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

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

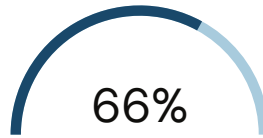
The goals aim to enhance North-South and South-South cooperation by supporting national plans to achieve all the targets. Promoting international trade, and helping developing countries increase their exports, is all part of achieving a universal rules-based and equitable trading system that is fair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

206
BILLION\$

net ODA flows amounted

147
MILLION

and territories reported having national statistical legislation compliant with the FPOS in 2022



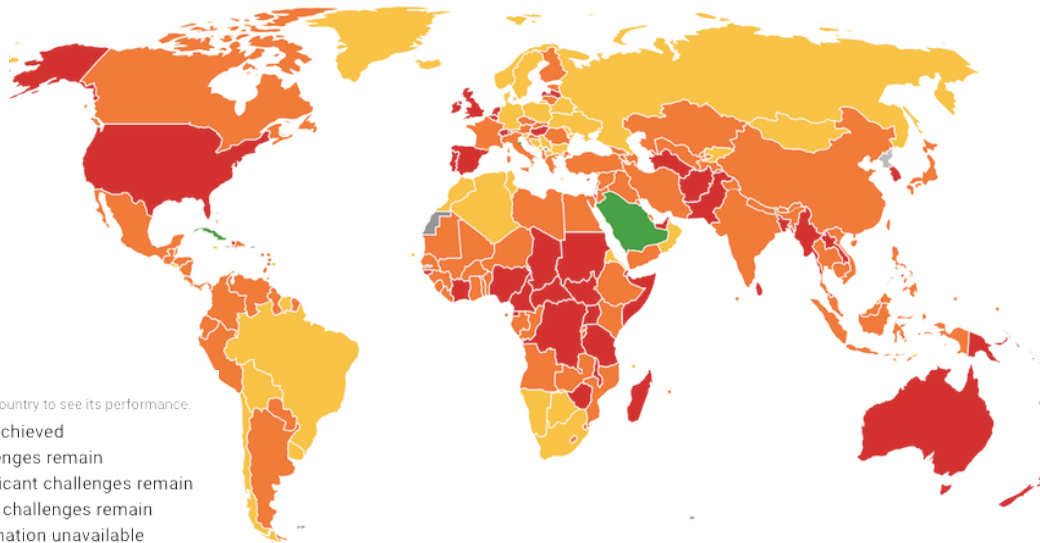
of the global population use the internet

259
MILLION

more men than women used the internet in 2022

61

SDG index score world average, 2022



249
COLLABORATION

protocols signed with other institutions to achieve the SDGs

16
NEW

collaboration protocols signed in 2022 to achieve the SDGs

601-800

Partnerships for the Goals 2023 Rank in



360+
PARTNERS

in actions taken to achieve the SDGs in 2022

182
COLLABORATIONS

on equitable quality education

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

Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-1 in 2022.

Public Institutions

- Beyoğlu Selime Hatun Mosque
- Güngören District Governorship
- Güngören District National Education Directorate
- Ministry of National Education
- The Istanbul Provincial Mufti Office
- TRT Haber
- Üsküdar Municipality
- Üsküdar Public Education Center
- Ziraat Bank

Private Sector

- Architech Information Systems
- CNNTurk
- GençTV
- Ideal Online Publishing
- LC Waikiki

NGOs

- Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association
- Istanbul Volunteer Educators Association
- Turkish Red Crescent

The Young Vision Student Club of our university, in partnership with [Üsküdar Municipality](#), distributed hot soup on our campuses during the Fall and Spring Semesters exam weeks. Thanks to this partnership, a total of 7,000 portions of hot soup were distributed to 1400 students in total, and particularly our students from low-income households were assisted in their food expenses during the exam period.

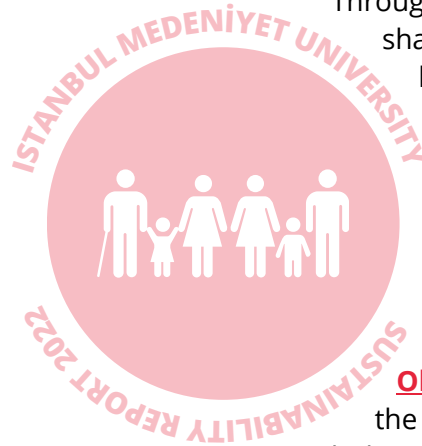
IMU faculty staff members from our Faculties of Medicine and Health Sciences have broadcasted informative programs on health and nutrition in collaboration with national media organizations such as [CNN Türk](#) and [TRT Haber](#).

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.

In order to draw attention to the problems experienced by homeless individuals, IMU Sociology Club cooperated with [Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association](#) and contributed to the aid activities carried out in 2022.

With this collaboration, our students contributed to reducing poverty by giving a helping hand to homeless individuals in the fight against poverty.

IMU Faculty of Educational Sciences students carried out social responsibility projects by collaborating with various NGOs to support individuals' equal access to basic needs and strengthen disadvantaged groups within the scope of the "Community Service Practices" course. Thanks to these collaborations, our students distributed food to the homeless with [Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association](#) by volunteering for aid activities.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-2 in 2022.

Public Institutions

- Beyoğlu Selime Hatun Mosque
- Eastern Marmara Development Agency
- Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality
- Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality
- Kocaeli City Council
- Kocaeli Governorship
- Üsküdar Municipality
- Ziraat Bank

Research Institutions

- Kocaeli ŞURA Urban Policies and Research Center
- SSICA

Universities

- Budapest Business School
- Ecole Nationale d'Agriculture de Meknes
- Gebze Teknik University
- Greenwich University
- İstanbul Sabahattin Zaim University
- János Selye University
- KEDGE Business School
- Mohammed V University
- Parma University
- Portucalense University

Private Sector

- BEIA Consult International
- Kaanlar Gıda

NGOs

- Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association
- Turkish Red Crescent

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 were assisted with free healthy food.

Our university has collaborated with **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 Student 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 we contributed to our students' access to healthy meals outside of lunch hours.

The project titled "Climate-Smart Food Innovation: Use of Plant and Seaweed Proteins from Upcycled Sources" (IPSUS), in which Prof.Dr. Pınar OBAKAN YERLİKAYA, one of our faculty members, is among the consultants, was supported by the **European Union** to research innovative approaches in sustainable food production. The project, which accepts 1.6 billion tons of globally wasted food annually as raw material, aimed to turn the proteins obtained from seaweed into an opportunity to improve the nutritional value of foods.

IMU became the Turkish partner of the ERASMUS+ Education and Training Development for the Treatment of Food Allergies Project. IMU shared the partnership of the project with **Budapest Business School, Portucalense University** and **János Selye University**. The project aimed to develop and implement trainings on the management of food allergies for HoReCa sector.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-3 in 2022.

Public Institutions

- 2 District Directorates of National Education
- 6 District Governorships
- 2 District Health Directorates
- 6 Municipalities
- Fahrettin Kerim-Nilüfer Gökay Nursing Home
- Göztepe Prof. Dr. Süleyman Yalçın Hospital
- Eastern Marmara Development Agency
- Istanbul Development Agency
- Istanbul Provincial Health Directorate
- Istanbul Maltepe Nursing Home
- Istanbul Youth Services and Sports Provincial Directorate
- Kocaeli Governorship
- Ministry of Family and Social Services
- Turkish Health Institutes Presidency

Research Institutions

- CRIMEDIM
- Kocaeli ŞURA Urban Policies and Research Center
- TÜBİTAK

Universities

- Bahçeşehir University
- Budapest Business School
- Exeter University
- Frantz Fanon University
- János Selye University
- Portucalense University
- University of Health Sciences
- Stanford University

Local Schools

- 4 local schools

Private Sector

- MSD (Merck Sharp Dohme)

NGOs

- Informatics and Technology Law Association
- Istanbul Academy of Sciences (IBA)
- Turkish Association of Family Medicine
- Turkish Nurses Association
- Turkish Red Crescent
- Turkish Transplant Foundation
- Widespread Education and Culture Association (YEKDER)
- World Child and Family Protection Platform
- World Health Organization (WHO)

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 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.

IMU partnered with the [Turkish Family Medicine Foundation](#) to organize vocational training for family physicians. Thanks to this cooperation, approximately 300 family physician specialists, assistants and faculty members received free training on skin diseases and treatments at the "4th Family Medicine Dermatology School" training, which was hosted by our university and open to external participation.

IMU formed a partnership with [Üsküdar Municipality, Istanbul Maltepe Nursing Home](#) and [Istanbul Prof.Dr. Fahrettin Kerim-Nilüfer Gökay Nursing Home](#) for the "Age Healthy with Green Exercise" project. During the 12-week project, 20 individuals over the age of 65 were given physical activity training and exercise. Thanks to this collaboration, a significant contribution was made to the goal of securing a healthy and quality life at all ages.

IMU established a partnership with [Üsküdar Municipality](#) for the "Hearing, Tinnitus, Middle Ear Function and Balance Screenings in the Elderly" project. Thanks to this collaboration, our faculty members from the Department of Audiology carried out hearing, tinnitus, middle ear function and balance screenings in the elderly over the age of 60 at İkinci Bahar Cafe, the social facility of Üsküdar Municipality. The project made a significant contribution to increasing public health by early detection of hearing and balance problems of the elderly population.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-4 in 2022.

Public Institutions

- 2 District Health Directorates
- 7 District Governorships in Istanbul
- 8 District Municipalities in Istanbul
- 4 District Directorates of National Education
- Çayırova Municipality
- Beykoz Galip Öztürk Sevgi Houses
- Fatih District Youth and Sports Directorate
- Fatih Social Service Center
- Göztepe Prof. Dr. Süleyman Yalçın Hospital
- Havran Municipality
- IMM Fire Department
- Istanbul Anatolian Chief Public Prosecutor's Office
- Istanbul Development Agency (IDA)
- KOSGEB
- Mali Dom
- Ministry of Culture and Tourism
- Ministry of Family and Social Services
- Ministry of Industry and Technology
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of National Education
- Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Presidency for Turks and Related Communities
- The Istanbul Provincial Mufti Office
- The Student Selection and Placement Center
- Turkish National Agency
- Turkish State Railways (TCDD)
- Tuzla Municipality KAGIM
- Üsküdar Public Education Center
- Ziraat Bank

Research Institutions

- CRIMEDIM
- IFSMU Educational Perfectionism Research and Application Center
- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye

Universities

- **156 universities** for Erasmus+ program
- **13 universities** in Turkey for Farabi Exchange Program
- **4 universities** for Mevlana Exchange Program
- **15 institutions** for Memoranda of Understanding
- Partnership with **9 foreign** and **6 Turkish** universities for research and projects
- Turkish Red Crescent

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 establish 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** to contribute to local arts

Thanks to this partnership, our University carries out artistic and academic studies that contribute to the social and cultural development of the people living in this district.

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

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

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



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-4 in 2022.

Local Schools

- **Protocol with 20 local schools**

Private Sector

- Architech Information Systems
- Alternative Law Firm
- Biltek
- BMC
- Forensic Evidence Laboratory
- Genç TV
- IACuDIT
- Inercia Digital S.L.
- ISF Studio
- LC Waikiki
- Mercedes-Benz
- PhoenixKM BVBA
- Trendyol
- Turkcell

NGOs

- ADHOC
- Alpaslan Autism Foundation
- AMIMONI
- ANSGA
- Blindeninstitut München
- Boğaziçi Foundation
- ÇAKOP
- ÇEGDER
- Inclusive and Accessible Life Association (ERYADER)
- Information Technology Law Association
- Istanbul Academy of Sciences Foundation
- Islamic Civilization Foundation
- Istanbul Family Foundation
- Istanbul Parent Academies
- Istanbul Volunteer Educators Association (İGEDER)
- Happy Family Happy Child Association
- Human and Civilization Movement Association
- Pioneering School Administrators Association
- Principle Foundation
- Professional Hotel Managers Association (POYD)
- Science and Civilization Association
- Siirt Foundation
- Syzoi
- Turkish Association of Family Medicine
- Turkish Maarif Foundation
- Türkiye Gifted and Genius Children Education Foundation
- We Sing for Our Children Association
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- 15 July Association

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 Bilgi Student Club established a partnership with Üsküdar Municipality and Siirt Foundation in order to ensure equal opportunity in education. With this project led by our students, 7,500 books were donated and a library was established for **Siirt Pervari Dolusalkım Primary School** and **Secondary School**.



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.

IMU Special Education Department and Autism Application and Research Center, in cooperation with **Fatih Sultan Mehmet Foundation University**, organized a summer school program for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Thanks to this collaboration, equal learning opportunities were created by preventing regression in the skills acquired during the summer period when individuals with autism spectrum disorder could not attend school.

İMÜ cooperated with **11 institutions** for the "Five-Dimensional Future" project supported by Sosyopark İSTKA. In the project, young people were given training in personality-character formation and development, development in life skills and social relations, academic and professional development, consciousness and physical development areas. During the first two periods of the project, in which 48 of our students participated voluntarily throughout 2022, training was held 242 times; Training was provided to 1776 students and 175 adults from 17 schools.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-5 in 2022.

Public Institutions

- East Marmara Development Agency
- Istanbul Development Agency
- Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality
- Kocaeli Governorship
- Ministry of Industry and Technology
- Ministry of National Education
- Tuzla Municipality
- Tuzla KAGIM

Research Institutions

- The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)
- Kocaeli ŞURA Urban Policies and Research Center

Universities

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

Private Sector

- Biltek Schools

NGOs

- Justice, Democracy and Law-based Studies Association
- 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 became the partner of the entrepreneurial women trainings organized at the [Tuzla Municipality Women's Entrepreneurship Center](#), implemented by the Ministry of Industry and Technology through the Istanbul Development Agency and financed within the scope of the Social Development Support Program.

Thanks to this partnership, which we will support with 14 instructors, trainings will be provided in 12 different branches in order to develop women's entrepreneurship and empower entrepreneurial women.

IMU cooperated with [TUBITAK](#) and universities for the project titled "Earthquake and Women: Identification, Investigation and Solution Recommendations for Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Planning that are Sensitive to Social Vulnerabilities in Istanbul", in which our International Relations Department Res.Ast.Dr. Sercan PEKEL participated as a researcher, was supported by TÜBİTAK. Thanks to this partnership, gender injustice was emphasized, where disasters affect men and women in different ways, and a contribution was made to carry out gender-sensitive disaster management processes by taking these differences into account in the decision-making and implementation processes regarding disaster management plans and preparations.

IMU became one of the partners of the 8th Gender Equality Congress organized by [KADEM](#) together with six other universities. Thanks to this partnership, the congress organized with the theme "Women and space" and the spatial dimension of female identity was discussed.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-6 in 2022.

Public Institutions

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

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.



IMU faculty members develop various research projects to ensure water use efficiency in campus areas. In 2022, Res.Asst.Dr. Altay ARBAK, Asst.Prof.Dr. Buğrayhan BİÇKİCİ ARIKAN and Res.Asst. Yusuf ŞAHİNKAYA, faculty members of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, started a research project to produce smart camellias equipped with ecological sustainability features to be used in our campus areas. The project called "[Smart Camellia Project](#)" was supported by our University as a scientific research project. The project aimed to design a camellia that both harvests rain and produces electricity with solar panels and to use this design in the open areas of our University's North Campus. Thanks to the project, it was aimed to use the rainwater collected by an inverted umbrella system on the camellias for the irrigation of green areas within the campus and thus reduce water consumption due to irrigation.



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 2022.

Public Institutions

- Kadıköy Municipality
- Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources

Universities

- Ontario Tech University
- Yıldız Technical University

NGOs

- International Association for Hydrogen Energy
- National Hydrogen Association

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.

IMU organized a workshop in partnership with [Kadıköy Municipality](#) to inform local people about the importance of energy efficiency and clean energy. In the workshop called "ElectriCITY: Energy Preferences Game", organized by Ayça ÇELİKBİLEK, research assistant of our University's Sustainability Office, at the Kadıköy Environment Festival, a role game was played in which participants produced strategies as decision makers in the city's energy production. Through the game, participants were made aware of the environmental costs such as CO2 emissions and water consumption of different electricity production method choices, in addition to the investment and operating costs in energy production.

IMU partnered with [International Association for Hydrogen Energy, National Hydrogen Association, Yıldız Technical University and Ontario Tech University](#) to host "2nd World Energy Storage Conference". Pointing out that energy storage will be a very important issue in today's world and in the future, the issues of increasing the facility capacity and efficiency of renewable energy resources were discussed at the conference.

IMU hosted the ["10th European Renewable Energy Systems Conference"](#). At the conference, the need to diversify resources by developing clean energy technologies was emphasized in today's world where energy poverty is experienced. The results of 232 studies from 59 countries were shared at the conference, where research and strategies to increase the share of renewable energy in energy consumption were discussed.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-8 in 2022.

Public Institutions

- 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 National Education
- Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Paris Religious Services Attaché
- Sultanbeyli Municipality
- Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR)
- Tuzla Municipality
- Tuzla Municipality Technology Development Center
- Üsküdar Provincial Directorate of National Education
- Üsküdar Public Education Center
- Ziraat Bank

Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey

Universities

- **188** higher education institutions for exchange programs
- Düzce University
- Namık Kemal University
- Sakarya University

Private Sector

- BMC
- IACuDIT
- Mercedes Benz
- Monster
- Negmar
- PhoenixKM BVBA
- Trendyol
- Turkcell

NGOs

- Islamic Civilization Foundation
- Professional Hotel Managers Association
- Turkish Maarif Foundation
- Türkiye Gifted and Genius Children Education Foundation

Trade Unions

- **14 unions** of which our staff is a member

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, many of our students were placed in internship programs and work positions through the nation-wide 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.

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 2022, a total of 266 staff members in IMU were members of a total of 14 trade unions.

IMU Department of Economics faculty member Prof.Dr. Seyfettin ERDOĞAN conducted a research in which he evaluated the environmental footprint and carbon emissions in tourism in partnership with faculty members of **Düzce University** and **Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University**. The research results published in the article titled "Eco-friendly technologies, international tourism and carbon emissions: Evidence from the most visited countries" pointed out that the share of expenditures for ecological innovation in GDP should be increased.

IMU cooperated with **POYD, PhoenixKM BVBA, IACuDit** and **Inercia Digital** to support small and medium-sized tourism businesses. With the "Development of the Digital Marketing Competence of Adult Learners for Small and Medium-sized Tourism Enterprises in Europe" project supported by the **European Commission** and **the Turkish National Agency**, digital marketing training was given to businesses between 18-23 June 2022 in Spain to improve employment in tourism and strengthen the competencies of tourism employees.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-9 in 2022.

Public Institutions

- Istanbul Development Agency
- Ministry of Industry and Technology
- Tobacco and Alcohol Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- Turkish Health Institutes Presidency
- Tuzla Municipality
- Tuzla Municipality KAGIM
- Tuzla Municipality Technology Development Center
- Üsküdar Provincial Directorate of National Education

Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

Universities

- Stanford University

Private Sector

- Architech
- Arşen Machine
- BMC
- Ege Profil
- in4startups
- Mercedes Benz
- Monster
- Negenra&Fernville
- Trendyol

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

IMU became the partner of the entrepreneurial women trainings organized at the [Tuzla Municipality Women's Entrepreneurship Center \(KAGİM\)](#), implemented by the [Ministry of Industry and Technology](#) through the [Istanbul Development Agency](#) and financed within the scope of the Social Development Support Program. Thanks to this partnership, which we support with 14 instructors, vocational trainings will be provided in 12 different branches including entrepreneurship, customer relations, accounting, product photography, digital marketing, patent and license readership, tradesman exemption, e-commerce, sales marketing, foreign trade, IT law, TÜBİTAK, SME and KOSGEB supports an entrepreneur need to know in order to develop women's entrepreneurship, empower entrepreneurial women and the development of small enterprises.

IMU collaborated with the company [Architech](#) to support the professional and personal development of its students and train them in the fields of technology, innovation and entrepreneurship. Thanks to this collaboration established by our Library and Documentation Department, a seminar called "Digital Technology Trends and You" was given by the CEO of Architech to 26 participants, including our students and the general public.



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 2022.

Public Institutions

- 5 District Governorships
- 4 District Municipalities
- Beykoz Galip Öztürk Sevgi Houses
- Beyoğlu Selime Hatun Mosque
- Child Protection Agency
- East Marmara Development Agency
- Istanbul Anatolian Chief Public Prosecutor's Office
- Istanbul Development Agency
- Istanbul Provincial M.E.M. Teacher Academies
- Kocaeli Governorship
- Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality
- Ministry of Family and Social Services
- Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Turkish State Railways (TCDD)
- Ziraat Bank

Research Institutions

- FSMVÜ Educational Perfectionism Research and Application Center
- Kocaeli ŞURA Urban Policies and Research Center
- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

Universities

- Babes Bolyai University
- Fatih Sultan Mehmet Foundation University
- Frantz Fanon Üniversitesi
- Hargeisa Üniversitesi
- Kadir Has University
- Thessaly University

Local Schools

- Haydarpaşa VAT Anatolian High School
- Mardin Dargeçit İmam Hatip High School
- Siirt Pervari Dolusalkım Pri. and Sec.School

NGOs

- 5 International NGOs
- Alpaslan Autism Foundation
- Burak Association
- ÇEGDER
- Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association
- Istanbul Academy of Sciences Foundation
- Justice, Democracy and Law-Based Studies Association
- Science and Civilization Association
- Siirt Foundation
- Turkish Red Crescent
- We Sing for Our Children Association

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 Perspective Student Club partnered with **Sevgi Houses** operated by the Child Protection Agency to organize events and a visit 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 cooperated with **TCDD** to ensure that individuals with special needs have access to local art and cultural heritage through museums. With the "Towards a Multi-Sensory and Inclusive Museum for Individuals with Sensory Disabilities" project, which is also supported by the EU, inclusive museum designs were made that disabled individuals can easily access and experience, a conference was held in 2022 to share the research results, and an event was organized for visually impaired and disabled children between the ages of 6-12.

IMU cooperated with **ÇEGDER** and **Thessaly University** to provide training to early intervention teams about the principles of intervention for disabled individuals. In the project named "Early Intervention Services for Families with Children with Vision Impairment and Additional Disabilities", also supported by Erasmus+, early intervention expert teams from 6 different countries serving babies/children with special education needs between the ages of 0-6 and their families were trained.

IMU signed a protocol with **The Turkish Red Crescent** to collaborate on social issues, chiefly including migration studies, social work, humanitarian law, humanitarian aid research, public health, and disaster management.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-11 in 2022.

Public Institutions

- 4 District Municipalities
- East Marmara Development Agency
- Istanbul Cultural and Natural Heritage Conservation Board
- Istanbul Development Agency
- Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IMM)
- Istanbul Provincial Direct. of National Education
- Kartal District Directorate of National Education
- Kocaeli Governorship
- Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality
- Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure
- Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Supreme Council for the Protection of Cultural Heritage
- Turkish State Railways (TCDD)
- Türksat A.Ş.
- Ziraat Bank

Research Institutions

- Leibniz Institute for Spatial Social Res.
- ŞURA Urban Pol. and Res. Center
- TÜBİTAK

Universities

- Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University
- Atatürk University
- İstanbul University
- İstanbul Technical University
- Kadir Has University
- Sakarya University
- Technical University of Valencia
- University of Zaragoza

Local Schools

- 11 local high schools

NGOs

- Justice, Democracy and Law-based Studies Association
- Gifted and Genius Children Education Foundation of Turkey (TÜZDEV)
- Happy Family Happy Child Association
- Istanbul Family Foundation
- Istanbul Volunteer Educators Association (İGEDER)
- Orphan Foundation
- Turkish Green Crescent
- Turkish Transplant Foundation
- UNESCO

Prof.Dr. Kadir PEKTAŞ from IMU Department of Art History is a member of [UNESCO Turkey National Commission](#). He 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, Director of Archaeological Fieldwork for Beğın and Fethiye Castle.

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

IMU collaborated with [Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure](#) and [Türksat A.Ş.](#) within the scope of the "Smart Transportation Index" project led by Prof.Dr. Lütfi SUNAR, our faculty member at the Department of Sociology. Thanks to this cooperation, the transportation indices of 23 metropolitan cities in Turkey were evaluated comparatively across 30 indicators on 9 different axes. In the project, smart transportation systems in these cities and their reflections on urban life were measured through statistical data.

IMU cooperated with the [IMM Fire Department](#) to reduce disaster risks within the campus area. Thanks to this cooperation, our University's fire teams were given theoretical and practical training on how to intervene in fires.

IMU signed a collaboration protocol in arts with [Gaziosmanpaşa Municipality](#). Within the scope of the protocol, our University contribute to artistic and academic studies, which will facilitate the social and cultural development of the people living in these districts of Istanbul.

IMU signed a collaboration protocol with [Kartal Provincial Directorate of National Education](#) concerning education. In 2022, within the scope of this protocol, Assoc.Prof.Dr. Rujnan TUNA carried out a project titled "Raising Disaster Knowledge and Awareness against Crises through Theater" with the aim of determining the level of knowledge and awareness of school-age children about disasters .



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-12 in 2022.

Public Institutions

- Anadolu Agency
- East Marmara Development Agency
- İSTAÇ Inc.
- Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Directorate of Waste Management
- Kadıköy Municipality
- Kağıthane Municipality
- Kocaeli Governorship
- Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality
- Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye

Research Institutions

- Kocaeli ŞURA Urban Policies and Research Center
- SSICA

Universities

- Ecole Nationale d'Agriculture de Meknes
- Gebze Technical University
- Greenwich University
- Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim Uni.
- KEDGE Business School
- Mohammed V University
- Parma University

Private Sector

- BEIA Consult International
- Kaanlar Gıda A.Ş.
- Mumowrap

NGOs

- Pancar Association
- Turkish Green Crescent

IMU has become one of the partners of the Zero Waste Program carried by the [Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye](#). 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 waste. 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 **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 dish-washing sites in our campus kitchen and other facilities are collected by ISTAC to prevent the oily wastewater from polluting the discharged water.

IMU Sustainability Office launched a social responsibility project called "Plastic-Free July Challenge" in July 2022 to reduce the amount of plastic waste and raise awareness about a plastic-free life. Office shared notifications shared via social media and people were offered alternative suggestions instead of the ones produce plastic waste. Within the scope of this project, IMU Sustainability Office collaborated with [Mumowrap](#) to raise awareness about choosing paper/fabric options instead of cling wraps to preserve food. Thanks to this collaboration, our students were introduced to sustainable beeswax pouches that they can use to store their meals.

IMU Informatics and Information Club partnered with [Kağıthane Municipality](#) to raise awareness about the recycling of waste paper and fabrics. Thanks to this partnership, our students received training on producing new paper by recycling waste paper and fabrics and gained awareness about recycling.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-13 in 2022.

Public Institutions

- Kadıköy Municipality

Research Institutions

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

Universities

- Ecole Nationale d'Agriculture de Meknes
- Gebze Technical University
- Greenwich University
- Istanbul Medipol University
- Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University
- Kadir Has University
- KEDGE Business School
- Mohammed V University
- Parma University

Private Sector

- BEIA Consult International
- Kaanlar Gıda A.Ş.

NGOs

- Pancar Association
- Turkish Green Crescent

Asst.Prof.Dr. Kadir TEMİZ, a faculty member of our University's Department of International Relations, gave a seminar titled "How Does the Climate Change Impact on Global Migration?" in the USA in cooperation with the [Fulbright Enrichment](#) program. In his speech, TEMİZ stated that climate change has created a global migration process due to the changes and destructions it creates in the production, economic structures and living spaces of the regions, and discussed how and why this migration has become an important issue for international relations and foreign policy.

IMU Psychology Student Club cooperated with [Pancar Association](#) in order to raise awareness about the climate crisis and increase the entrepreneurial competencies of the participants. The event titled "Climate Crisis and Entrepreneurial Competencies #EntreComp" held at our University within the scope of the collaboration focused on the negative effects of climate change on a global scale and the damage caused by these effects to ecosystems, biodiversity, agriculture, water resources and human health. Also, the importance of international agreements such as the Green Deal and the Paris Climate Agreement in combating the climate crisis was underlined.

The project titled "Climate-Smart Food Innovation: Use of Plant and Seaweed Proteins from Upcycled Sources", in which Prof.Dr. Pinar OBAKAN YERLİKAYA, one of our faculty members, is among the consultants, was supported by the [European Union](#) to research innovative approaches in sustainable food production against the negative effects of the climate crisis.

The results of the research conducted by our faculty member Assoc.Prof.Dr. Hakan KALKAVAN jointly with [Istanbul Medipol University](#) faculty members and focusing on the relationship between manufacturing companies and carbon emissions, were published as a book chapter. Based on these findings, the authors stated that governments should focus on issues that have a stronger causal relationship with sustainable economic development.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-14 in 2022.

Public Institutions

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

Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

Universities

- Boğaziçi University

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 Türkiye**. 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 IMM that is in charge of waste management. Thanks to this partnership, the oil filters installed in our campus kitchen and other facilities are collected by ISTAC to prevent the oily wastewater from polluting the discharged water.

IMU faculty members cooperate with **TÜBİTAK** to develop scientific knowledge, research and technologies for the oceans. For example, with the project titled "Determination of Coastal Microalgae and Cyanobacteria Diversity of Horseshoe Island, Creation of a Culture Collection and Evaluation of General Biotechnological Characteristics of Cultured Species", led by Prof.Dr. Turgay ÇAKMAK, from the Faculty of Engineering, the microalgae diversity of Horseshoe Island in Antarctica is determined and a microalgae culture collection is created.

IMU Cinema Student Club and Psychology Student Club **partnered** to organize a film screening to draw attention to the damage caused by plastic waste in seas and oceans. At the event, where a documentary was watched, it was emphasized that destructive fishing activities, as well as pollution, have a great impact on the decrease of species diversity in oceans and seas.



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Public Institutions

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

Research Institutions

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

Universities

- Istanbul Technical University

NGOs

- Justice, Democracy and Law-based Studies Association
- Turkish Green Crescent

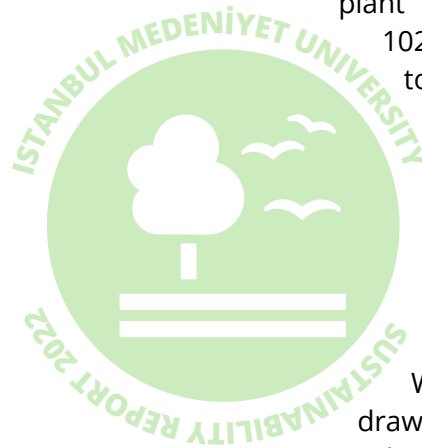
IMU partners with the **Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ)** for wastewater treatment, **ISTAC Inc.** for oil waste management and **Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Directorate of Waste Management** for the safe collection of medical wastes. Thanks to these partnerships, we contribute to preventing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

IMU Young Yeşilay Student 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 102 saplings in our Campuses on the 102th anniversary of the Society. Thanks to this partnership, we contributed to a greener and healthier future.

IMU Bioengineering Department faculty member Prof.Dr. Fulya ÖZDİL made an announcement in cooperation with **Anadolu Agency** on the occasion of World Bee Day. With this collaboration, attention was drawn to the importance of bees in preserving biodiversity in terrestrial life, and the need to reduce chemical pesticides for the sustainability of ecosystems was underlined.

IMU partnered with **volunteer nature educators** for the BioBlitz workshops organized to introduce urbanites to the flora and fauna they share in urban areas and to convey the importance of biodiversity to citizens who are increasingly moving away from natural life. In the project carried out by IMU Sustainability Office Res.Asst. Ayça ÇELİKBİLEK in Validebağ Natural Protected Area, 3 workshops were organized in 2022. In all these workshops, 940 photographic observations were recorded, and 275 species were identified and added to the biodiversity map of the area.

Our Electrical and Electronics Engineering graduate student M. Koray YILMAZ's master thesis titled "Tracking of Moving Targets with an Air Robot" was awarded the support of the Domestic Priority Areas Graduate Scholarship Program by **TUBİTAK**.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-16 in 2022.

Public Institutions

- 5 District Governorships
- 6 District Municipalities
- East Marmara Development Agency
- Güngören District Governorship
- Güngören District National Education Directorate
- Havran Municipality
- Istanbul Development Agency
- Kocaeli Governorship
- Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality
- Ministry of Interior
- Üsküdar Provincial Directorate of National Education

IMU organized the International Human Rights Youth Forum in cooperation with the Organization of [Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum \(ICYF\)](#). At the forum, the issue of human rights was discussed in many contexts, such as refugees and companies.

IMU Informatics and Information Student Club, in co-operation with the [Forensic Evidence Laboratory](#), held an information session and workshop open to external participation on the subject of forensic document examination, which is one of the cornerstones of the functioning of a fair legal system.

Research Institutions

- ŞURA Urban Pol. and Res. Center
- TÜBİTAK

Universities

- Bahçeşehir University
- Ibn-i Haldun University
- International University of Novi Pazar
- Istanbul University
- Istanbul Aydın University
- Istanbul Kültür University
- Istanbul Ticaret University
- Kadir Has University
- Marmara University
- Yıldız Technical University

Private Sector

- Forensic Evidence Laboratory
- Negentra&Fernville

NGOs

- Burak Association
- European Milk Bank Association (EMBA)
- International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS)
- Informatics and Technology Law Association
- Justice, Democracy and Law-based Studies Association
- Istanbul Academy of Sciences (IBA)
- Organization of Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF)
- Science and Civilization Association
- Turkey Young Law Simulation
- Turkish Nurses Association
- UNESCO Turkey
- Women and Democracy Association (KADEM)

IMU hosted the simulation workshop in collaboration with [Turkey Young Law Simulation](#). Thanks to this cooperation, the use of legal remedies was exemplified in the simulation in which more than 100 people participated, the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms through lawsuits, the importance of transparent institutions, and the impact of an effective justice system on creating a just society were examined.

Aydın Medeniyetliler Akademisi Student Club cooperated with the [Justice, Democracy and Law-Based Studies Association](#) for the Parliament Simulation held at our University. During the event, our students developed legislative proposals such as "Identification of Stray Animals", which aims to protect animals living on land, "Ensuring Equality between Men and Women in Political Life", which aims to focus on women's political participation and gender equality, and "Ban on Nuclear Activities", which aims to protect natural heritage and ecosystem.

Science and Civilization Student Club organized the "Symposium on the Palestine Issue in Terms of International Law and Human Rights" with the partnership of the [Science and Civilization Association and Burak Association](#) and with the participation of academics who are experts in their fields.

