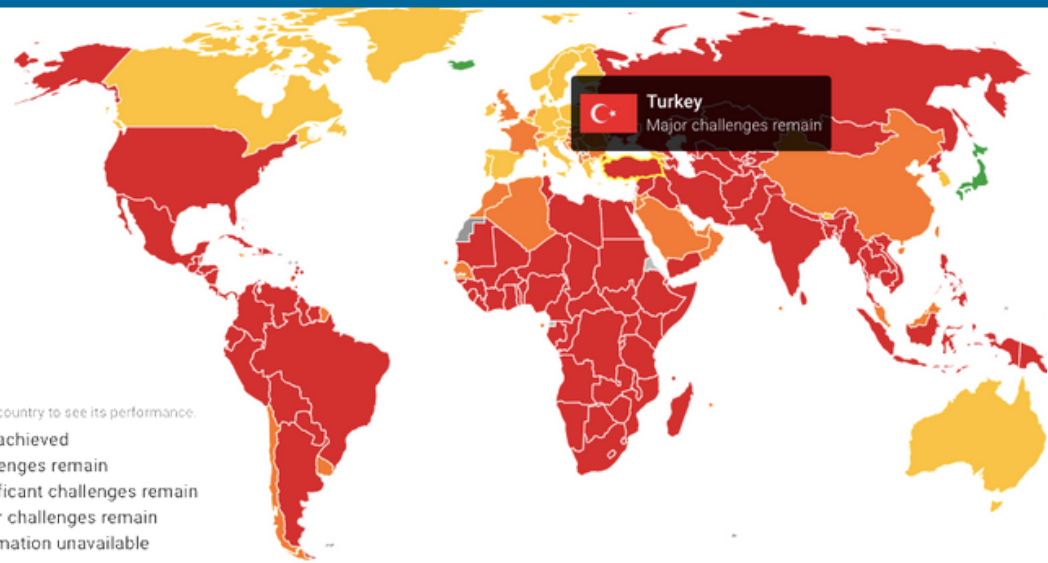
of countries have prison overcrowding, risking the spread of Covid-19

1.26
TRILLION \$

annual cost of corruption, bribery, theft and tax evasion to developing countries

1
BILLION

people are legally 'invisible' because they can not prove who they are



independent students' union



financial data shared publicly

191
STUDENTS
who are graduates in law



identifying and engagement with local, national and international stakeholders



providing expert advice to governments at local, national and international levels



Students' Union

IMU has an independent student council. The aims of [IMU Students' Council](#) are to ensure that the students registered in our university contribute to the development of the university; to convey the students' views and suggestions to the necessary units on meeting and developing their education, health, sports and cultural needs and to be a solution partner in these matters; to ensure that the students participate in the management in education issues; and to ensure that students are sensitive to national interests and are represented at non-university institutions when necessary. The Council consists of the student representatives **elected by the student community**. Student representative elections are held in November every year.

Identifying and Engagement with Local Stakeholders

Istanbul Medeniyet University has written policies and procedures to engage with its internal and external stakeholders. Our stakeholder groups have been clearly defined in our [Institutional Strategic Plan for 2020-2024](#). We plan our services and activities by identifying the expectations of our internal and external stakeholders through stakeholder satisfaction surveys and meetings, brainstorming, satisfaction surveys for the staff and students, and our system for submitting suggestions and expressing satisfaction. We inform our external stakeholders about the University's activities and applications through the "Announcements" menu on our website. And we send our [external stakeholder surveys](#) online to receive the opinions and expectations of our large groups of external stakeholders in order to better analyze the University's current standing and projections for the future. IMU's procedures for managing stakeholder engagement are clearly explained in our [Internal Evaluation Report](#) published annually.

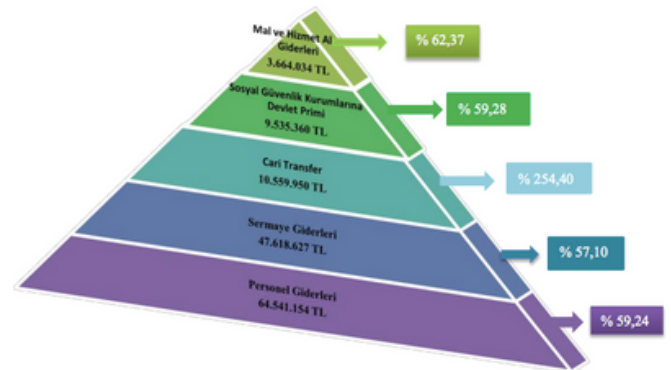
Academic Freedom Policy

In [Article 27](#) of the Constitution of the Republic of Turkey, it is stated that everyone has the right to study and teach, express, and disseminate science and the arts, and to carry out research in these fields freely. Istanbul Medeniyet University supports this freedom in all aspects.

In addition, Turkey is a party to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. According to [Article 15](#) of this Covenant, The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize the right of everyone: to take part in cultural life; to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications and to benefit from the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he/she is the author. Our university also supports this Covenant.

Publishing Financial Data

The University's Institutional Financial Status and Expectations Report, which is annually published by IMU Strategy Development Department, contains the realization data on the University's budget for the first six months of the relevant year and the expectations and predictions for the second half of the year. The report also contains the data on the University's financing and budget revenues and expenditures for the two periods, as well as detailed information about its major investment projects.



IMU Financial Status and Expectations Report- Budget Expenses of January - June 2021

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 promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

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.

