

# IMU SDG PROGRESS REPORT

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# FOREWORD

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. In this context, 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 human and social responsibility. Therefore, universities are central to the achievement of sustainable development goals. Thus, 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)**

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

We carry out a wide range of activities and events to share our knowledge, experience, and best practices about the implementation of SDGs with our students, staff, and local community with the ultimate aim of building a more conscious society. **(EVENTS)**

In 2022, IMU Sustainability Office was established to assume the role to place “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 SDGs, 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.

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 2024 as a result of these efforts. I thank everyone who have contributed to the creation of the report and especially Res.Asst. Ayça ÇELİKBİLEK, Lect. Zehra SAVAN and Res.Asst. Furkan ERUÇAR, 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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The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, which assesses the contribution of universities around the world to sustainable development goals, 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 Istanbul Medeniyet University, we were included in THE Impact Ranking for the first time in 2021 by applying with only 4 SDGs, while we applied with 11 SDGs for 2024, being ranked 601-800 in the global ranking. The table below shows IMU's continued rise on this ranking.

Sustainable Development Goals	THE Impact Rankings 2025	THE Impact Rankings 2024	THE Impact Rankings 2023	THE Impact Rankings 2022	THE Impact Ranking 2021
<b>General Ranking</b>	<b>401-600</b>	<b>601-800</b>	801-1000	1001+	1001+
<b>SDG 1 No Poverty</b>	<b>801-1000</b>	<b>601-800</b>	601-800	-	-
<b>SDG 2 Zero Hunger</b>	<b>301-400</b>	<b>301-400</b>	401-600	401+	301-400
<b>SDG 3 Good Health and Well-being</b>	<b>401-600</b>	<b>301-400</b>	301-400	401-600	401-600
<b>SDG 4 Quality Education</b>	<b>801-1000</b>	<b>1001-1500</b>	801-1000	801-1000	601-800
<b>SDG 5 Gender Equality</b>	<b>1001-1500</b>	<b>801-1000</b>	801-1000	-	-
<b>SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth</b>	<b>601-800</b>	<b>401-600</b>	401-600	401-600	-
<b>SDG 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure</b>	<b>601-800</b>	<b>801-1000</b>	601-800	601+	-
<b>SDG 10 Reduce Inequalities</b>	<b>401-600</b>	<b>401-600</b>	401-600	401-600	-
<b>SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities</b>	<b>401-600</b>	<b>601-800</b>	401-600	601+	-
<b>SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production</b>	<b>101-200</b>	<b>201-300</b>	201-300	-	-
<b>SDG 15 Life on Land</b>	<b>101-200</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals</b>	<b>301-400</b>	<b>401-600</b>	601-800	1001+	601-800

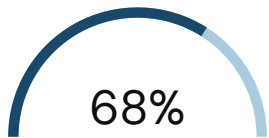
# 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS





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.



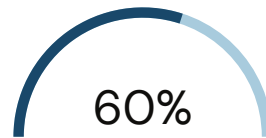
of the global population use the internet in 2024

209.8  
BILLION

net ODA flows amounted

159  
COUNTRIES

and territories reported having national statistical legislation compliant with the FPOS in 2024



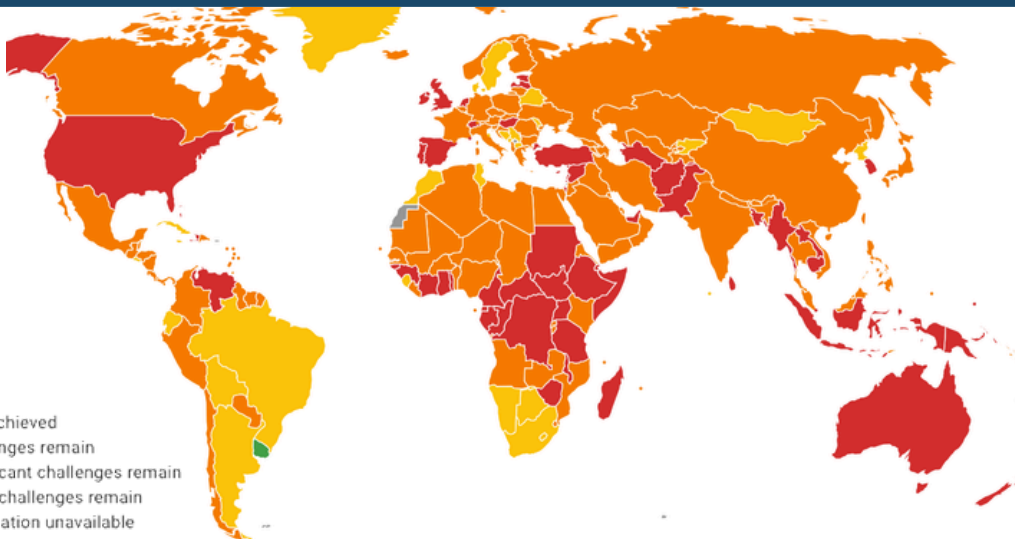
of low-income countries are at high risk of debt distress or already experiencing it

67.47

SDG index score world average, 2024

Legend

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



# 301-400

"Partnerships for the Goals" category  
2025 ranking



cross-sectoral dialogue  
about SDGs via  
Sustainability Week Events

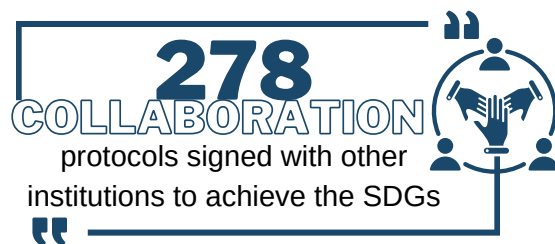


SDG trainings,  
which are free and open to all  
members of the public



## 12 NEW

collaboration protocols signed in  
2024 to achieve the SDGs



## 278

COLLABORATION  
protocols signed with other  
institutions to achieve the SDGs

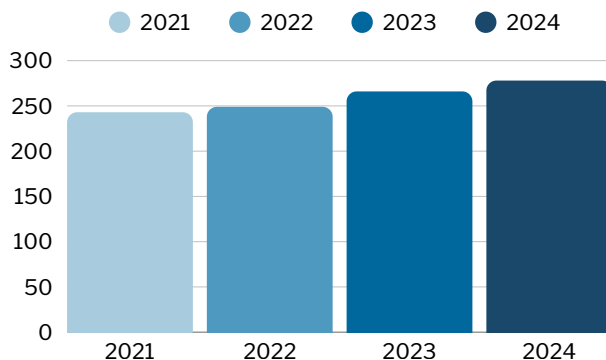


## 400+ PARTNERS

in actions taken to achieve the  
SDGs in 2024



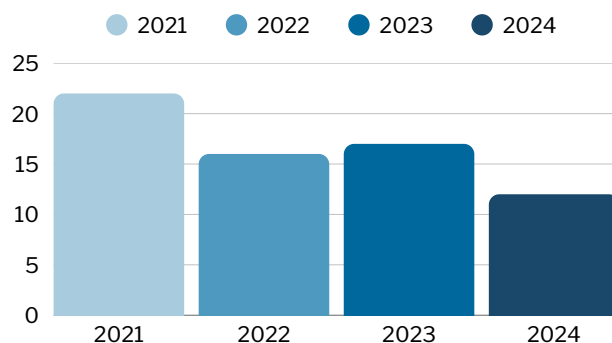
### Total Number of Collaboration Protocols



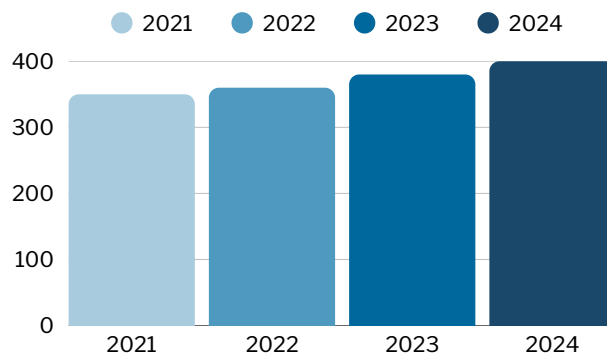
There has been a steady increase in the total number of cooperation protocols over the last four years. The total number of cooperation protocols, which was 266 in 2023, **increased by 4.5%** to 278 in 2024. The **increase from 2021 to 2024 was 14.5%**.

The number of new protocols signed each year to advance SDG targets has fluctuated over 2021–2024, with 22 protocols in 2021, decreasing to 12 in 2024. While some years showed modest growth, overall, the trend highlights areas for improvement in sustaining consistent progress toward SDG targets.

### Number of New Collaboration Protocols



### Number of Partners in SDG Action



From 2021 to 2024, the number of partners in SDG action initiatives showed steady progress, increasing from 350 in 2021 to 400 in 2024. This represents an overall **growth of approximately 14.3% over four years**, highlighting continuous progress in partnership engagement.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-1 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- Bitlis Mutki Göztepe Village Primary School
- Diyarbakır Atatürk Primary School
- Hatay Çabala Primary School
- Ministry of National Education
- Şanlıurfa Arıklı Primary School
- Şanlıurfa Cumhuriyet Center for Skilled Women
- Şanlıurfa Şehit İbrahim Taş Primary School
- Ümraniye Provincial Directorate of National Education
- Ziraat Bank

## NGOs

- AFAD
- Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association
- Turkish Red Crescent

IMU Sustainability Club carried out a social responsibility project to eliminate inequalities in early childhood education of vulnerable groups such as children and to ensure that all children have equal access to quality pre-school education. As an output of the social responsibility project **“Material Support to Village Schools”**, which focuses on both waste management and educational equality, finger puppets were presented to preschool education classrooms across Turkey as a gift for April 23<sup>rd</sup> National Sovereignty and Children's Day.

In order to draw attention to the problems experienced by homeless individuals, Medeniyet Community Volunteers Club cooperated with **Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association** and contributed to the **aid activities** carried out in 2024. With this collaboration, our students contributed to reducing poverty by giving a helping hand to homeless individuals in the fight against poverty.

IMU has added a new program to the free food support programs it provided for its students. **Free tea/coffee and cakes** have been offered to our students, thanks to the vending machine system installed in our University Ziraat Bank Library. In IMU continued to provide food support packages to our students with this support program.

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-2 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- Kadıköy Municipality

## Private Sector

- Lazika Tea

## NGOs

- Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association
- Tohum&Toprak Dostluğu
- Turkish Green Crescent

IMU Sustainability Student Club hosted an outreach-based educational seminar titled “Sustainability with Natural and Local Seeds” as part of the 4th Istanbul Medeniyet University Sustainability Week in cooperation with [Tohum&Toprak Dostluğu](#). The event concluded with a local seed and flower exchange and distribution, enabling participants to access heirloom seeds and encouraging them to begin their own small-scale, sustainable food production.

IMU Sustainability Club collaborated with [Lazika Tea](#) during Plastic-Free July 2024 activities to move people away from single-use plastic packaged teas and to promote the use of sustainably packaged teas. IMUSUS cooperated with Lazika not only because of the packaging of the product, but also because all agricultural production and supply processes, including the production and collection processes of the product, is fair, ethical and sustainable in order to keep this heritage alive and transfer it to future generations.

Medeniyet Community Volunteers Club of our university cooperated with [Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association](#) and contributed to the **aid activities** carried out in 2024 in order to end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round.

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-3 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- Governorship of Istanbul
- Kartal District Directorate of National Education
- Ministry of Health
- Social Security Institution
- Ümraniye District Directorate of National Education

## Private Sector

- Bimspack
- Cen Cam
- Groomed
- Jardin Naturel
- Juveco Medicine and Dermocosmetics
- Lazika Tea
- Lole's
- Merck Sharp Dohme
- Miadrops
- Mumo
- Orvila
- Sipahi Studio

## NGOs

- Human Footprint International Humanitarian Aid Association
- IMU Alumni Association
- Maveria Education and Health Foundation
- Turkish Green Crescent
- Turkish Red Crescent
- World Child and Family Protection Platform

## Universities

- Somali Benadir University
- Somaliland Frantz Fanon University

A collaboration protocol was signed between our university and the **T.R. Ministry of Health** concerning the assignment of the staff working in Ministry of Health Istanbul Prof.Dr. Süleyman Yalçın City Hospital and its related units for conducting theoretical and practical training for the students of IMU Faculty of Medicine and the students in the other health-related departments.

Istanbul Medeniyet University signed a protocol with **Kartal District Directorate of National Education** for the actualization of the School Health Implementation project.

On November 5, 2024, Istanbul Medeniyet University hosted the **"Natural Health with Prof. Dr. İbrahim Adnan Saraçoğlu"** event at the Cevizli Campus Conference Hall, organized by the Department of Health Management, the Health Management Student Community, and the IMU Alumni Association(IMÜDER). The event gathered faculty members, administrative staff, students, and alumni to emphasize the importance of maintaining health and well-being through natural nutrition and informed lifestyle choices.

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-4 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- 4 Ministries
- 4 District Municipalities in Istanbul
- 5 District Directorate of National Education in Istanbul
- 7 Local Schools
- Council of Higher Education (YÖK)
- Governorship of Istanbul
- Havran Municipality
- Police Academy
- The Student Selection and Placement Center
- Üsküdar District Governorship
- Ziraat Bank

## Private Sector

- Final Schools
- TylmanDesign

## NGOs

- AYDOST
- AYSİT
- Balkan Universities Association
- Istanbul Volunteer Educators Association (İGEDER)
- Lawyers Association
- Tohum&Toprak Dostluğu
- TUZDEV

## Universities

- **20** institutions for Memoranda of Understanding
- **114** higher education institutions in the Erasmus+ program
- **14** universities in Turkey as part of Farabi national exchange program
- **2** universities in different parts of the world as part of Mevlana Exchange Program

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 **Ziraat Bank** Central Library was opened to the use of **external researchers and students** in 2022. With this opportunity, 10,601,421 resources in our library have become accessible to the public in 2024.

The Youth and Volunteering Cooperation Protocol was signed between Istanbul Medeniyet University and the **Ministry of Youth and Sports** 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.

**Turkish University Students' Foundation (TÜZDEV)** and IMU signed a protocol in 2024. The protocol covers the principles and procedures of cooperation in education, academic activities, and cultural exchange between the parties.

**Lawyers Association** and IMU have signed a protocol to foster collaboration aimed at supporting the academic, legal, social, and cultural development of association members, students, children, and their parents.

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-5 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- Council of Higher Education (YÖK)
- Ministry of National Education
- The Student Selection and Placement Center

## NGOs

- Turkish Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics

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.

In 2024, Istanbul Medeniyet University (IMU) allocated special quotas in associate and undergraduate programmes for the first time in cooperation with **Council of Higher Education (YÖK)** for women over the age of 34 who could not attend university for various reasons.

Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dermatology and Venereal Diseases, and the **Turkish Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology**, organized “Beauty in Pregnancy and Postpartum” symposium on 14–15 December 2024 at the Âşık Paşa Conference Hall of IMU. The event was part of the 7th Women’s Health and Obstetrics Days, bringing together experts, students, and healthcare professionals to discuss issues central to women’s health and well-being.

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-6 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- Istanbul Environment Management Industry And Trade Company (İSTAÇ)
- Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ)
- Juveco Medicine and Dermocosmetics
- Kadıköy Municipality
- 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. With 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.

Within the scope of the 2024 Plastic-Free July events, IMU Sustainability Club collaborated with [Juveco Medicine and Dermocosmetics](#) to move people away from plastic-packaged and non-recyclable disposable makeup cotton pads and makeup remover wipes and to popularize the use of sustainable alternatives. They provided information about the resource use, water consumption and environmental pollution caused by the consumption of disposable makeup cotton pads and makeup remover wipes

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-7 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources

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.

A workshop on renewable and clean energy production was organized by IMU Sustainability Office in cooperation with Sustainability Student Club on December 26, 2024, as part of the "4th Istanbul Medeniyet University Sustainability Week" activities. In the workshop conducted by our university Sustainability Office Research Assistant Ayça ÇELİKBİLEK, ["ElectriCITY: Energy Preferences Game"](#), a role game in which participants would produce energy policies as decision makers in the city's energy production, was played.

Our university's [BMT Hidrocar Team](#), participating for the second time this year in the International Efficiency Challenge Electric Vehicle Races organized as part of TEKNOFEST, achieved significant success by reaching the finals in the Hydro-mobile category in the competition with their hydrogen-fueled vehicle design.

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-8 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- 4 Municipalities in Istanbul
- 5 Provincial Directorates of National Education in Istanbul
- 5 Ministries
- Havran Municipality
- Human Resources Office of the Presidency of T.R.
- Istanbul Anatolian Chief Public Prosecutor's Office
- Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR)
- Ziraat Bank

## Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)

## Private Sector

- Istanbul Chamber of Commerce
- İş Bank

## NGOs

- Boğaziçi Foundation
- Turkish Maarif Foundation
- World Children and Family Protection Platform

## Universities

- **20** institutions for Memoranda of Understanding
- **114** higher education institutions in the Erasmus+ program
- **14** universities in Turkey as part of Farabi national exchange program
- **2** universities in different parts of the world as part of Mevlana Exchange Program

Our in-service training programs were held as online training programs organized by the **Human Resources Office of the Presidency of Turkish Republic** to be followed by the trainees on the Office's Distance Training platform. Via this platform, our staff can receive compulsory training defined for them, and can also improve themselves professionally and personally by enrolling in nearly 350 training and certification programs loaded into the system free of charge.

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.

For the projects they carry out under the supervision of their advisors, our students can receive scholarships from the **Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)** and can also serve as researchers in the scientific research projects carried out by their advisors and have the opportunity for professional improvement.

**Kartal and Maltepe Provincial Directorates of National Education** signed a collaboration protocol with IMU concerning support to be given by our academic staff to the staff, administrators, teachers, and students of the institutions in education, research, and development.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-9 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- 5 District Governorships in Istanbul
- Istanbul Development Agency
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- Ministry of Industry and Technology
- Sancaktepe District Directorate of National Education
- Sancaktepe Municipality
- Sultanbeyli Municipality
- Tuzla Municipality
- Üsküdar Municipality

## Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)

## Private Sector

- Aveon Global
- Merck Sharp Dohme
- Özen Group
- Turkish Industrial Property Valuation, Engineering and Consultancy Services Inc.

## NGOs

- Istanbul Academy of Sciences Foundation

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.

The Team IMU Hawk, one of the teams under the Istanbul Medeniyet University IMU Robotics Club and Field Robotics Laboratory, achieved a major success at the [Teknofest International Unmanned Aerial Vehicles \(UAV\) Competition](#). The team, which has been active since 2017, won third place in the competition.

Hosted by Istanbul Medeniyet University in collaboration with Medeniyet Technopark and [Aveon Global](#), the “Insurtech Ideathon Idea Marathon” took place at the IMU. The program emphasized the Istanbul’s strong performance in sectors such as gaming, fintech, artificial intelligence, big data, and analytics, as well as Türkiye’s growing investment landscape.

Another collaboration protocol was signed between **Özen Group** and Istanbul Medeniyet University. This collaboration provides co-operation within the framework of Project Development, Execution and Training on the subjects determined within the scope of natural R&D needs of the university and company.

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-10 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- Arıklı Primary School
- Atatürk Primary School
- Bitlis Mutki Göztepe Village Primary School
- Council of Higher Education
- Cumhuriyet Center for Skilled Women
- Çabala Primary School
- Governorship of Istanbul
- Istanbul Anatolian Chief Public Prosecutor's Office Probation Directorate
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Şehit İbrahim Taş Primary Schools
- Ümraniye Provincial Directorate of National Education

## NGOs

- Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Foundation
- Happy Family Association
- Human and Civilization Movement Association

## Universities

- Fatih Sultan Mehmet Foundation University
- Wollogong University

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.

The IMU Sustainability Club carried out a social responsibility project aimed at reducing inequalities in early childhood education and ensuring that all children have access to quality pre-school learning. As part of the project "Material Support to Village Schools", IMUSUS partnered with **8 local schools** to provide education material.

IMU partnered with **İnsan İzi International Relief Association** to implement the "İnsan İzi Family Academy" project. This collaboration aims to strengthen the social integration and improve the living standards of socially and economically disadvantaged families by assessing their awareness and experiences in areas such as self-sufficiency, health and hygiene, equitable co-living, family well-being, and career planning. Based on these needs, targeted training programs are designed, and academic studies are conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of these activities, outlining the responsibilities and roles of both parties in this process.

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-11 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- 3 Ministries
- 2 Municipalities
- Istanbul Anatolian Chief Public Prosecutor's Office Probation Directorate
- Istanbul Provincial Directorate for National Education
- Ziraat Bank

## NGOs

- Dominican Study Institute Istanbul
- Gifted and Genius Children Education Foundation of Turkey (TÜZDEV),
- Happy Family Happy Child Association
- Istanbul Family Foundation
- Istanbul Volunteer Educators Association (İGEDER)
- World Children and Family Protection Platform (ÇAKOD)
- Tohum Toprak Dostluğu
- Türkiye Health Platform (TÜSAP)
- Women Health Professionals Foundation
- UNESCO

## Universities

- 12 international universities
- 4 universities in Türkiye

## Local Schools

- 5 Local Schools

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 Beçin and Fethiye Castle.

IMU partnered with the **Dominican Study Institute Istanbul (DoSt-I)** to promote joint academic collaboration in the fields of cultural heritage, art, architecture, and the social sciences.

IMU signed collaboration protocol in arts with [Gaziosmanpaşa Municipality](#). Within the scope of the protocols, our University will contribute to artistic and academic studies, which will facilitate the social and cultural development of the people living in these districts of Istanbul. In addition, our university will organize preparatory exams for those students who would like to take aptitude tests in order to attend college.

IMU partnered with the [Turkish Manuscripts Institution](#) to promote joint academic efforts in the fields of philosophy and the history of science. Through this collaboration, both institutions aim to preserve, critically edit, and publish valuable manuscripts from Islamic and Turkish intellectual heritage, while organizing scholarly events to share this knowledge with wider audiences.

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-12 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- Istanbul Environment Management Industry And Trade Company (İSTAÇ)
- Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality
- Kadıköy Municipality
- Governorship of Istanbul
- Ministry of Environment and Urbanization
- Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye

## Private Sector

- Arçelik
- Bims Pack
- Cen Cam
- Good Earth
- Groomed
- Jardin Naturel
- Juveco
- Lazika
- Lole's
- Miadrops
- Mumo
- Nilky
- Orvila
- Sipahi Studio
- Tylman Design
- Uniqvibe

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.

IMU Sustainability Office invited people to a month-long challenge, **"Plastic- Free July"** to eliminate single-use plastic products from their lives by making them aware of the amount of plastic waste they produce. In the challenge, which was designed as a monthly transformation process, information was given every day about the recycling status of a single-use plastic product such as toothbrushes, straws, bags, fabriccardboard cups, cling film, which we all use frequently in our daily lives, and the amount of waste it creates globally. Following each of such information sharing on the [office's social media account](#), people were offered alternatives that they could use instead of that particular product, with natural ingredients and packaging that do not produce plastic waste. On certain days of the challenge, the plastic-containing items of our students and staff were replaced with sustainable ones, enabling people to take the first step towards a waste-free life thanks to the collaborations with [Bims Pack](#), [Cen Cam](#), [Good Earth](#), [Groomed](#), [Jardin Naturel](#), [Juveco](#), [Lazika](#), [Lole's](#), [Miadrops](#), [Mumo](#), [Nilky](#), [Orvila](#), [Sipahi Studio](#), [Tylman Design](#) and [Uniqvibe](#).

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-13 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- İstanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education
- Ümraniye Provincial Directorate of National Education
- Kadıköy Municipality

## Private Sector

- Arçelik
- Cen Cam
- Good Earth
- Jardin Naturel
- Miadrops
- Nilky
- TylmanDesign
- Uniqvibe

## NGOs

- Tohum&Toprak Dostluğu

IMU Sustainability Office took part in the **Environment Festival** organized by [Kadıköy Municipality](#) annually as part of World Environment Day events. In 2024, the Festival was held under the theme “Sustainable City: Work for the Future!” to draw attention to issues related to climate change, biodiversity loss, the waste problem, and sustainability.

IMUSUS partnered with [TylmanDesign](#) to recycle PET waste generated on campus by establishing an on-site recycling workshop. With this collaboration, carbon emissions associated with fuel consumption during transportation of collected waste to external recycling facilities were eliminated. In addition, the energy required for the recycling process was significantly reduced. Thanks to this workshop, the recycling operations carried out produce only one-quarter of the carbon emissions that would typically be generated in a standard municipal recycling facility.

IMU partnered with [Nilky](#) to discourage people from consuming drinks served in plastic bottles and to promote the sustainably packaged drinks. At this event, where vegan drinks in recyclable cans were served instead of plastic-packaged beverages, the team also explained that one of the major drivers of global warming is the vast number of cows and the resources they consume, and that increasing awareness of this issue has led many people worldwide to adopt plant-based eating and drinking habits.

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-14 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- Istanbul Environment Management Industry And Trade Company (İSTAÇ)
- Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ)
- Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye

## Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

## Private Sector

- Bimspack
- Cen Cam
- Lazika
- Miadrops
- Mumo

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.

IMUSUS partnered with [Miadrops](#) to discourage the use of personal care products containing microplastics and promote sustainable alternatives to protect water ecosystem.

IMUSUS also collaborated with [Cen Cam](#) to discourage the use of non-recyclable single-use plastic straws and plastic-coated paper straws and to promote the use of glass straws as sustainable alternatives. Thanks to this collaboration, participants were informed that single-use plastic straws—commonly found among coastal and beach litter—easily reach seas and waterways.

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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-15 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- Istanbul Environment Management Industry And Trade Company (İSTAÇ)
- İstanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education
- Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (İSKİ)
- Kadıköy Municipality
- Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye
- Ümraniye Provincial Directorate of National Education

## Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

## Private Sector

- Arçelik
- Good Earth
- Lazika
- Mia Drops
- Uniq Vibe

## NGOs

- Tohum&Toprak Dostluğu

IMU Sustainability Office took part in the **Environment Festival** organized by [Kadıköy Municipality](#) annually as part of World Environment Day events and provided educational programmes about ecosystems. IMU Sustainability Office conducted environment training games and workshops for local participants in the festival.

İMÜ partnered with the Ümraniye District Directorate of National Education to implement the **“Technology and Science in Nature”** project, engaging students in STEAM-based activities, group work, and creative exploration in nature. By fostering curiosity in science and technology while strengthening sensitivity toward natural ecosystems, the project directly supports Life on Land, promoting awareness, protection, and appreciation of terrestrial biodiversity among young learners.

İMÜ partnered with the [İstanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education](#) to organize the “Sustainable Nature-Friendly Children’s Festival” a wide-participation event aimed at fostering environmental awareness, nature appreciation, and sustainable living habits among students from kindergarten to high school. Throughout the day, participants engaged in 17 sustainability-themed workshops, nature-inspired performances, traditional arts, and hands-on recycling activities that introduced eco-friendly production and conscious consumption practices.



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Below is a list of some of our partners and our joint actions for SDG-16 in 2024.

## Public Institutions

- 5 District Governorships
- 4 Municipalities in Istanbul
- Havran Municipality
- Istanbul Anatolian Chief Public Prosecutor's Office Probation Directorate
- Ministry of Interior
- National Immunization Scientific Advisory Board
- Ümraniye Provincial Directorate of National Education
- Üsküdar Provincial Directorate of National Education
- Turkish Statistical Institute
- Tuzla Provincial Directorate of National Education

## Research Institutions

- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

## NGOs

- European Milk Bank Association (EMBA)
- International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS)
- Institute for the Unification of Private International Law (UNIDROIT)
- Istanbul Academy of Sciences Foundation
- Lawyers Association
- Turkish Historical Society
- UNESCO
- Women and Democracy Association (KADEM)

**Lawyers Association** and IMU have signed a protocol to foster collaboration aimed at supporting the academic, legal, social, and cultural development of association members, university students, children, and their parents.

**Prof.Dr. Kadir PEKTAŞ** from IMU Department of Art History is a member of [UNESCO Turkey National Commission - Displaced Cultural Heritage Monitoring Group](#). 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.

**Prof.Dr. Hamza ATEŞ**, a faculty member of IMU Department of Political Science and Public Administration is serving as a [member of the Civil Society Advisory Council of the Ministry of Interior](#).

**Prof.Dr. Belgin ERHAN**, a faculty member of IMU Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, serves as the [chair of the International Spinal Cord Society \(ISCoS\) Prevention Committee](#).

Istanbul Medeniyet University collaborated with [5 district governorships](#) as project partners; Istanbul Academy of Sciences Foundation, 2 municipalities as project associates; 2 municipalities as project supporters for the **“Five Dimensional Future” Project**.